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Organizers

Leibniz Institute for Contemporary History (Munich-Berlin)
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PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

7 May

9.30–10.00 Welcoming Remarks

10.00–12.00 Panel 1: The Struggle for Survival or the Calm before the Storm? Reactions to the Crisis of the 1970s in East and West

Jan KELLERSHOHN (Bochum): *Beyond Comparison: On the Epistemology of Deindustrialization and Labour in the West German Ruhr Valley*

Aleksandar SHIVAROV (Varna): *Sprat Yet Fish: Bulgarian Adjustment Efforts amidst Economic Turbulences in the 1970s*

Jörg ARNOLD (Nottingham): *Deindustrialization, not Decline? New Approaches to the Study of the Crisis Decades in the United Kingdom*

Adelina STEFAN (Florence): *The Snowballing of Globalization: International Tourism and Economic Crisis in Socialist Romania in the Long 1970s*

Commentator: Maurice COUTTIER (Bern)

12.00–13.00 Lunch Break

13.00–15.00 Panel 2: Working Class Experiences and Fragmentations

Reana SENJKOVIĆ (Zagreb): *Once Upon a Time, the Factory was our Second Home*

Tibor VALUCH (Budapest): *The Altering World of Work in Hungary and East Central Europe before and after the 1989/90 Transition*

Jeremy MORRIS (Aarhus): *Working-Class Life Strategies in the Russian Margins*

Mikhail CHERNYSH (Moscow): *Working Class as a Loser of the Neoliberal Reforms: the Russian Experience*

Commentator: Sabine RUTAR (Regensburg)

15.00–15.30 Coffee Break

15.30–17.30 Panel 3: The Many Fates of Heavy Industry

Stefan HOERDLER (Göttingen): *A History of Decline? The Steel Industries in West Germany and the United States since the 1970s*

Christoffer HOLM (Hanko): *“You Are Tearing Down Our Grand Factory”. The Experience of Structural Change, Transformed Space and Lost Progress after the Shutdown of the Steelworks in Hanko (Finland)*

Łukasz TREMBACZOWSKI (Katowice): *Half Way Rusted: Tentative Future for Upper Silesian Area as an Old Industrial Region*

Dragoș PETRESCU (Bucharest): *Avatars of Tractor Industry in Post-1989 Romania: From (Large-Scale) De-Industrialization to (Small-Scale) Re-Industrialization*

Commentator: Christian WILKE (Utrecht)

18.00–19.15

Keynote Lecture by Philipp THER (Vienna)

Commentator: Sebastian VOIGT (Munich)

19.30 Dinner

8 May

9.00–10.30 Panel 4: Post-Industrial Urban Revivals?

Patrick R. IRELAND (Chicago): *Diamonds in the Rust? Evaluating Seemingly Successful Economic/Industrial Transformation in three Medium-Sized Midwestern US Cities*

Jan ROTTENBACH / Hans STEPHAN (Wurzen/Chemnitz): *The New Class Situation of the Logistical Restructuring in Halle-Leipzig*

Johannes KRICKL (Bochum): *Duisburg and the New Silk Road: Scripting Post-Industrial Success in a Post-Cold War World*

Commentator: Olga POPOVA (Regensburg)

11.00–13.00 Panel 5: Transformations and Tribulations of Industrial regions

Karl LAUSCHKE (Bochum): *Regulating the Crisis of the German Steel Industry: The Different Trajectories of the Ruhr Area, Saarland, and Bremen*

Lachlan MACKINNON (Sydney): *Ending the Industrial State: The Rise and Fall of the Cape Breton Development Corporation, 1966–2001*

Margaret COWELL (Arlington, VA): *From Rust to Green: Community Wealth Building as Industrial Transformation in Two Great Lake Cities*

Richard A. BACHMANN / Friedrich W. OPITZ (Ann Arbor, MA/Dresden): *Clearing the Path for Populism? Comparing the History and the Outcomes of the Political Economy Transformation in Ohio and Saxony*

Commentator: Max TRECKER (Berlin)

13.00-14.00 Lunch Break

14.00-15.30 Panel 6: Post-Industrial Memoryscapes

Eleni KYRAMARGIOU (Athens): *From Factory to Park: A Story of Grassroots Re-Appropriation of an Industrial Space*

Bruno de CORTE (Antwerp): *The End of Coal Mining and the Start of Heritage Strategies: A Comparison of Belgium, the Netherlands, and Poland*

Tanja PETROVIĆ (Ljubljana): *Industrial Heritages and Workers' Memories in the former Yugoslavia*

Commentator: Ulf BRUNNBAUER (Regensburg)

15.45–16.30 Concluding Discussion

Inputs/summaries by Ulf BRUNNBAUER, Sebastian VOIGT, Max TRECKER



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