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## Rethinking Women's Migration in Istria



From 6 to 8 May 2026, Sara Žerić Đulović and Tina Filipović participated in the workshop *Rethinking Women's Migration in Istria. Visibility, Representation, and Research in Dialogues*, held at the Ethnographic Museum of Istria (EMI-MEI) in Pazin. The workshop examined continuities and changes in women's migrations during socialism and the post-socialist period through an interdisciplinary dialogue involving history, art, journalism, activism, sociology, and related fields.



The workshop was organized by Minor and the Ethnographic Museum within the transnational project “Female Labour Migration in European History” (FeMig.Lab). The project brings together museums, memorial sites, cultural research institutions and migrant organizations across Europe to develop a differentiated and intersectional narrative of European migration history and



its interconnectedness with colonialism, the Cold War, and the struggle for democratic and diverse societies. The project is also developing an online platform with testimonies and methodological reflections on how to integrate and increase the visibility of the presence and agency of female migrant workers in 20<sup>th</sup> century European history within educational and exhibition programs.

On Wednesday, Sara delivered a lecture titled “On the Margins of Mobility: Female Labor Migration in Socialist Yugoslavia”. On Friday, Tina led a thematic walking tour of Pula, focusing on the different layers of the city’s boundaries between its workers’, military and civilian components. Participants also visited CKPIS, where they learned more about its activities, projects, collaborations and publications.

We would like to thank Duga Mavrinc from EMI-MEI and Anna-Elisabeth Hampel from Minor for the opportunity to participate in such an insightful workshop, held in a welcoming and friendly atmosphere. (T.F.)

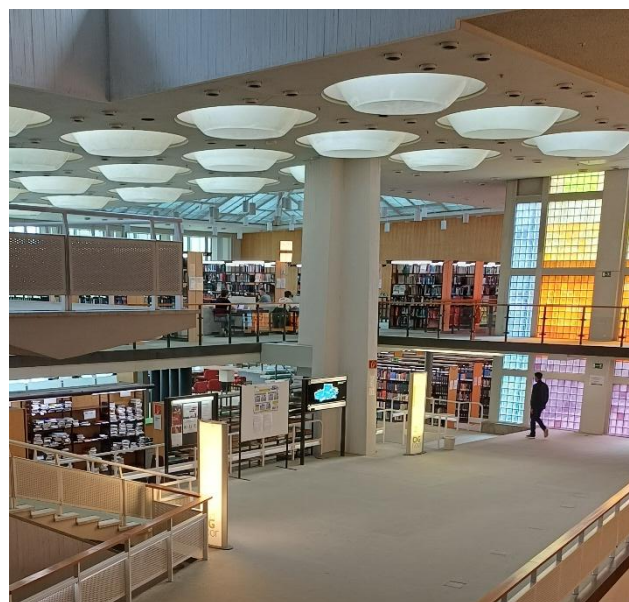


## Research Stay in Berlin



During their one-week research stay in Berlin (3–10 May), Igor Duda and Antun Dulibić made use of the research facilities of the Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin. They were also hosted by Hannes Grandits and Ruža Fotiadis at the Chair for Southeast European History, Department of History, Humboldt University of Berlin. On 6 May, within the programme of the Forschungskolloquium Südosteuropa, the

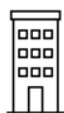
two members of the Housing.Yu team gave a presentation entitled “Housing in Socialist Yugoslavia: From Federal Actors to Local Case Studies”.



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# HOUSING.YU

by Antun Dulibić

## Two Lectures and a Workshop in Zagreb



As part of the Housing.Yu project, historians Lea Horvat and Ivana Mihaela Žimbek delivered public lectures at the Faculty of Architecture, University of Zagreb, on Friday, 29 May 2026. In “How Can Cultural History Help Us Understand Collective Housing?”, Horvat (Department of Cultural History and Anthropology, Friedrich Schiller University Jena), author of *Harte Währung Beton* (2024), asked how perceptions of mass housing, inseparable from their historical context, shape the housing stock and its future within broader global trends. In “‘The Heart of a Neighbourhood’: Commercial Urbanism and the Construction of Department Stores in Yugoslavia, 1950–1970,” Žimbek (Institute for Historical and Social Research, Chamber of Labour, Vienna), who is completing a

monograph on Yugoslav department stores, examined how architects theorised the department-store typology and the social role of stores such as Nama and Robne kuće Beograd.

On the preceding day, Thursday 28 May, an internal knowledge-transfer workshop brought together the Housing.Yu research team and both guest speakers. There, Igor Duda, Centre member and Housing.Yu researcher, presented on the *mjesna zajednica* (local community), the self-managed unit of neighbourhood life in socialist Yugoslavia.



