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Welcome to our new staff members!

CKPIS is growing! From July 1, Tina Filipović, PhD, holds the position of a senior assistant (with a tenure track) at CKPIS and the Department of History, Faculty of Humanities in Pula. She is continuing where she stopped when her previous contract ended in 2023. Moreover, thanks to the cooperation through the ERC project Housing.Yu, Antun Dulibić is now an external associate of CKPIS, while being employed as a research assistant at the Institute of Art History in Zagreb.

After the latest changes, the Centre gathers five university employees: full professors Igor Duda, Lada Duraković and Andrea Matošević, assistant professor Boris Koroman and senior assistant Tina Filipović. We are also proud of our six external associates: Chiara Bonfiglioli (Ca' Foscari University of Venice), Anita Buhin (Nova University Lisbon), Tin Celner (Pula), Saša Vejzagić (Zagreb), Sara Žerić Đulović (IOS Regensburg) and, the latest one, Antun Dulibić. From time to time there are students and PhD students who participate in traineeship programmes. The Centre is also open to visiting researchers.



INTERVIEW OF THE MONTH: Aida Ličina Ramić (pp. 7-8)

Tina Filipović is a senior assistant (post-doc) at the Department of History, Faculty of Humanities, and at CKPIS, where she was previously (2019-2023) employed as assistant and doctoral researcher within the project *Microsocialism thanks to the Young Researcher's Career Development Project* (Croatian Science Foundation). She earned a BA (2011) and MA degree (2015) in History from the Juraj Dobrila University of Pula, and a PhD from the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Zagreb (Position and influence of the Federation of Associations of Combatants of National Liberation War in Croatia during the 1970s and 1980s on the examples of Labin and Sisak municipalities, 2025). At the People's Museum of Labin she completed a one-year traineeship programme and earned the title of curator. In CKPIS she cooperated in the projects *Changing Representations of Socialist Yugoslavia and Microsocialism*, in which she researched the partisan veteran organisation SUBNOR. Since 2023, she has been researching within the ERC project *Social Politics in European Borderlands. A Comparative and Transnational Study, 1870s-1990s*.

Antun Dulibić is an external associate at the Centre since 2025 when he joined the Institute of Art History in Zagreb as a research assistant on the project *HOUSING.YU – The Right to Housing: The Production of Everyday Living Spaces in Yugoslavia (1945–1991)* (ERC-CoG, No. 101171985), which is carried out in collaboration with CKPIS. He graduated in 2023 from the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Zagreb, with a double major in Sociology and History, and is a recipient of the Dean's Award for Excellence. As a student, he was a member of the editorial board of the journal *Diskrepancija*, the Faculty Council and the Students' Council. He collaborated in several research projects and published on the H-Alter portal. In 2025, he began the doctoral programme *Modern and Contemporary Croatian History in the European and World Context* at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Zagreb. His research focuses on the economic, political and housing reforms of socialist Yugoslavia.

September in Pula: 7th Socialism on the Bench

The programme of the 7th Socialism on the Bench: Global Socialism and Non-Alignment, to be held on 18-20 September, is [available online](https://www.unipu.hr/ckpis/en/newsletter). At the 19 panels, several roundtables, book launches and lectures, CKPIS will again be glad to host more than 100 participants, including three keynote speakers: Chiara Bonfiglioli (Ca' Foscari University of Venice), Tvrtko Jakovina (Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Zagreb) and Paul Stubbs (The Institute of Economics, Zagreb). Since 2015, our partner has been Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung Southeast Europe. The conference also welcomes the general audience.



August in Pula: 11th Doctoral Workshop



11th DOCTORAL WORKSHOP Systems of Governance
Pula, August 27-30, 2025

Junji Dobrila University of Pula, Faculty of Humanities, Department of History & Centre for Cultural and Historical Research of Socialism

WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

Venue: Faculty of Humanities, New Campus, Negri Street 6, room 219

Friday, August 29

9.15 **Keynote:** ANA KLADNIK (University of Graz)
Multiple Forms of Governance After 1945

10.30 Break

10.45 **Keynote:** MARKO KRAJČIĆ (West University, Norway)
Association of Writers of Yugoslavia Between Heteronomy and Autonomy

11.15 **Keynote:** MARKO JAKOVIĆ (University of Zagreb)
Fin de Socialisme: The Aesthetics of Decline and Governance Transforms

