9.00 – 11.00 Exclusion and informal social assistance

Chair: Sabine Rutar (IOS Regensburg)

Joanna Rozmus (Doctoral College Galicia, University of Vienna): “Lost in Transformation? Former Polish State Farm Workers and Their Informal Ways to Social Assistance in the 1990s”

Alissa Klots (History Department, The European University at Saint Petersburg) & Maria Romashova (Center for Comparative History and Political Studies, Perm State University): “For the Elderly by the Elderly: Public Organizations and the Late Soviet Welfare System”

Tahir Latifi (Department of Anthropology, University of Prishtina): “Generational and intergenerational care and mobility networks in Kosovo”

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break

11.30 – 13.30 Fertility, abortion, and women’s status in society

Chair: Kseniia Gatskova (IOS Regensburg)

Corina Dobros (Centre for Research in Contemporary History, University of Bucharest): “What women want … desire, children, empirical research and policy making in Ceausescu’s Romania”

Serafima Chirkova (Department of Economics, Universidad de Santiago de Chile) & Sona Kalantaryan (European University Institute, Florence): “Sex-selective abortion: missing girls in Armenia”

Magda Malec (FAME|GRAPE, Warsaw School of Economics) & Joanna Tyrowicz (FAME|GRAPE, University of Warsaw): “Evaluating welfare and economic effects of raised fertility”

13.30 – 14.30 Lunch break

14.30 – 16.30 Family policies and care

Chair: Edvin Pezo (IOS Regensburg)


Natalia Jarska (Institute of History of Polish Academy of Sciences in Warsaw) “(Young) marriage as object of social policies in Poland 1945–1989: continuity and change”

Gorana Đorić (Faculty of Philosophy, University of Niš) “For better or worse: Child carers in social policy reform in Serbia”

16.30 – 18.00 Concluding remarks
Thursday, June 21

Venue: Park Hotel Maximilian, Maximilianstrasse 28, 93047 Regensburg

17.00 Opening

Ulf Brunnbauer (IOS)
City of Regensburg (tba)
Ekaterina Skoglund, Pieter Troch (IOS)

17.30 Keynote lectures


Pieter Vanhuysse (Department of Political Science and Public Management, University of Southern Denmark): “Pro-Elderly Welfare States in Central and Eastern Europe: Evidence, Policy, Alternatives”

19.30 Reception

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Friday, June 22

Venue: Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies, Landshuter Str. 4, Regensburg, Room 319

9.00 – 10.45 Welfare state in transformation

Chair: Natali Stegmann (History of Southeast and East Europe, University of Regensburg)

Jelena Ćeriman (Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, University of Belgrade): “How the changes from socialist to neoliberal social policies affected the social support to women from multi-marginalized groups in Serbia”

Agota Scharle (Budapest Institute for Policy Analysis): “Barriers to welfare reform in Central and Eastern Europe: the case of employment rehabilitation services”

Borbála Kovács (School of Culture and Society, Aarhus University): “Formal insecurity regimes? The peculiar logic of post-socialist welfare state retrenchment”

10.45 – 11.15 Coffee Break

11.15 – 13.30 Welfare and poverty

Chair: Melanie Arndt (History of Southeast and East Europe, University of Regensburg)

Marjan Petreski (School of Business Economics and Management, University American College Skopje): “Overhaul of the social assistance system in Macedonia: Simulating the effects of introducing Guaranteed Minimum Income (GMI) scheme”

Veronika Duci (Department of Social Work and Social Policy, University of Tirana) & Zana Vathi (Department of Social Sciences, Edge Hill University): “Precarious retirement: transnational policy gaps and ageing Albanian (return) migrants”

Natalija Perišić & Jelena Vidovečić (Department of Social Policy and Social Work, Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Belgrade): “Public Policy and Poverty in ex-Yugoslav Countries – Post-Socialist Continuities and Discontinuities”

13.30 – 14.30 Lunch break

14.30 – 16.15 Health: subjective and objective

Chair: Olga Popova (IOS Regensburg)

Yulia Raskina (Economics Department, European University at St. Petersburg): “Health and work ability of elderly Russians: are there restrictions for the increase of retirement age?”

Iryna Mazhak (Aarhus Institute of Advanced Studies, Aarhus University): “Socioeconomic Inequalities in Self-Reported Health in Ten Eastern European countries”

Gulnaz Isabekova (Research Centre for East European Studies, University of Bremen): “Diverse health care developments: the role of national and international actors”

Please note that this presentation has been rescheduled!

16.15 – 16.45 Coffee Break