

2<sup>ND</sup> PRE- AND POSTDOC WORKSHOP  
CENTRAL, EASTERN AND SOUTH EASTERN EUROPEAN HISTORIES OF  
SCIENCE AND THE HUMANITIES

The seminar *Central, Eastern and South Eastern European Histories of Science and the Humanities* will take place on **Friday, 2 October 2020** between **9am** and **7pm** at the University of Vienna. It is hosted jointly by the Department of History and the Department of Contemporary History (University of Vienna) in collaboration with the research initiative *(East) European Epistemologies* at the Max-Weber-Kolleg for Advanced Cultural and Social Studies, Erfurt. Working languages will be English and German, a passive understanding of both is required.

Over the last couple of years, historians of science and the humanities have taken great interest in projects related to Central, Eastern and South Eastern Europe and their global interconnectedness. However, opportunities for a joint discussion of such projects are rare and often rely on ad hoc initiatives. After the inauguration of a forum for projects that link approaches from the history of science and the humanities with specific regional expertise in summer 2019 at Erfurt, we want to continue the collaborative venture of elaborating on (trans)regional historical and political epistemologies.

The initiative aims at a productive debate between projects from history, sociology, literature, media studies, etc. dealing with scientific endeavours and specific investigations in (academic) research, institutions, migration of knowledge etc. We discuss perspectives on the local, regional, (post-)imperial or national frameworks of Central, Eastern and South Eastern Europe in the light of specific theoretical frames, challenge the methodological perspectives of these projects, and seek to identify synergies between them.

The workshop is open to all young researchers focussing on the history of politics, materiality, and practices of (non-)academic research with case studies centred in or related to Central, Eastern and South Eastern Europe in the broadest sense. To create a productive environment, we are particularly interested in discussing work in progress. The workshop will be based on pre-circulated papers from ongoing research projects. They will be read and evaluated by all participants and each invited paper will be assigned to a senior researcher for a special commentary to open the floor.

**-- Preliminary Program --**

Friday, 2 October 2020 Marietta-Blau-Saal, Hochparterre Stiege 10, University of Vienna, Unviersitätsring 1, 1010 Vienna	
9:00 – 9:10	Introduction
9:10 – 10:10	Ionut Mircea Marcu (European Institute of Romania, Bucharest): “The historiographical field in post-socialist Romania. Institutions, careers and epistemic innovations“, commentary: Balázs Trencsényi (Department of History, Central European University) (tbc)
10:15 – 11:15	Inessa Kouteinikova (University of Delft): “Rescuing from Amnesia“, commentary: Marianne Klemun (History of Science, Institute of History, University of Vienna)
Coffee break	
11:30 – 12:30	Davide Crippa (Centre for Science Technology and Society Studies, Czech Adacemy of Sciences): “Elementary Mathematics in 18th Century Prague“, commentary: László Kontler (Department of History, Central European University)
Lunch Break	
14:00 – 15:00	Łukasz Bertram (Institute of Sociology, University of Warsaw): “Diplomas in Revolution and for Revolution’s Sake. Educational Experience of Polish Communists in the First Half of the 20th Century“, commentary: Katharina Kreuder-Sonnen (Institute for Contemporary History, University of Vienna)
15:05 – 16:05	Nina Seiler (Slavic Seminar, University of Zurich): “Silently reaching out: The immunitarian crisis of 1968 in Poland as an escape towards transhuman approaches“, commentary: Dietlind Hüchtker (Faculty centre for transdisciplinary historical-cultural studies, University of Vienna)
Coffee Break	
16:20 – 17:20	Anne Kluger (Department of Eastern European History, University of Münster): “‘Slavic archaeology’ and its ideological and political penetration. The examples of Witold Hensel (PPR/PRL) and Joachim Herrmann (GDR/DDR)“, commentary: Johannes Mattes (History of Science, Austrian Academy of Sciences)
17:25 – 18:25	Jakub Sawicki (Institute of Eastern and South Eastern European History, University of Munich): “‘Er ist ein Fuchs und sehr vorsichtig’: Der DDRErnährungswissenschaftler Helmut Haenel als Spieler, Stratege und Aufklärer“, commentary: Mitchell G. Ash (Institute of History, University of Vienna) (tbc)
18:25 – 18:40	Closing remarks
Joint Dinner	