11.45 Break

12.00 **Keynote:** MARKO KRAJČIĆ (West University, Norway)
Autobios as Part of the Discourse and Ideology of the Slovak Union

12.30 MARTINA INČIĆ (Sveučilište Međimurje, Napier)
Museum Narratives and the Governance of Memory in Post-Yugoslav Sp

13.00 TAGJA KUSTURICA (Academy of Fine Arts, Vienna)
Transition as Visual and Biopolitical Regime in the Context of Postwar B

13.30 Lunch

14.30 SONJA ŠMOK (University of Zagreb)
Transition Through Competitive Authoritarianism: Croatia, 1990-2000

15.00 VERONIKA VUKOVIĆ (University of Belgrade)
Postcolonialism in Croatia

15.30 Break

16.15 Pula Tour: visit to the quarter of Veruda

20.00 Drinks and snacks at the beach

Saturday, August 30

9.15 **Keynote:** BOR DODIG (Juraj Dobrila University of Pula)
The Power of Yugoslav Citizens as Self-Managers: Ideals

10.30 Break

10.45 CHRISTIAN BELZER (Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz)
A State by Decree? French Occupation and the Ambiguities of Govern

11.15 FERNANDO ALEJANDRO REMACHE-VINUEZA (University of Bremen)
Theories of Economic Development, Governance and Non-Contributory-Pension Schemes in Argentina 1949-1973

11.45 MARIJA INČIĆ (University of Ljubljana)
Governing the Bodies: Allied Regulation of Prostitution in Occupied Japan (1945-1952) and the Tensions Between Public Morality, Health, and Cultural Realism

12.15 Workshop closing

12.30 Brunch

Workshop supported by the Junji Dobrila University of Pula and the Faculty of Humanities.

The 11th Doctoral Workshop: Systems of Governance will be held in Pula on August 27-30. As announced in the previous issue, the programme is available online. We look forward to welcoming 19 doctoral students currently enrolled in programmes in Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Norway, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, and Croatia. The keynote lectures will be delivered by Mike Tyldesley (Manchester Metropolitan University), Ana Kladnik (University of Graz), Marko Zajc (Institute of Contemporary History, Ljubljana) and Igor Duda.



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CONFERENCES AND CFP

Postsocialist Transformation as a World of Meaning: Domination, Agency and Sense-Making, Prague, 12-13 February 2026

The conference seeks to open a new perspective on postsocialist transformation in Eastern Europe – not just as a political and economic process, but as a "world of meaning" shaped by the complex interplay of domination and agency. The organizers invite proposals for papers that explore how people navigated, internalized, or challenged the shifting norms, values, and ideals of the new postsocialist order and are interested in perspectives that take into account the lived experience of different social, age, gender and ethnic groups. Particularly, they are seeking contributions that examine how the legitimacy of the liberal democratic order was constructed in everyday life, beyond official discourses and binary frameworks of "winners and losers." ([Read more](#))

Application deadline: 15 September 2025

Identity and Territory: Regionalism, Nationalism and Modernity in Central and South-Eastern Europe, 2026 ELHN Conference, Iași, 10-12 September 2025

Following the conference Old Cities, Former Capitals and Nation-State Building in Europe: Regional and National Identities, which provided an opportunity for interdisciplinary debate on the forms of regional and national identities in the cultural and political discourse of modernity, as well as in the political geography of nation states, the new debate is focusing on the relation between collective identity and territory. The conference aims to provide a platform for dialogue regarding the identity genealogy and geography of the Central and Southeastern Europe, focusing on concepts and terms such as parochialism, localism, and fragmented identities in the context of nation-state building in the 19th and 20th centuries. ([Read more](#))

Application deadline: 10 August 2025

Officer Disobedience in Military Organizations across Epochs and Cultures, Bonn, 9-11 September 2025

A transdisciplinary workshop at the University of Bonn to establish individual elite disobedience in military organizations as a discrete phenomenon and the object of a new field of research. In modern thinking, "disobedience" is often defined in ethical terms. In military settings past and present, obedience has been not only praised but conventionally regarded as a crucial military virtue. Scholars who research its absence usually look at collective disciplinary breakdown such as mutiny, or acts of individual non-compliance such as desertion: in the majority of cases, their focus has been on insubordination in the ranks. ([Read more](#))

