

# Intellectual History in ECE Summer School July 2021

## *INTELLECTUAL HISTORY IN TRANSITION*

### Organizers:

Intellectual History in East Central Europe Research Network

Inštitut za novejšo zgodovino – Institute of Contemporary History, Ljubljana

COST Action NEP4Dissent

July 16-20, 2021

Venue: Inštitut za novejšo zgodovino, Privoz 11, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia

DAY 1 – July 16

### General theme: Intellectual history/History of Philosophy/Literary History

**10:00–11:30** Reading Seminar with Marci Shore: **History of Philosophy** - Phenomenology in East Central Europe (Marci Shore will join us online)

Niculae Bellu and A. Tanase. "Perspectives and Contradictions in the Contemporary Development of Man," in *Tolerance and Revolution: A Marxist-non-Marxist Humanist Dialogue* edited by Paul Kurtz and Svetozar Stojanović (Beograd: Philosophical Society of Serbia, 1970), pp. 65-82.

Karel Kosík, "Man and Philosophy," in *Socialist Humanism: An International Symposium* edited by Erich Fromm (Garden City, NY: Doubleday, 1965), pp. 148–157.

Gajo Petrović, "Humanism and Revolution" in *In the Name of Life. Essays in Honor of Erich Fromm*, edited by B. Landis and E. S. Tauber (New York: Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1971), pp. 288-298.

Michael Gubser, "Introduction," in *The Far Reaches: Phenomenology, Ethics, and Social Renewal in Central Europe* by Michael Gubser (Stanford, Calif.: Stanford University Press, 2014), pp. 1–25.

Marci Shore, "Out of the Desert: A Heidegger for Poland" (*TLS*). Published: 2 August 2013.

James Satterwhite, "Introduction" and "Conclusion," in *Varieties of Marxist Humanism: Philosophical Revision in Postwar Eastern Europe* by James Satterwhite (Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 1992)

Optional readings:

Jean-Paul Sartre, *Existentialism is Humanism* [1946] (Yale University Press, 2007).

Martin Heidegger, "Letter on Humanism," [1947] in *Martin Heidegger, Basic Writings* edited by David Farrell Krell (Harper Collins Publishers, 1977), pp. 213–265.

**12:00–13:30** Reading Seminar with Zsófia Lórand and Adela Hincu: **Literary History**

Anca Parvulescu & Manuela Boatcă, “The Inter-Imperial Dowry Plot”, *Interventions* 23, no. 4 (2021): 570-595, DOI: 10.1080/1369801X.2020.1762693

Jeffrey Herf, “Ernst Jünger's magical realism,” in *Reactionary Modernism: Technology, Culture and Politics in Weimar and the Third Reich* (Cambridge, New York: Cambridge University Press, 1984), 70-108.

*Case study:* Dubravka Ugrešić

Texts to read together, with the literature suggested above for guidance:

- “The Kreutzer Sonata”, in *Lend Me Your Character*
- *The Ministry of Pain*
- “Because We Are Just Boys”, in *Culture of Lies*
- “The Archeology of Resistance”

**14:30–16:00** Reading Seminar with Balázs Trencsényi: **History of Political Thought** (Balázs Trencsényi will join us online)

Michael Freeden, “Discourse, concepts, ideologies. Pausing for thought,” *Journal of Language and Politics* 20:1 (2021): 47–61.

Peter E. Gordon, “Contextualism and Criticism in the History of Ideas” in *Rethinking Modern European Intellectual History*, eds. Darrin M. McMahon and Samuel Moyn. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014), pp. 32-52.

Guido Franzinetti, John Breuilly, Béatrice von Hirschhausen, and Sabine Rutar, “Reflecting on Diana Mishkova’s Beyond Balkanism. The Scholarly Politics of Region Making” *Südosteuropa* 68 (2020), no. 3, pp. 432–476.

DAY 2 – July 17

**General theme: Global History: The Question of Scales**

**10:00–11:30** Reading seminar with Anna Calori: **Development, de-colonisation, de-industrialization: Global History between East and South**

Richard Drayton and David Motadel, "Discussion: The Futures of Global History," *Journal of Global History* 13 (2018): 1–21.

James Mark and Quinn Slobodian, "Eastern Europe in the Global History of Decolonization" in *The Oxford Handbook of the Ends of Empire*, edited by Martin Thomas and Andrew Thompson (Oxford University Press, 2018).

Sara Lorenzini, "Introduction" in *Global Development: A Cold War History* (Princeton University Press, 2019).

**14:30–16:00** Reading seminar with Franz Fillafer

Emma Rothschild, 'Arcs of Ideas: International History and Intellectual History,' in Gunilla Budde, Sebastian Conrad and Oliver Janz, eds., *Transnationale Geschichte: Themen, Tendenzen und Theorien* (Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2006), 217-26.

