



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 Pinsky (European University, St. Petersburg)

The Leader Will Wither Away. Or: The Ideal of Individuality, 1953-1955.

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 (Lomonosov 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: **Maike 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)

The Milieu of the Provincial Soviet Intelligentsia: The Case of Penza's District "Zapadnaya Poliana", 1960-1980

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

1:30pm – 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**

Be/longing 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