Questions of how people dwelled, consumed and organised daily life under socialism lie at the core of the Centre's research, and these two productive days carried that inquiry forward.





## CONFERENCES AND CFP

### **The Violent 1950s: Towards a New History of the Global “Postwar” Decade, Washington, 25-26 February 2027**

The conference aims to reassess the so-called postwar years. It reconceptualizes the 1950s as a deeply violent decade, marked not by the absence of conflict, but rather by its reconfiguration on all levels. The decade witnessed some of the most destructive wars of the twentieth century, from the Korean War to anti-colonial struggles in Algeria, Cyprus, Indochina, and Kenya, among other places. Authoritarian regimes in Asia, Latin America, and the Soviet Union enforced ideological conformity through imprisonment, censorship, and political repression, while surveillance, ideological conflict, state and anti-state terror, and subtler forms of violence also pervaded Western Europe. ([Read more](#))

**Application deadline: 12 June 2026**

### **CfA: The (Im)Possible Horizon of Antimilitarism – Historical and Contemporary Perspectives on Desertion, Conscientious Objection and Draft Resistance**

This special issue, edited by Milica Popović and Nina Janz, invites interdisciplinary contributions on historical and contemporary forms of resistance to war, militarism, and military service. The issue explores desertion, conscientious objection, draft resistance, antiwar activism, and other forms of antimilitarist practices across different historical and political contexts. This call invites interdisciplinary research exploring historical and contemporary forms of resistance to military service and war. While the emergence of modern mass conscription in the nineteenth century transformed the relationship between the state, citizenship, and military obligation, practices of desertion, defection, and refusal have existed throughout the history of warfare. ([Read more](#))

**Application deadline: 1 July 2026**

### **Shared Experiences – Different Paths? The Turning Point of 1956 and Its Significance for the Countries and Societies of East Central Europe, Warsaw, 19-21 October 2026**

The aim of the conference is to offer a critical reassessment of the significance of the turbulent year 1956 for countries and societies of the Eastern Bloc, with particular emphasis on the relationship between political transformation and social change. The perspective goes beyond national frameworks. Situating the events of 1956 within the broader context of the Eastern Bloc allows us to draw on the approaches of transnational history, *histoire croisée* and connected history. This approach not only encourages interdisciplinary dialogue, but also offers new interpretative insights into issues long established in historiography. ([Read more](#))

**Application deadline: 30 June 2026**

### **Europeanization through Mobility? Teaching the Social and Cultural History of Europe in the Context of Borders and Migration from the End of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century to the Present, Geneva, 2-4 December 2026**

An understanding of Europeanization through a focus on mobility highlights the paradox in today's discussions of freedom of movement as a pillar of the European Union: while mobility within Europe for EU citizens is presented as freedom, mobility to or through Europe for non-EU citizens is often restricted, discouraged, criminalized, and punished. The porosity – or perceived porosity – of borders for some is therefore linked to the intensification of border control for others. From the massive waves of emigration in the 19<sup>th</sup> century to flight and exile during the Second World War, labor immigration since the 1950s, and the so-called migratory crises since the 2010s, mobility has played a central role in shaping Europe as a historical region. ([Read more](#))

Application deadline: 10 June 2026

### **The history of Romani women's activism in Eastern Europe, 1945-1990s, Prague, 29-30 October 2026**

The workshop "The history of Romani women's activism in Eastern Europe, 1945-1990s" traces how Romani women in Eastern Europe, committed to the improvement of the living and working conditions of their communities, engaged with the new state-provided opportunities for participation and social mobility as both Roma and women and how they maneuvered hindrances in their local and national contexts. On a transnational scale, the project follows Eastern European Romani women's engagement with the international Romani civil rights movement in Western Europe on the rise from the 1970s. It aims to address Romani women's diverse engagements from a long-term, comparative, transnational perspective and from an intersectional approach. ([Read more](#))

Application deadline: 21 June 2026



## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Slava Ogrizović, *Zagreb se bori: posveta slobodi i nepokorenom gradu* (MBbooks, Zagreb 2026)**

I više od dokumenta o povijesti pokreta otpora u okupiranom Zagrebu (1941.-1945.), knjiga memoarskih zapisa *Zagreb se bori* Slave Ogrizović, prvi put objavljena 1977., potresno je svjedočanstvo o svakodnevicu ljudi koji pokušavaju preživjeti u surovim vremenima. Autorica je bila suosnivačica Antifašističkog fronta žena Hrvatske, predsjednica Društva za prosvjetu žene te članica Društva hrvatskih književnica. Zalagala se za humano društvo jednakih prava i mogućnosti. ([Read more](#))