Franz Fillafer, "Empire of Circulation" (unpublished draft)

Franz Fillafer, "Whose Enlightenment?," *Austrian History Yearbook* 48 (2017): 111–125.

Franz Fillafer, "Imperial Diversity, Fractured Sovereignty, and Legal Universals," *Modern Intellectual History* (2021): 1–23

**16:00–17:00** Network meeting

DAY 3 – July 18

Day-trip to Bohinj lake.

July 19 and July 20

*Workshop*

Transitions in East Central Europe: An Intellectual History Approach

The participants of the workshop are invited to reflect on the possibilities and challenges of writing intellectual histories of East Central Europe by focusing on the theme of ‘transitions’ as an object of historical research, and as an interpretive frame in historians' work.

Recent work in the political and social histories of the region emphasize continuities of historical structures and processes against received narratives of abrupt breaks (e.g., 1918, 1945, 1956, 1968, 1989). The workshop enables us to consider novel concepts of periodization. As such, we could thus test the explanatory power of concepts such as “the long 1930s” or “the long 1960s,” but also bring together issues that are usually discussed separately: post-imperial transitions, post-war reconstructions, and post-socialist transitions. Another way to rethink periodization could be by focusing on transitions of “genres” of political thoughts (e.g. liberal nationalism to integral nationalism) rather than on changes of regimes.

Intellectual historians have a number of issues to investigate here. One is the role of political thought in shaping and interpreting these processes. Second, the impacts that experiences of transition have on political ideologies, languages, and concepts. Conversely (as a third point), the way the use of languages and concepts influences and produces the experiences of transition. The participants are particularly invited to consider the towering issues of race and gender and their role in shaping and symbolizing power relations.

Commentators:

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**Jure Gašparič**, Institute of Contemporary History, Ljubljana

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DAY 4 – July 19 (morning)

**Session 1: Narrating Transitions: Usable Pasts, Futures and Temporalities**

Chair: **Nikola Tomašegović**

**10:00-11:20** Session 1, part 1

Lucija Balikić - Narratives of caesurae in the post-Habsburg space: the case of interwar Yugoslav political thinkers and their reflections on the crisis of dualism

Stefan Gužvica - Imagined Continuities: Balkan Communist Parties and Their Social-Democratic Roots

**11:40-13:00** Session 1, part 2

Matej Ivančík - (From) Democrats to Liberals? The Ambivalent (Pre)History (Origins) of Political and Civil Society Landscapes in Slovakia after 1989

Tjaša Konovšek - Gradualism: a catchword that never was Slovene political transition after 1989 in the framework of intellectual history

DAY 4 – July 19 (afternoon)

**Session 2: Between Actors and Observers: Intellectuals and Experts in Transitions**

Chair: **Maja Lukanc (INZ)**

**14:00-15:20** Session 2, part 1

Vojtěch Pojar - Ideology, Biopolitics, and the Problem of Scale: Rethinking the Concept of Transition in Post-Imperial Vienna

Manca Grgić Renko - Political and Ideological Transitions of Women Intellectuals after WWI

**15:40-17:00** Session 2, part 2

Irena Selišnik - Transition of Postwar Ljubljana: Elite Transformation after the First World War

Marko Zajc - Intellectuals and New Political Parties 1989-90: The Slovenian Case

DAY 5, July 20 (morning)

**Session 3: The State of Transition: Changing Institutional Frameworks of Knowledge Production**

Chair: **Lucija Balikić**

**10:00-12:00** Session 3, part 1

Una Blagojević - Transitioning into the unknown? Local and global modernization(s) in Yugoslavia

Kristina Andělová - Deinstitutionalization of political thought. Czechoslovak reform communism and dealing with loss of institutional pillars after 1968

Piotr Wciślik - Do re(f)olutions have their own mode of conceptual change? Reflections on some dissident keywords

DAY 5, July 20 (afternoon)

**Session 4: Shifting Vocabularies of Change: Ideologies and Concepts in Transition**

Chair: **Una Blagojević**

**14:00-15:20** Session 4, part 1

Oskar Mulej - "Entering the new democratic era" – post-WWI transitions and continuities in meanings of "liberalism" in the political languages of Slovene part of Yugoslavia, Austria and the Czech lands

Isidora Grubački - From "woman question" to feminism: conceptual and ideological transformations in the context of post-WWI

**15:40-17:00** Session 4, part 2

Zsófia Lóránd - Shifts and Transitions in Thinking about Women's Rights in Hungary in 1945-49

Jovana Mihajlović Trbovc - From 'women in science' to 'gender equality in academia': history of concepts and discourses relating to female scientists in post-socialist Slovenia

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