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# Workshop

## ***(Re)Thinking the University from, in, and beyond (Post-)Socialist Europe***

Vienna, 27–29 September 2023

### **Venue** (28 and 29 Sept. 2023)

Faculty Center for Transdisciplinary Historical and  
Cultural Studies

Kolingasse 14–16, 1090 Vienna  
SR 6 (1<sup>st</sup> floor)

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### **Wednesday, September 27, 2023**

**18:00–19:30**

**UNIVERSITIES AT WAR**

**– PUBLIC ROUNDTABLE –**

in coop. with *The University of New Europe* and the  
Research Plattform *Transformations and Eastern Europe*

Venue: *Alte Kapelle*, Campus of the University of Vienna  
(Spitalgasse 2/4, Hof 2.8, 1090 Vienna)

The roundtable will provide a panorama of case studies analysing how universities have been implicated and affected by wars and conflicts from the Second World War and the Cold War. It will conclude with a reflection on the way academic communities are affected by Russia's war against Ukraine. They have also been sites of conflicts such as gender wars. This panel concentrates on European academic institutions as sites, agents, collaborators, resisters, as well as victims of military conflicts from the Second World War to Russia's War against Ukraine.

Chair

Philipp Schmädeke (Science at Risk, Berlin)

Discussants

Alexander Etkind (CEU, Vienna), Andrea Pető (CEU, Vienna), Dina Gusejnova (LSE)  
Mykola Makhortykh (Univ. Bern), Kirstine Arentoft Kristensen (Univ. of Vienna)

**Thursday, 28 September 2023**

**10:00–10:30**

**INTRODUCTION**

Elisa Satjukow (Leipzig Univ.), Friedrich Cain (Univ. of Vienna)

**10:30–12:00**

**PANEL 1: UNIVERSITIES DURING WW II AND REPERCUSSIONS**

Chair: Alexander Dmitriev (EPF Lausanne) | Comment: Anna Echterhölder (Univ. of Vienna)

Olena Dobosh (SoftServe, L'viv)

The Impact of Territorial Shifts and Political Censorship on University Place Memory  
A Comparative Study of Lviv, Wrocław, and Vilnius Universities

Friedrich Cain (Univ. of Vienna)

University Projects in Occupied Poland, 1939–1945

Dina Gusejnova (LSE)

Internment Universities During the Second World War

**12:00–13:30**

**LUNCH BREAK**

**13:30–15:30**

**PANEL 2: FROM LATE SOCIALISM INTO THE 1990IES**

Chair: Julia Anna Tyll-Schranz (Univ. of Vienna) | Comment: Claudia Kraft (Univ. of Vienna)

Vedran Duančić (Univ. of Klagenfurt)

What's the Point of Higher Education in Late Self-Managerial Socialism?  
A Collective Autobiography of Yugoslav Universities

Irina Antoshchuk (Univ. of Amsterdam)

Late Soviet Universities: Embeddedness in Scientific Networks and Its Effects

Axel Kahl (Univ. of Potsdam)

The Transformation of East German Higher Education in the 1980/90s:  
Potsdam in Comparative Perspectives

Mitchell Ash (Univ. of Vienna)

"As in the West, so on Earth"? Theses (or Remarks) on the Transformations of  
Higher Education in Eastern Germany after Unification

**16:00–18:00**

**PANEL 3: NEW PROJECTS BETWEEN DEMOCRACY AND PRIVATIZATION**

Chair: Dorine Schellens (Univ. of Amsterdam) | Comment: Miranda Jakiša (Univ. of Vienna)

Elisa Satjukow (Leipzig Univ.)

(Re)making Postsocialist Academia – The Case of CEU

Matei Gheboianu (Univ. of Bucharest)

The Private Higher Education System in Romania after 1989:  
The Case of the "Spiru Haret" University

Andrei Ilin (Moscow)

Founding New Universities in the "New" Russia in the 1990s:  
Innovation and Continuity with Soviet and International Legacies

Filip Balunović (Univ. of Belgrade)

"Subversive Film Festival" and "Open University": The Importance of Non-Institutional Education for  
Critical Consciousness in Former Yugoslavia – the Case of the Open University Sarajevo

**19:00**

**JOINT DINNER**

**Friday, 29 September 2023**

**9:00-11:00**

**PANEL 4: BACKLASH: NEOLIBERALISMS, CONSERVATISMS, AUTHORITARIANISMS**

Chair: Rebekka Pflug (Univ. of Vienna) | Comment: Jan Surman (Masaryk Inst. and Archives, Prague)

Iuliia Gautalina (Tampere Univ.)

De/re/composing Authoritarian-Neoliberal Assemblages

Ethnography of Russian Universities and Beyond

Pavjo Gjini (Graz Univ.)

The Autonomy between the University and Neoliberalism: The Case of Albania

Ádám Havas (Univ. of Barcelona) / Ágoston Fáber (Budapest)

The Rise of Heteronomous Academia on the EU's Borderlands

Ingrid Verebes (ELTE Budapest)

The Rise and Institutionalization of Family Science in Hungary

**11:30-13:30**

**PANEL 5: RE-CONCEPTUALISATIONS: (NEW) UNIVERSITY PRACTICES**

Chair: Jan C. Behrends (EU Viadrina, Frankfurt/Oder) | Comment: Ellen Rutten (Univ. of Amsterdam)

Alla Morozova (Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa)

A Pedagogy of Equity and Cooperation among Dissenting Educators of post-Soviet Russia:  
Revisiting the ideas of Alexander Bogdanov and Paulo Freire in Contemporary Pedagogical Practices –  
the Case of the Free University Moscow

Victoria Pardini (Wilson Center, Washington, D.C.)

The Case of DOXA in Critiquing Academic Freedom at Russian Universities

Nikola Lero (Univ. of Sheffield)

From a college dropout to a Fulbright Scholar:

Memories of Academic Charlatanism and Academic Failure in post-war Bosnia

Lidia Yatluk (Univ. of Groningen)

Military Censorship in Russian Universities

**13:30-14:00**

**CLOSING COMMENTS**

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Guest participation on Thursday and Friday

(28 and 29 Sept. 2023) is possible, but due to  
limited room capacity we ask to register in advance.

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The roundtable on Wednesday (27 Sept. 2023)  
is open to the public.