

POSTCOLONIAL, DECOLONIAL, POSTIMPERIAL, DEIMPERIAL International Conference Program

May 15th 2024

9:00 – 9:15 | **Welcoming Remarks** | Room F – 006

Madam Rector, Mrs. Snježana Prijić-Samaržija, Full Professor, Ph. D.

Dean, Mr. Aleksandar Mijatović, Full Professor, Ph. D.

9:15 – 10:00 | **Analytical and Hermeneutic Concerns in the Postempire** | Room F – 006

Opening Address by Dr. Jeremy F. Walton, ERC REVENANT, Research Group Leader

10:15 – 11:45 | **Decoloniality Thirty Years Later: What Was Lost, What is to be Kept, and Is There a Future?** | Room F – 006

Keynote lecture (I) by Dr. Madina Tlostanova, Professor of Postcolonial Feminisms at Linköping University, Sweden

12:45 – 14:45 | **Panel 1: Powers of Imperial Nostalgia** | Room F – 138

Chair: Ivan Flis

Karolina Ćwiek-Rogalska and Karina Hoření: Industrial Specters Interwoven with a Carpet: a Story of Postimperial Nostalgia in Northern Bohemia

Nagihan Haliloğlu: Turkofuturism or Decolonizing the Future in Halide Edib's *Yeni Turan*

Paul Silverstein: Once Were Warriors: Colonial Mimesis, Martial Masculinity, and Imperial Nostalgia in Amazigh Morocco

Patrycja Pichnicka: When the Vampires of the Empire Rise: Imperial Nostalgia in the 21st Century Russian Vampire Narratives



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12:45 – 14:45 | **Panel 2: Infrastructures, Legacies, Duress** | Room F – 139

Chair: Dragan Damjanović

David Leupold: The Forgotten Rival to Stalin's City: Mkrtich Armen's *Yerevan* (1936) as Yearning for the Precolonial Past and Anticipation of the 'New East' ('Nor Arevelk')

Jelena Seferović: The Dichotomy of Austro-Hungarian Colonialization: Exploring the Medicalization of Dying and Death in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Jovana Milovanović: Hungarian Imperial Vision and the 1896 Festival of the Crown in the Context of the Balkan Lands

Matthew Worsnick: Fleeting Empires and Persistent Infrastructures: Deimperial Reckoning with Border-Region Railroads

15:00 – 17:00 | **Panel 3: Gendered Formations of (Post)Empire** | Room F – 138

Chair: Brigita Miloš

Alla Myzelev: Jewish Masculinity in the Ukrainian Army, 2022-Present: Decolonizing Stereotypes

Almendra Espinoza: Zapatista Women: Weaving Identities and Resistance through Community Practices in Health, Education, and Care

Nóra Ugron: Writing Queer Eastern European Worlds: Queer-Feminist Literary and Activist Practices in Romania

Stevan Kordić: Muslim Woman as a Property Owner: Navigating *Temettuat* Surveys in the Dusk of the Ottoman Era

15:00 – 17:00 | **Panel 4: Decoloniality and Imperial Afterlives in the Eastern Adriatic** | Room F – 139

Chair: Vjeran Pavlaković

Angela Ilić: Colonizing, Civilizing, Dividing? The Imperial Legacies of Churches in Hungary in the Service of Hungarian Colonial Ambitions in Rijeka

Ivan Jeličić: "Lighthouse of the Roman Power and of the Millenary Civilization of the Lineage, Sublime Light of Sacrifices and Pure Heroisms, Ideal Flame of the Fatherland." Addressing the Postimperial Features and Heritage of a Key Symbol of Fascist Fiume Italianity



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Martina Caruso: The Lives of Identity Photographs in the Adriatic Borderlands From Political Dissidents under Fascism to National Martyrs under (Ex-)Yugoslavia

Vanni D'Alessio: The Challenges of National Integration Discourses in Late and post Habsburg Plural Istria and Rijeka