**Aleksandar Matković, *U zoru revolucije. Marksističko obrazovanje u Kraljevini Jugoslaviji* (Akademska knjiga, Novi Sad 2026)**

Revolucije ne počinju na ulici, već u učionicama, zatvorima i na tajnim kursovima. Knjiga otkriva upravo taj skriveni prostor istorije, svet u kome su se budući revolucionari spremali pre nego što su izašli na veliku scenu. Aleksandar Matković prati nastanak i razvoj mreže partijskih škola i kurseva kroz koje je Komunistička partija Jugoslavije oblikovala svoje kadrove uoči Drugog svetskog rata. U tim „učionicama“ steklo se znanje mnogo šire od ideološkog. Ekonomija, pravo, istorija i organizacija društva posmatrani su kao oruđe za razumevanje i preoblikovanje sveta. Marksističko obrazovanje, kako pokazuje ova knjiga, bilo je shvaćeno kao prva faza revolucije, zapravo, kao priprema za duboku društvenu promenu. ([Read more](#))

**Michal Frankl (ed.), *Refugees and Citizens in Twentieth-Century East Central Europe: An Unlikely Refuge?* (CEU Press, Budapest 2026)**

Visited by violence and wars, border changes and political instability, authoritarian and totalitarian regimes as well as ethnic conflict, cleansing, and genocide, East-Central Europe in the twentieth century seemed an unlikely place of protection for refugees. This volume challenges this widespread view and explores a variety of forms of refugee protection, humanitarianism, and refugee agency in settings beyond the perceived stability of “Western” liberal democracies. Analyzing Poland, Czechoslovakia, Austria, Hungary, and Yugoslavia over the twentieth century, the contributors provide a multi-faceted picture of refugee reception and aid, or its absence, across very different political regimes. ([Read more](#))



## POSITIONS, GRANTS AND STIPENDS

**Go Styria scholarship programme, University of Graz**

Against the background of a long standing, varied and intensive cooperation with the regions of South-Eastern Europe, the University of Graz was the first university in the German-speaking world to set a university-wide focus on "South-Eastern Europe" as the profile-setting core of its university development concept. Go Styria is a scholarship scheme for outstanding students as well as post-docs from South-Eastern Europe, supported by funding from Land Steiermark. The scheme awards grants for research mobility periods at the University of Graz by master's students, doctoral students and post-docs from South-Eastern Europe. The current call allows for applications for summer semester 2027 only. ([read more](#))

**Application deadline: 12 October 2026**

**The Visegrad Scholarship at OSA, Research Theme in 2026/2027: Naming Reality**

The current call invites researchers to reflect on the political, linguistic, and strategic challenges of naming reality during the Cold War and after. Scholars and artists are given the opportunity to explore the practices, institutions, and intellectual frameworks involved in documenting and describing reality under conditions of censorship, limited information, ideological transformation of languages, political pressures, and complicated perceptual dynamic between East and West. Making the 35th anniversary of the Visegrad Group founding, this call also invites reflection on how, after 1989, the countries of Central Europe sought to reestablish a shared political vocabulary grounded in open debate and reliable information, while exploring the possibilities of describing social realities without ideological constraint. ([read more](#))

Application deadline: 25 July 2026

**Visiting Fellowship 2026/2027, The Institute of Contemporary History in Ljubljana (INZ)**

Visiting fellows are expected to make an active contribution to the Institute's intellectual life by collaborating with one (or more) members of the Institute or bringing specific expertise that complements ongoing research activities. The scope and precise nature of the contribution will be defined in consultation with the host researcher. More broadly, the visiting fellowship scheme seeks to foster long-term institutional partnerships, contribute to the Institute's strategic vision of international collaboration across Europe and beyond, and expand the methodological, thematic, and geographical horizons of research conducted at the Institute. ([read more](#))

Application deadline: 1 July 2026

**Researcher at The Institute of Ethnology of the Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague, on the project "Romani Family in an Age of War"**

Under the supervision of Dr Martin Fotta and alongside members of the team, the researcher will conduct ethnographic research among Roma communities in Europe or beyond whose family and community lives have been shaped by the Yugoslav Wars of the 1990s, exploring the enduring impact and continued resonances of those conflicts in the present day. The researcher will work as a part of a research team within the project 'Romani Family in an Age of War' (RAW) funded by the European Research Council. The general aim of the Department of Mobility and Migration, where the project is based, is to understand the role of mobility and migration in the contemporary world and to describe and theorise how identities, practices, discourses, institutions, and places are formed and transformed as a function of movement through space and time. ([read more](#))

Application deadline: 16 June 2026

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