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# **CKPIS Summer Semester: Ana Hofman and Paul Stubbs**

Last month CKPIS hosted two programmes within its series Summer Semester. On May 11, ethnomusicologist Ana Hofman, from the Institute of Culture and Memory Studies, Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts, presented her documentary film *Solčence zahaja* and took





part in the discussion led by Lada Duraković. Two weeks later, on May 25, sociologist Paul Stubbs, from the Institute of Economics in Zagreb talked about the Non-Aligned Movement and the New International Economic Order. Stubbs is currently spending his two-month research stay at CKPIS.





### 6th Socialism on the Bench: keynote speakers

The Organizing Committee of the 6<sup>th</sup> conference Socialism on the Bench (Socijalizam na klupi), to be held in Pula in late September, is glad to announce that the three keynote speakers will be professor emerita Sabrina Petra Ramet (Norwegian University of Science and Technology), professor Josip Tica (University of Zagreb) and professor Liljana Burcar (University of Ljubljana). CKPIS expects up to 90 participants, numerous panels, several round tables, and book launches. Please, follow the news at conference homepage in English and Croatian.





### Tina Filipović on SUBNOR

Tina Filipović, PhD student at the University of Zagreb, employed at the CKPIS research project Microsocialism, was a guest within Prof. Igor Duda's course Socialist man: the Yugoslav case. On May 23, she delivered a lecture titled SUBNOR as a guardian of values and memories.

# Centralist Ambitions and Peripheral Realities in the 20th Century: Contested Identities in Yugoslavia





Participants of the conference in Prague

Milan Sovilj

The Czech Academy of Sciences hosted the exquisitely organised conference *Centralist Ambitions* and *Peripheral realities in the 20th Century: Contested Identities in Yugoslavia*, held in Prague on May 16. The Organising Committee had four members, each of them affiliated with one of the coorganizing institutions: Milan Sovilj (Institute of History, Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague), Ondřej Vojtěchovský (Institute of World History, Faculty of Arts, Charles University, Prague), Edvin Pezo (Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies, Regensburg) and Stipica Grgić (Croatian Institute of History, Zagreb). The list of participants included Ondřej Vojtěchovský, Tomaž Ivešić, Josip Mihaljević, Pieter Troch, Zoran Janjetović, Vesna Đikanović, Milan Sovilj, Ivan Hrstić, Michal Janíčko, Tanja Petrović, Marko Zajc, Jurij Hadalin, Stipica Grgić, as well as two members of the CKPIS – Anita Buhin and Igor Duda.

### YUGOSLAV MICROSOCIALISM IN THE 1970'S AND 1980'S





Igor Duda (Juraj Dobrila University of Pula) Local communities and citizen participation in Yugoslav social self-management in the 1970s and 1980s

Tina Filipović (Juraj Dobrila University of Pula) War veteranship in late socialist Croatia: SUBNOR and its engagement in everyday politics on the micro level.

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#### The Adriatic as a Place of (Ex)Change, Zagreb, 9-11 November 2023

Following last year's conference focus on Late Antique and Early Medieval period, the 2023 Zagreb conference will explore the many changes, transitions and conflicts that occurred in the Adriatic area from the medieval up to the contemporary period. This includes the geographic aspects of area as an important crossroads between the East and the West, various socio-historical, cultural or political and economic processes of the region in the longue durée, general periods of stability and instability, system and systemic changes, but also contemporary challenges as well, and their varying effects on inland and coastal cities, rural areas and insular communities. By inviting PhD students and Early Career Researchers from a wide spectrum of disciplines, the aim of this conference is to explore all of the multiple faces of the Adriatic and the new approaches to their research. (Read more)

Application deadline: 20 June 2023

#### CfP: Edited Volume on Africa and the socialist Europe during decolonization and the Cold War

This collective volume seeks to explore in much closer detail various forms of collaboration (technical, educational, political, security-related) between the European Socialist countries (mainly but not only Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Poland, Hungary, Yugoslavia, etc.) with Africa in the era of decolonization and the Cold War, roughly from 1948 to 1991. The volume will include chapters related to 3 groups dedicated to the following sub-themes: 1) Socialism in Africa and Its varieties, 2) Education, Cultural Exchange and Technical Training, 3) Security Cooperation. The editors welcome chapters that bring new insight into the studied phenomena. (Read more)

Application deadline: 15 August 2023

#### Communist Perspectives on Atheism in the 20th Century, Paris, 13-14 November 2023

Sponsored by the Explaining Atheism programme, this conference will explore transnational communist perspectives on atheism in the twentieth century and Marxist-inspired attempts to explain and influence the evolution of atheism. Building on work on "scientific atheism" (Thrower 1983, Kääriäinen 1989 and 1993, Guigo-Patzelt 2021), "atheist establishments" (Smolkin 2018) and "thought collectives" (Tesař 2019), the conference explores differences and commonalities within the Soviet bloc – within which scholarly debates on atheism took place in what might be called a limited international scientific community. Contributions on communist regimes in Central and Eastern Europe, the Soviet Union as well as Africa, America and Asia during the 20th century are welcomed. The scope can be extended to theoretical developments within communist movements outside communist ruled countries (Pettinaroli 2021). (Read more)

Application deadline: 20 July 2023

## 6th Conference of the Centre for Study of Popular Culture: Exploration of Class, Distinction, and Habitus in Popular Culture of Central and Eastern Europe, Prague, 27-29 November 2023