17:00 – 19:00 | **Panel 5: Islam and Postempire** | Room F – 138

Chair: Cody McClain-Brown

Brannon Ingram: On Deimperial Work: Critiquing the Category of 'Religion' in Muslim South Asia

Gulnaz Sibgatullina: Islamic Critique of The Empire: Decolonial and Anti-Liberal

Kadir Can Çelik: From Unorthodox Sufism to Muslim Anarchism: Contesting Decolonial Movements in the Islamic Intellectual Field in Turkey

Kübra Nugay: The Question "Why Are We Left Behind?" and an Answer: Salafism. A Problem of the Ottoman Empire and Its Aftermath

17:00 – 19:00 | **Panel 6: Ottoman Afterlives (I)** | Room F – 139

Chair: Toni Prug

Eman Alasah: Longing for Ottoman Levant: The Politics of Nostalgia in Contemporary Palestinian Autobiography

Johanna Chovanec: Turkey between Postimperial and Postcolonial: Theorising the Early Republican Experience of Modernity

Sebastian Haug: Decolonial Donor? Turkish Development Cooperation Framings between Postcolonial Solidarity and Neo-Imperial Grandeur

Zeynep Kaşlı: Anxieties of Sovereignty, Unease with Im/Mobility: Traces of the Collective Memory on the Postimperial Regime of Bordering in the Thracian Borderlands



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May 16th 2024

9:00 – 10:30 | 'Decolonization or Extinction': Planetary Lessons from Indigenous Land Struggles | Room F – 006
Keynote lecture (II) by Dr. Priyamvada Gopal, Professor of Postcolonial Studies at the University of Cambridge

10:45 – 12:45 | **Panel 7: Theorizing Decoloniality and Deimperiality (I)** | Room F – 138

Chair: Sarah Czerny

Aloys Nollet: What Is To Be Done with Marx? Translations, Appropriations and Reinventions in America Latina (1871-1928)

Andrew Graan: The Colonial Project(s): On the Coloniality of the Project Form

Gruia Badescu: Emancipatory Promises: Revisiting Nationalism and Anti-Imperial Struggle in-between the East of Europe and the Global South

Niloofer Sarlati: On the Brink of (Post)Colonial Thought: Conversations from the Margins

10:45 – 12:45 | **Panel 8: Decolonial and Deimperial Techniques** | Room F – 139

Chair: Borut Klabjan

Anna Zadrožna: The 'Ottoman Garden': Rethinking the Imperial with Seeds and Plants

Katharina Clausius: Imperial and Imperiled Academic Labour

Galina Oustinova-Stjepanovic: How to Catch a Terror Fractal? Empire's Latent Forms and Methods of Their Detection

Olga Zaslavskaya: Decolonizing Frozen Commons: Western-Based Research in the Arctic and Indigenous Arts & Crafts



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13:45 – 15:45 | **Panel 9: Invited Roundtable: Thinking about De/Coloniality from (South-)East Europe** | Room F – 138

Chair: Sanja Bojanić

Participants: Katarina Kušić (chair), Ana Vilenica, Emina Bužinkić, Jelena Savić, Sanja Petrovska

13:45 – 15:45 | **Panel 10: Decolonial International? On the Non-Aligned Movement and Beyond** | Room F – 139

Chair: Hajrudin Hromadžić

Chiara Bonfiglioli: Women's Non-Aligned Encounters: Internationalist Dialogues during the Cold War

Joe Grim Feinberg: Anti-Colonial, Anti-Imperial, International: Unraveling Logics of Domination and Resistance in the Wide Eastern Europe

Ritty Lukose: Between Empire and Neoliberalism: 'The Woman Question' in the International System of the 1970s

Paul Stubbs: Exploring Contradictory Racializations: Socialist Yugoslavia, the Non-Aligned Movement and Decolonial Worldmaking

16:00 – 18:00 | **Panel 11: Theorizing Decoloniality and Deimperiality (II)** | Room F – 138

Chair: Aidan O'Malley

Katrin Kremmler: Imperial Skulls: The Vienna Museum of Natural History as a Site of Colonial-Imperial Race Making

Sanskriti Chattopadhyay: Decentralising *Understanding*: A Dialogue between Postcolonialism and Decoloniality

Stef Jansen: Everyday Geopolitics, Inter-Imperiality and Emancipatory Critique

Yavuz Tuyloğlu: Is Semi-Coloniality a Useful Category for Comparative Historical Inquiry?



