Workshop-Program
The Many Faces of Late Socialism. The Individual in the ’Eastern Bloc’, 1953-1988

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Venue: University of Cologne, Philosophikum, Universitätsstr. 41, 50923 Cologne, Room 578

Thursday, June, 29th

1:00 pm: Welcome & Introduction (Maike Lehmann)

1:30 – 2:00 pm: Coffee break

Cultural Discourses
2:00 – 3:20 pm

Chair: Martina Winkler (Bremen University)

Polly Jones (University College, Oxford)
The Problem of lichnost’ in Late Soviet Biography

Moritz Florin (University Erlangen-Nürnberg)

Kyrill Kunakhovich (University of Virginia)
Consumers’ Culture: Art and the Rise of Public Opinion Research in the Soviet Bloc

Discussants: Pavel Kolář (European University Institute, Florence)

3:20 – 3:50 pm: Coffee break

Scientists on the Mature Socialist Person
3:50 – 5:20 pm

Chair: Rory Archer (UCL, London)

Alexander Bikbov (Lomonossov Moscow State University)
Origins of the Late Socialist Personhood: an Uncontrolled Result of Governmental Reforms – summary by Frank Henschel
Adela Hîncu (CEU, Budapest)
Narrowing Down on the Individual in Socialist Romania: From Marxist Sociology to Marxist Humanism – summary by Frank Henschel

Ana Antic (University of Exeter)
Raising a true socialist individual: Yugoslav psychoanalysis and the creation of a democratic Marxist citizen

Discussants: Pavel Kolář (European University Institute, Florence)

5:20 – 5:50 pm: Coffee break

Friday, June 30th

Mature Socialism (to be) enacted
9:00 – 10:30 am

Chair: Christiane Brenner (Collegium Carolinum Munich)

Alissa Klots (European University, St. Petersburg) & Maria Romashova (Perm University)
Young Minds, Young Bodies. The Emotional and the Physical in Late Soviet Discourse on Aging

Galina Goncharova (University of Sofia)
Feelings and Desires under the Mature Socialism: The Case of the Female Admirers of the Young Bulgarian Poet Kalin Yanakiev – summary by Kyrill Kunakhovich

Sebastian Lambertz (University of Cologne)
Socialist Identities and Their Meaning in Letters to Authorities After the Czechoslovak Currency Reform of 1953

Courtney Doucette (Rutgers University/ Connecticut College)
Activated Socialist Subjects under Perestroika

Discussant: Simon Huxtable (Loughborough University)

10:30 – 11:00 am: Coffee break

(Self)Representations
11:00 – 12:30 am

Chair: Polly Jones (University College, Oxford)

Rory Archer (UCL, London)
“Us and them” Representations of discontent in the Yugoslav factory of the 1980s– summary by Linh Nguyen Vu

Martina Winkler (Bremen University)
Little Faces of Socialism: Childhood, Subjectivities and Agency in Socialist Czechoslovakia
Alexandra Oberländer (Research Centre for East European Studies at Bremen University)
Working Faces, Facing Work: Photographing Workers in the Late Soviet Union

Discussant: Simon Huxtable (Loughborough University)
12:45 am – 2:00 pm: Lunch break

Interpreting Socialism in ‘dissident’ milieus
3:45 – 5:15 pm

Chair: Alexandra Oberländer (Research Centre for East European Studies at Bremen University)

Natasha Wilson (UCL, London)
“And these were Intrigues”: Being Young and Socialist on the Moscow State University Campus in the Early 1970s – summary by Courtney Doucette

Thuc Linh Nguyen Vu (European University Institute, Florence)
Affective Community: Jacek Kuroń’s Political Milieu in 1970s Socialist Warsaw – summary by Courtney Doucette

Galina Zelenina (RGGU, Moscow)
“We had nothing to do with melukha” vs “we knew how to live”: Late-Soviet Jews and the System: between defiance and collaboration – summary by Courtney Doucette

Discussant: Agnes Arndt (Max Planck Institute for Human Development)
5:15 – 5:35 pm: Coffee break

Saturday, July 1st

Family, Sexuality and the Body in the Eastern Bloc I
9:00 – 10:10 am

Chair: Maria Romashova (Perm University)

Nadezhda Galabova (Center for Advanced Studies, Sofia)
A Married Couple In A Boat (To Say Nothing Of The Socialist Ideology): The Maritime Stories Of/About Doncho and Julia Papazovs – summary by Alexandra Oberländer

Peter Hallama (CERCEC, EHESS Paris)
Struggling for a Socialist Fatherhood. Changing Representations of Men at Home in Czechoslovakia and East Germany
Christiane Brenner (Collegium Carolinum Munich)
Letters to my Daughter: The Female Body in Sexual Education Books and the Crisis of Socialist Society in Normalized Czechoslovakia

Discussant: Diana Georgescu (UCL, London)
10:10 - 10:50 am: Coffee break

Family, Sexuality and the Body in the Eastern Bloc II
10:50 am – 12:15 am

Chair: Sebastian Lambertz (University of Cologne)

Frank Henschel (Bremen University)
The “Difficult” Child in Socialist Czechoslovakia: Defectology, the System of Special Homes, and Intersections of Abnormality, Gender and Ethnicity.

Natalia Pamula (SUNY Buffalo)
Violent Inclusion: Disability and the Nation in Polish 1950s and 1960s Young Adult Literature

Discussant: Diana Georgescu (UCL, London)
12:30 – 2:00 pm: Lunch break