Class, distinction, and habitus have a contested position in the political and social sciences. No less controversial are the concepts in the humanities, even though the study of class in cultural studies seems to be long past its prime. Since the 1960s, Western youth and working class popular and urban cultures have received wide scholarly attention. The conference asks what the (dis)continuities between late socialism and post-socialism in terms of class, distinction, and habitus in the popular culture were. It seeks to answer how class, distinction, and habitus have been represented in popular culture in the "long durée" perspective. In what ways have these representations been transformed? What were the causes and consequences of these transformations, if any? Did these representations affect their recipients and in what manner? (Read more)

Application deadline: 30 June 2023



#### **PUBLICATIONS**

## Zvonimir Stopić, Jure Ramšak, Liang Zhanjun, Jože Pirjevec (eds.): *China, Yugoslavia, And Socialist Worldmaking: Convergences And Divergences* (ZRS Koper: Koper 2023)

China and Yugoslavia had a peculiar relationship during the Cold War, the effect of which, in addition to themselves directly, was felt throughout the world. By investigating Sino-Yugoslavian relations, the scholars who worked on this project were able to show how strong this effect was. The book reflects state-of-the-art research on the Cold War. Namely, it does not focus primarily on the rivalry of antagonistic ideological systems and blocs; rather, it considers the dynamics, driving forces, scope and consequences of trans-bloc exchange processes through the lenses of the two states under consideration. (Read More)

### Tomasz Stryjek, Suvremena Hrvatska i Srbija prema vlastitoj povijesti (Srednja Europa: Zagreb 2023)

Knjiga sadrži dubinsku, jasnu i beskompromisnu analizu politika sjećanja u Hrvatskoj i Srbiji smještenu u politički i društveni kontekst njihova povijesna razvoja tijekom zadnjih nekoliko desetljeća. Autor pokazuje kako su politike bile važan element procesa tranzicije, ali i kako su utjecale na promjene u društvu. Prikupio je iznimno bogat materijal na kojem je utemeljio svoje teze. Ova knjiga u svome je poljskom izdanju čitateljima pružila sjajan uvid u složenost procesa koji su se događali u Hrvatskoj i Srbiji na polju politike povijesti. Stryjekovi zaključci, zahvaljujući blagodati nepristranosti i za ove prostore neobičnoj vizuri gledanja, mogu čitateljima hrvatskog prijevoda uistinu otvoriti nove vidike i potaknuti na promišljanja i daljnja istraživanja, a zasigurno će izazvati i burne rasprave. (Read More)

## Vedran Duančić, Geografija kao sudbina: geografija i nacionalističke vizije međuratne Jugoslavije (Srednja Europa: Zagreb 2023)

Knjiga istražuje vezu između moderne povijesti i sadašnjosti jugoistočne Europe, opisujući isprepletene povijesti geografije u međuratnoj Jugoslaviji. Autor stvara trovalentnu studiju o vezi između geografije kao znanosti u usponu unutar akademskih krugova koji izučavaju južnoslavenske zemlje, geografije kao zbroja radova koji se bave Jugoslavijom i nekolicine političkih projekata u međuratnom razdoblju. U središte svog interesa stavlja geografiju čiji su praktikanti odigrali znakovitu ulogu u stvaranju i rušenju međuratne Kraljevine SHS, odnosno, nakon 1929, Kraljevine Jugoslavije. Autor pokazuje da su geografi imali središnju ulogu u povezivanju vremena i prostora, odnosno povijesti i geografije. Na taj način su geografi istraživali fizičke i kulturološke karakteristike međuratnog krajobraza novonastale južnoslavenske državne zajednice, povezujući te zaključke s poviješću južnoslavenskih "plemena" i prosperitetom Jugoslavije. (Read More)



### POSITIONS, GRANTS AND STIPENDS

Karl Kaser Prize for Historical Anthropology in Southeastern Europe (dissertation level and higher), The Centre for the Study of Balkan Societies and Cultures, Karl-Franzens University of Graz

The prize is awarded to young researchers (maximum age: 35 years) for outstanding achievements in the field of historical anthropology in Southeastern Europe. The prize is awarded for a dissertation thesis (the approval of the dissertation must have taken place within the last 3 years – reference date: 1.1.2020) or a published monograph or at least three published research contributions, which are (a) thematically related, (b) have been subjected to a peer-review process and (c) are at least 70 pages long (Times New Roman 12p, 1.5). (read more)

Application deadline: 30 June 2023

# Akademischer Rat auf Zeit / Akademische Rätin auf Zeit, Lehrstuhl für Geschichte Südost- und Osteuropas, University of Regensburg

Schwerpunkt der Forschungstätigkeit des Lehrstuhls für Geschichte Südost- und Osteuropas ist die vergleichende Geschichte sowie Sozialanthropologie des südöstlichen und östlichen Europas, v.a. seit dem 19. Jahrhundert. Der Lehrstuhl ist einer der Träger des von der VolkswagenStiftung geförderten Projekts "Strengthening Southeast European Studies in Regensburg" (seeFField). Er beteiligt sich an der Graduiertenschule für Ost- und Südosteuropastudien und kooperiert eng mit dem Leibniz-Institut für Ost- und Südosteuropaforschung (IOS). Der Lehrstuhl betreut den Bachelorstudiengang "Südosteuropastudien". Dort ist zum 01. September 2023 eine Stelle als Akademischer Rat auf Zeit / Akademische Rätin auf Zeit (m/w/d) in Vollzeit (40 Stunden pro Woche) für die Dauer von 3 Jahren im Beamtenverhältnis auf Zeit zu besetzen. (read more)

Application deadline: 31 May 2023