Application deadline: 15 August 2025



PUBLICATIONS

Jakub S. Beneš, *The Last Peasant War: Violence and Revolution in Twentieth-Century Eastern Europe* (Princeton University Press, 2025)

As the First World War ended, villages across central and eastern Europe rose in revolt. Led in many places by a shadowy movement of army deserters, peasants attacked those whom they blamed for wartime abuses and long years of exploitation – large estate owners, officials, and merchants, who were often Jewish. At the same time, peasants tried to realize their rural visions of a reborn society, establishing local self-government or attempting to influence the new states that were being built atop the wreckage of the Austro-Hungarian and Russian Empires. In *The Last Peasant War*, Jakub Beneš presents the first comprehensive history of this dramatic and largely forgotten revolution and traces its impact on interwar politics and the course of the Second World War. ([Read more](#))

Tatjana Šarić, Hrvoje Baričević (eds.), *Nove avanture Marija Saletta: dnevnik 1959. -1963.* (Hrvatski državni arhiv, Zagreb 2025)

Nastavak je ovo prvog dnevnika, koji obuhvaća razdoblje od kraja 1959. do sredine 1963. godine te pruža jedinstven uvid u način života i putovanja mladih ljudi u to vrijeme. U svijetu ograničenih mogućnosti, Saletto i njegovi prijatelji su pokazali zavidan avanturistički duh, putujući kroz Jugoslaviju i Europu. Ovaj dnevnik je više od putopisa – to je svojevrsna vremenska kapsula koja nas vraća u prošlo stoljeće. Kroz Salettove oči vidimo kako su se mladi ljudi tada opušitali, što ih je zanimalo i kako su doživljavali svijet oko sebe. Svako putovanje je bilo nova avantura koja ih je izvlačila iz zone komfora i tjerala da se suoče s novim izazovima, šireći svoje vidike i oblikujući svoje poglede na svijet. ([Read more](#))

Ana Vračar, Sopo Japaridze, Matthew Read *Misdiagnosed: Socialist Health Care Systems in Retrospect* (Zetkin Forum for Social Research, 2025)

This book aims to shed light on a fundamentally different approach to health care. The societies of the so-called “Eastern bloc” in the 20th century were built around principles wholly different to the ones most of us know today. While the dominant tendency in capitalist societies is towards privatisation, property relations in the East were progressively socialized over time. Landlordism and monopolisation were replaced by cooperative and state ownership. As a result, private economic interests no longer determined the direction of society. The anarchy of the market was replaced by a scientifically grounded planning process. The chapters in this book examine how three different socialist states constructed health care systems within their national and historical contexts. ([Read more](#))



POSITIONS, GRANTS AND STIPENDS

Postdoctoral Researcher on Women Migrants in Postwar Germany, Maastricht

The History Department is looking for a postdoctoral researcher to undertake in-depth research on women's migration and work. You will be part of a new European Research Council-funded project entitled FeMMiWork: Women Migrants from the Northern Mediterranean and Work in Postwar Northwestern Europe. Using a transnational lens, FeMMiWork investigates the experiences of women who migrated from Italy, Yugoslavia, and Turkey to France and Germany in the 1950s-1960s and who engaged in paid work. Drawing on archival sources and oral history, the project aims to understand what role paid work played in migrant women's life trajectories, and in shaping relations with their communities of origin and destination. The project also aims to make the histories of these women visible by creating a 'counter-archive' using documents, oral histories, and creative writing. ([read more](#))

Application deadline: 1 September 2025

Thyssen@KWI Fellowship, Kulturwissenschaftliches Institut, Essen

The centre explores from international and transdisciplinary perspectives the interdependent, complex relationship between global inter- and disconnectedness, entanglements and disentanglements in historical and contemporary globalisation processes. Scholars from the humanities and social sciences, especially but not exclusively from the fields of history, theatre studies and art history, are invited to apply. The work of the fellows should have a clear connection to the general goals of the Käte Hamburger Research Centre and deal with at least one of its guiding topics. Currently, research at KWI focusses on the following areas: literary and cultural sociology, cultural science studies, science communication, visual literacy and public humanities. Further projects are concerned with cultures of communication, among others. ([read more](#))

