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VOX POPULI VISEGRADENSIS. The Anthropology of East-Central Europe

Thanks to the recent improvement in the pandemic statistics, it was possible to proceed with this meeting more or less as planned. The original focus was modified to allow participants (most of them longstanding members of V4 Net) to present according to individual preferences (few chose to address the theme of "populism" in a narrow sense). The 31 presentations covered a wide range, showing how social anthropologists are beginning to examine very new technological developments (such as E-waste and the production of Bitcoin) as well as investigating more traditional themes where the continuities tend to be more striking (such as historical memory and "post-peasants").

The 34 participants at the Schloss came from 10 European countries and consisted of PhD-students, young postdocs, and more senior, established scholars. After-dinner presentations by Don Kalb and Deema Kaneff were among the highlights; unfortunately, our intention to include a few guests from North America could not be realized. Despite inclement weather, the entire meeting unfolded in a very positive atmosphere. For the great majority of participants this was the first in-person conference in a year and a half or more. Many conversations initiated during the panels continued informally in the breaks and during meals. We were pleased that seven additional colleagues joined us online during the second day. It was unfortunate that Tereza Virtová had to cancel due to illness, but her slot in the programme was appropriately filled by Margit Feischmidt.

On behalf of all participants I would like to thank Jochen Essl and his team at Schloss Ringberg for their excellent support and hospitality. We are also grateful to the Schloßmann Foundation for subsidising the costs of this meeting.

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