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

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Venue: Department of Eastern European History, Aachener Str. 197-199, Room 1.09

Thursday, May, 26th

1:00 pm: Registration

1:30 pm: Welcome & Introduction
The Many Faces of Late Socialism (Maike Lehmann)

Ascriptions - Conceptualizations – Negotiations. Defining the Role of the ‘Individual’ under Late Socialism
2:00 – 3:10 pm

Chair: Philine Apenburg (University of Cologne)

Anatoly Pinksy (European University, St. Petersburg)

Kyrill Kunakhovich (William & Mary)
Socialism’s Cultural Revolution. Art and Public Opinion in the Soviet Bloc

Discussants: Simon Huxtable (Loughborough University) & Jaromír Mrňka (Graduate School for East and Southeast European Studies Munich)

3:10 – 3:40 pm: Coffee break

3:40 – 4:50 pm

Chair: Philine Apenburg (University of Cologne)

Alexander Bikbov (Lomonossov Moscow State University)
Origins of the Late Socialist Personhood: an Uncontrolled Result of Governmental Reforms

Esther Wahlen (European University Institute, Florence)
“Self-control” and “Self-knowledge”: Fashioning Consumer Subjectivities in Late Socialist Romania

Discussants: Juliane Fürst (University of Bristol) & Jaromír Mrňka (Graduate School for East and Southeast European Studies Munich)
4:50 – 5:20 pm: Coffee break

**Mediating the 'Individual' and the Collective**
5:20 – 6:40 pm

Chair: **Volker Benkert** (Arizona State University)

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

**Adela Hîncu** (CEU, Budapest)
Narrowing Down on the Individual in Late-Socialist Romania: Transnational Analytical Concerns in the Sociological Sciences

**Moritz Florin** (University Erlangen-Nürnberg)
Traitors, turncoats, prostitutes. Chyngyz Aitmatov and the Scandal of Individuality in Soviet Central Asian Literature

Discussants: **Maïke Lehmann** (University of Cologne) & **Uku Lember** (New Europe College, Bukarest/Upsala University)

**Friday, May 27th**

**Late Socialist Milieus – Community, Cohesion and Pluralism**
09:00 – 10:10 am

Chair: **Sebastian Lambertz** (University of Cologne)

**Alfrid Bustanov** (European University, St.Petersburg)
Bridging Socialism and Shari'a. The Languages of Textual and Visual Self-Representation

**László Kürti** (University of Miskolc)
Citizens and Party Secretaries: Trust and the Workings of Grievance Committees in Hungary in the 1970s

Discussants: **Gregor Feindt** (University of Bremen) & **Walter Sperling** (LMU Munich)

10:10-10:40 am Coffee break

10:40-11:50 am

Chair: **Sebastian Lambertz** (University of Cologne)

**Thuc Linh Nguyen Vu** (European University Institute, Florence)
Affective Community: Jacek Kuroń’s Political Milieu in Late-Socialist Poland

**Roman Abramov** (Higher School of Economics, Moscow)
Discussants: **Gregor Feindt** (University of Bremen) & **Alissa Klots** (Rutgers University)

12:00 am – 1:30 pm: **Lunch break**

**Of a Certain Generation – Individual Perspectives on Age and Ideology**
1:30 pm – 2:40 pm

Chair: **Rebecca Großmann** (University of Cologne)

**Volker Benkert** (Arizona State University)
Negotiated Spaces - Negotiated Careers – Negotiated Lives: Young East Germans and Late Socialism

**Natasha Wilson** (UCL, London)
"Room 242, Lomonosov Prospekt": The Dissident Experience of the Young Socialists within Moscow State University and IMEMO

Discussants: **Alexandra Oberländer** (Research Center for East European Studies Bremen) & **Rory Archer** (University of Graz)

2:40- 3:10 pm: **Coffee break**

3:10 – 4:30 pm

Chair: **Rebecca Großmann** (University of Cologne)

**Péter Vukman** (University of Szeged)
The Political Views, Strategies and Self-understanding of Obrad Doroslovački, Yugoslav Political Emigrant in Hungary

**Alissa Klots** (Rutgers University) & **Maria Romashova** (Perm University)
Lenin's Cohort: The First Mass Generation of Soviet Pensioners and Public Activism of the Khrushchev's Era

Discussants: **Galina Goncharova** (Sofia University) & **Anatoly Pinsky** (European University, St. Petersburg)

4:30 – 5:00 pm: **Coffee break**

**Belonging under Late Socialism**
5:00 – 6:10 pm

Chair: **Alfrid Bustanov** (European University, St.Petersburg)

**Uku Lember** (New Europe College, Bukarest/Upsala University)
Ethnicity, Ideology and Belonging in Russian-Estonian Mixed Families in Soviet Estonia during Late Socialism
**Galina Goncharova** (Sofia University)
Love Stories from the Times of the “Mature Socialism”: The Case of the Female Admirers of the Bulgarian Young Poet Kalin Yanakiev

Discussants: **Kyrill Kunakhovich** (William & Mary) & **Alexandra Oberländer** (Research Center for East European Studies Bremen)

**Saturday, May 28th**

**Be/longing under Late Socialism - continued**
09:00 – 10:10 am

Chair: **Alfrid Bustanov** (European University, St.Petersburg)

**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

**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

Discussants: **Juliane Fürst** (University of Bristol) & **Sebastian Lambertz** (University of Cologne)

11:10 - 11:40 am: **Coffee break**

**Institutionalized Practices and Individuals’ Understandings of Late Socialism**
10.40 – 12:00 pm

Chair: **Natasha Wilson** (University College London)

**Rory Archer** (University of Graz)
Workers’ Understandings of Self-managing Institutions and Hierarchies in the Yugoslav Late Socialist Workplace

**Miwako Okabe-Suzuki** (Helsinki University)
Envisioning Socialism in Late Socialism: Student Cabaret Group “Rat der Spötter” and the SED/FDJ in Leipzig, 1958-1962

**Courtney Doucette** (Rutgers University)
Glasnost and the Individual during Perestroika, 1985-1988

Discussants: **Simon Huxtable** (Loughborough University) & **Volker Benkert** (Arizona State University)

12:00 pm Lunch & concluding remarks