Application deadline: 29 August 2025

FRIAS Fellowship Programmes 2026/2027, University of Freiburg

The Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies' Fellowship Programmes provide a unique setting for researchers from all disciplines to fully focus on their projects within an international community. FRIAS fellowships are open to both early-career and senior researchers from Freiburg, Germany, and all over the world, supporting dedicated research time, interdisciplinary collaboration, and access to University of Freiburg resources. The programme offers access to the resources, networks, and academic community of the University of Freiburg, enhancing your research through new perspectives and collaborative opportunities. ([read more](#))

Application deadline: 12 September 2025



INTERVIEW OF THE MONTH

by Sara Žerić Đulović

Aida Ličina Ramić is a research associate at the Institute of History of the University of Sarajevo ([read more](#))



Aida Ličina Ramić

You participated at the CKPIS doctoral workshops in 2016 and 2018. How did exchanging ideas and meeting other doctoral students working on socialism-related topics influence your research and academic growth?

My connection with Pula and CKPIS began in 2013 at the first Socialism on the Bench conference. As a young master's student, it was my first major international event, where I met colleagues from Juraj Dobrila University and beyond, many of whom I still collaborate with. Later participation in conferences and doctoral workshops strengthened these ties. These experiences significantly shaped my research interests and helped me choose my dissertation topic. Pula was also where I first

presented my research and received valuable feedback.

Your 2016 presentation "Who is saved – who reaches the roof!" explored illegal construction in 1960s–70s Sarajevo, a still-relevant topic that could be linked to the new ERC project Housing.yu. What did your research reveal about illegal building in socialist Sarajevo, and how do these insights fit into the broader housing policy of the time?

At the 2016 doctoral workshop, I presented early research on Sarajevo's urbanization and its social impact in late socialism. One key theme was illegal construction, which I later explored in-depth, focusing on socialist Sarajevo and Bosnia and Herzegovina. My findings show that the wave of illegal building in the 1960s and 1970s stemmed from a housing policy crisis. While early socialism emphasized social housing, the system failed to meet the needs of the growing working-class population – ironically, the very group central to its legitimacy, many of whom turned to illegal building. This wasn't just an urban or economic issue, but a broader social and political one, revealing cracks in the system's ideological and administrative control. I also addressed often-overlooked ecological and social consequences of the phenomenon. Research into socialist housing policy remains crucial for understanding of the wider political, social, and economic context of the time. These topics were long neglected in Bosnian-Herzegovinian and

regional historiography, which is why I welcome the Housing.yu project.



At the 2nd Doctoral Workshop (Pula, 2016)

You co-edited *Imagining Women: On Ideological and Cultural Concepts of Femininity in the History of Bosnia and Herzegovina* with Sabina Veladžić. What is it about and why is it important?

I want to highlight that the concept for this project was developed by my colleague Sabina Veladžić – it was her idea, which she led with great dedication, and I supported closely. The collection brings together seven studies that offer new perspectives on women's roles in Bosnian society, spanning from the Middle Ages to the recent past. Each piece explores how the imagined image and social role of women shifted across different ideological and cultural contexts. The collection is a pioneering step in Bosnian-Herzegovinian and regional gender historiography, using diverse themes and innovative methods to challenge traditional narratives. I'd also mention a recent follow-up project by

colleagues at the Sarajevo History Department on the history of violence against women, published on the same platform, which adds further depth to this growing field.

What is the current state of access of the sources from the socialist era in Bosnia and Herzegovina's archives for gender history research, and what challenges do researchers face?

Researching socialist period in Bosnia and Herzegovina's archives is often difficult and unpredictable. Much of the material is unorganized, poorly preserved, or inaccessible – paradoxically, sources from late socialism are often in worse condition than earlier ones. Still, these challenges push researchers to be more creative and open to alternative methods and perspectives. For gender history, the difficulties are even greater. Most research relies on archives of women's organizations like the AFŽ, the Union of Women's Societies, and the Conference for Women's Social Activity. These materials, especially rich in the 1950s and 1960s, became more administrative and limited by the 1970s and 1980s. Despite these limitations, the recentness of the period and the presence of living witnesses offer valuable potential. Personal testimonies, though shaped by gender, class, and other identities, bring vital nuance to our understanding of the past. They enrich social history, which resists the simplified narratives of political historiography, by highlighting its complexity and layers.

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