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Conference

Vox Populi Visegradensis
The Anthropology of East-Central Europe

14 – 17 July 2021

Organiser: Chris Hann (with Berit Eckert & Anke Meyer)

PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 14th July 2021

Arrivals and Registration

18.30 *Dinner*

After Dinner Presentation by Don Kalb

Will the New Postsocialist Creative Classes save us? Reflections on material from Cluj-Napoca

Thursday, 15th July 2021

8.00 – 9.00 *Breakfast*

9.15 *Welcome and Introductory Remarks: Chris Hann*



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9.30 – 10.45 **Panel I**

Chair/ Discussant: Chris Hann

Nicolette Makovicky

Oxford School of Global and Area Studies

Vaccine Lotteries: Governing of/through chance

Anna Malewska-Szalygin

University of Warsaw

Digital Ethnography in Political Anthropology

Tomáš Samek

Charles University, Prague

Media and Mutants: How was “coronavirus” constructed by Czech and German journalism?

10.45 – 11.15 *Coffee break*

11.15 – 12.30 **Panel II**

Chair/ Discussant: Margit Feischmidt

Katarzyna Ewa Król

Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw

Anticipating Care(less) Futures: The multilayered temporalities of Polish households living with rare inborn errors of metabolism

Ewa Cichocka

University of Warsaw

Resilient as Individuals, Vulnerable as Families. Costs of migration and integration of Polish families in Germany



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Márk Vangel

University of Szeged/ University of Pécs

'Robots, Numbers, Talking Machines and Slaves': Disillusionment and alienation of automotive industrial labour in Hungary

12.30 – 13.30 *Lunch break*

13.30 – 14.45 **Panel III**

Chair/ Discussant: Matthias Krabbe

Kamila Grześkowiak

Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań

Embodied (In)Security: Sisterhood and security self-management in practise

Zdeněk Uherek

Charles University, Prague

Encounters with Otherness: Targeted and other migrations to the Czech Republic

Juraj Buzalka

Comenius University, Bratislava

The Post-Peasant Samorodák

14.45 – 15.00 *Coffe break*

15.00 – 16.15 **Panel IV**

Chair/ Discussant: Balázs Gosztonyi

Barbora Stehlíková

Charles University, Prague

"We Give a Second Chance": Value formation in E-waste recycling



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Margit Feischmidt

Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest

Solidarity Initiatives in Hungary During the COVID-19 Crisis: Narratives of solidarity in the context of the authoritarian state

Martin Tremčinský

Charles University, Prague

Proof-of-Work as a Proof-of-Worth: Production of Bitcoin through the labor theory of value

18.30

Dinner

After Dinner Presentation by Deema Kaneff

Analysing Social Change in (Postsocialist) Eurasia

20.30 – 21.45 **Panel V**

Chair/ Discussant: Tatjana Thelen

Agnieszka Halemba

Polish Academy of Sciences

On the Importance of the Church Tower in a Secularized Space

Katerina Ivanova

Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology

Who are 'the People'? Politics of an East German industrial town

Elisabeth Köditz

Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology

Being a Woman, Being a Worker, Being a Mother – or Better just a Wife?! On female self-images and conditions of change



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Friday, 16th July 2021

8.00 – 9.00 *Breakfast*

9.30 – 10.45 **Panel VI**

Chair: Attila Melegh

*Discussant: * David Henig*

Johana Wyss

Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology

Grandfather's Uniform and Where to Put It: Czech present and German past

*** Joanna Mroczkowska**

Polish Academy of Sciences

Food Nostalgia vs Annulment Forgetting: The dynamics and consequences of remembering Jews and the material networks of Polish small-towns

Elena Soler

Charles University, Prague

An Anthropological Look at Some of the Challenges of Today's Europe from the Perspective of Long-Lasting Silences

10.45 – 11.15 *Coffee break*

11.15 – 12.30 **Panel VII**

Chair: László Fosztó

*Discussant: * Michael Stewart*

Gergő Pulay

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The Moral Dimensions of Exchange and Livelihood at the Margins of Bucharest



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* **Barbara Tolloczko-Suchańska**

Polish Academy of Sciences

Sailors from Polish Peoples' Republic – Emissaries from the West

Pavel Mašek

University of West Bohemia

Grey Greening: Quiet sustainability at auto salvage yards

12.30 – 14.00 *Lunch*

14.00 – 16.30 **EASA Roundtable (postponed from July 2020, convened by László Kürti and Peter Skalnik)**

The 'Other Europe': Chris Hann and the development of long-term anthropological fieldwork of socialism/ postsocialism

László Kürti (University of Miskolc)
Tázlár on My Mind

Lale Yalçın-Heckmann (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology)
A View from Halle: Institutionalizing research on transformation and Eurasia

Michał Buchowski (Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań)
Anthropological Encounters

Aleksandar Bošković (University of Belgrade)
New Directions and Old debates: Studying Socialism beyond "Posts"

Mihály Sárkány (MTA Research Centre for the Humanities, Budapest)
Chris Hann and Hungary, or Hungary and Chris Hann

* Frances Pine (Goldsmiths, University of London)
British Anthropology in the 1970s and 1980s: The beginnings of the socialist turn

* Detelina Tocheva (CNRS)
East-European Christianity: Reassessing the postsocialist turns



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* Peter Skalnik (University of Pardubice)
Closing Remarks

[A break will be taken at approximately 15.15]

18.30 *Bavarian Dinner*

After dinner toasts

Saturday, 17th July 2021

8.00 – 9.00 *Breakfast*

* = online participant