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and East European Studies

Workshop
(De)constructing Yugoslavia: Migrants, Exiles, Refugees

18-19 April 2024

Prešernova dvorana, Novi trg 4, Ljubljana

18 April

8:45 – 9:00 Arrival of participants

9:00 – 9:15 Welcome and introduction to the workshop

Sara Bernard, University of Glasgow

Miha Zobec, ZRC SAZU, Slovenian Migration Institute and University of Primorska, Faculty of Humanities

Marina Lukšič Hacin, Director of the Slovenian Migration Institute

9:15 – 10:15

Keynote

Yugoslav migration history and migration research: Slovenia as a laboratory

Aleksej Kalc, ZRC SAZU, Slovenian Migration Institute and University of Primorska, Faculty of Humanities

10:15 – 11:30

Session 1: The establishment of the first Yugoslavia: Adaptation and resistance in migration and exile

The Montenegrin Royal Government in exile and Yugoslav unification: A case within the League of Nations, 1920-1922

Nikola Zečević, Institute for Advanced Studies, University of Montenegro, and Ludwig Maximilian University &

An Italian citizen living in Argentina and identifying with Yugoslavia: Rudi Guštin and his travels between Venezia Giulia/the Julian March, Argentina and Yugoslavia

Miha Zobec, ZRC SAZU, Slovenian Migration Institute and University of Primorska, Faculty of Humanities

Chair: Sara Bernard, University of Glasgow

Discussant: Petra Kavrečič, University of Primorska, Faculty of Humanities

15-minute break

11:45– 12:55

Session 2: World War Two and the birth of the second Yugoslavia: Alternative visions of Yugoslavism in emigration

Yugoslav emigration to North America and the prospect of a new Yugoslav state (1942-1945) – from acceptance to resentment

Vesna Djikanovic, Institute for Recent History of Serbia

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Yugoslavia and its future through the eyes of leading figures of the Yugoslav exile government during the Second World War and immediately after 1945

Milan Sovilj, Institute of History of the Czech Academy of Sciences in Prague

Chair: Sara Bernard, University of Glasgow

Discussant: Milan Mrđenović, University of Nova Gorica, School of Humanities

Lunch break

14:00 – 15:10

Session 3: The Tito-Stalin split and the emigration question

Women Cominform migrants: Those who left and those who returned (examples from the USSR, Czechoslovakia and Hungary)

Tatjana Šarić, Croatian State Archives

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“What happens in Yugoslavia?” Cominformist emigrants in Prague on the development in Yugoslavia in the 1970s

Ondřej Vojtěchovský, Institute of World History at the Faculty of Arts, Charles University in Prague and Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes in Prague

Chair: Sara Bernard, University of Glasgow

Discussant: Lev Centrih, University of Primorska, Faculty of Humanities and Institute of Contemporary History

10-minute break

15:20 – 16:30

Session 4: Migration and nation building: Domestic migration between regional and (supra)national identities

Hej Istrijani, jošte živi – Yugoslavism and Istrianity in light of migration since the 1960s

Lorena Popović, University of Tübingen and Luca Babić, University of Tübingen

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Internal migration and socialist Yugoslav nation-building: The case of Dalmatian colonists in Stanišić (Vojvodina)

Petar Grubišić, University of Ghent

Chair: Sara Bernard, University of Glasgow

Discussant: Jurij Hadalin, Institute of Contemporary History

15-minute break

16:45 –18:30 Screening of *Slovenec po izbiri* (Slovene by choice) followed by Q&A with Arkan Al Nawas

19 April

9:00 – 10:10

Session 5: The geopolitics of migration: Yugoslavism and the regulation of international migration

Ideological commitment, pragmatism, discretion: Socialist Yugoslavia and refugees against the backdrop of geopolitical and domestic developments

Francesca Rolandi, Masaryk Institute and Archives of the Czech Academy of Arts and University of Florence

Navigating the international division of labour: Yugoslavs employed abroad between international socialism and the imperative of economic development

Sara Bernard, University of Glasgow

Chair: Miha Zobec, ZRC SAZU, Slovenian Migration Institute and University of Primorska, Faculty of Humanities

Discussant: David Hazemali, University of Maribor, Faculty of Arts

10:10 – 11:20

Session 6: Imagining (post)Yugoslav futures during and after Yugoslav unity

Yes, but what then? Croatian diasporic imaginings of a post-Yugoslav future

Mate Nikola Tokic, Central European University

Nema mira bez dijaloga: The peace initiative "Mirovni dijalog/Friedensdialog" in Vienna in the 1990s

Julia Anna Tyll-Schranz, University of Vienna

Chair: Miha Zobec, ZRC SAZU, Slovenian Migration Institute and University of Primorska, Faculty of Humanities

Discussant: Mladen Zobec, University of Graz, Centre for Southeast European Studies

15-minute break

11:35 – 12:35

Round table: Reflections from other fields

Participants:

Neja Blaj Hribar, Institute of Contemporary History

Jelka Piškurić, Study Centre for National Reconciliation

Milan Mrđenović, University of Nova Gorica, School of Humanities

Tanja Petrović, ZRC SAZU, Institute of Culture and Memory Studies

Chair: Sara Bernard, University of Glasgow

Lunch break: 12:35 – 14

15:00 – 17:00 City tour: A People's History of Ljubljana (tour guide: Arne Zupančič)