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16:00 – 18:00 | **Panel 12: The Art(s) of Decolonization** | Room F – 139

Chair: Claudia Clausius

Gregory Gan: Decolonial Practices and Affects amongst Transcultural Artists Living in Berlin's *Plattenbauten*

Tina Hofman: Can Diversity be Decolonial? The Representation of Central, Eastern and Southeastern European (CESEE) Artists in England

Vera-Simone Schulz: The Immaterial as Mode of Resistance: Bekele Mekonnen's *The Smoking Table* in Response to Italian Colonial Heritage

Vjera Borozan: Brothers in the Suitcase

20:30 – 22:00 | **Film Screening: *Brijuni – A Necromantic Theatre*** | by Behzad Khosravi Noori and Magnus Bärtås

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May 17th 2024

9:00 – 10:30 | **The Zeitgeists of Imperial, Colonial, and Their Derivatives** | Room F – 006

Keynote lecture (III) by Dr. Maria Todorova, Gutgsell Professor of History Emerita,

Center for Advanced Study Professor Emerita, Department of History, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

10:45 – 12:45 | **Panel 13: Postcolonial and Postimperial Geographies** | Room F – 138

Chair: Maura Hametz

Goran Stanić: Bosnian Catholicism: A Phenomenon from the Imperial Peripheries

Kevin Kenjar: Apocalypse Now: 19th Century Proto-Zionism in the Inter-Imperial Borderlands

Malte Fuhrmann: Germany's Real and Imagined Mediterranean Colonies: A Plea for an Intertextual and Entangled Approach to Empire

Pamela Ballinger: Mussolini's Mare Nostrum as Imperial Bricolage

10:45 – 12:45 | **Panel 14: Representational Politics** | Room F – 139

Chair: Sanja Puljar D'Alessio

Cihat Arınç: Post-Imperial Memory on Film: The Fall of Ottoman Palestine in Australian Historical Cinema

Irena Šentevska: Contemporary Popular Culture of the Western Balkans at the Crossroads of Postcolonial, Decolonial, Post-imperial, and De-imperial: The Case of Serbian 'Turbo-Folk'

Paul Csillag: From Eugen to Sarajevo: De-Imperializing Austrian's Imperial History through Film



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13:45 – 15:45 | **Panel 15: Interimperiality, Postcolony, Postempire** | Room F – 138

Chair: David Orlov

Cristian Cercel and Sacha Davis: German Settleriness in the East of Europe through the Prism of Settler Colonial Studies

Johana Wyss: Imperial Traces in Post-Socialist Spaces: A Conjunctural Exploration of Inter-Imperiality in the Silesian Borderland

Nergis Canefe and Ceren Verbowski: From Universal to the Particular and Back: Reconsidering Histories of the Middle East

Szilvia Nagy: Situating the 'Global East': Relationality in the Shadow of the Epistemic 'Grey Zone'

13:45 – 15:45 | **Panel 16: Narrating Coloniality and Imperiality** | Room F – 139

Chair: Natka Badurina

Andreu Gesti Franquesa: Politics, Culture, and Literature: The Figure of Caliban as a Framing for Postcolonial Studies

Anna Wiczorkiewicz: Unveiling Hidden Narratives: Colonial Fantasies and Dreams of Dominance in Travel Writing from the Polish People's Republic

Matea Magdić: The Zrinski Family Myth: How Verse Created the Nation

Stijn Vervaeke: Multilingualism as Imperial Legacy: Post-Imperial Borderlands in Andrić and Krleža

16:00 – 17:00 | **Closing Remarks** | Room F – 006



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