

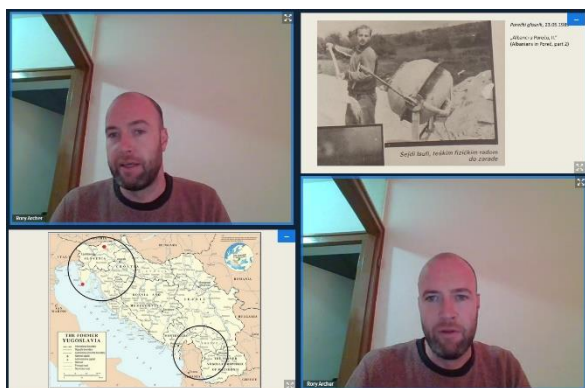
NEWSLETTER

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CENTRE FOR CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL RESEARCH OF SOCIALISM



NEWS FROM CKPIS



CKPIS Summer Semester:

Rory Archer and Chiara Bonfiglioli

A new series of seven online lectures titled *CKPIS Summer Semester* has started. On March 10, Rory Archer, a lecturer at the University of Konstanz and the PI of the research project *To the Northwest! Intra Yugoslav Albanian migration (1953-1989)* based at the CSEES, University of Graz, talked about Albanian migration from Kosovo and Macedonia to Istria in late socialism. Two weeks later, Chiara Bonfiglioli, a lecturer in Gender and Women's Studies at University College Cork, presented her research within the project *Microsocialism*. She focused on the case of Duga Resa in the context of microhistories of labour and gender in socialist Yugoslavia. Find out more at [CKPIS Events/Dogadanja](https://www.unipu.hr/ckpis/dogadanja).



Srijedom u 18.00 sati | Wednesdays at 6 pm | <http://ovh.unipu.hr/lb/igo-utx-73w>

Ljetni semestar CKPIS-a

Ciklus javnih online predavanja | A series of public online lectures

CKPIS Summer Semester

10.3.2021.
Rory Archer, University of Graz/Konstanz University
Albanians in Istria and the limits of brotherhood and unity in late socialism

24.3.2021.
Chiara Bonfiglioli, University College Cork
Microhistories of labour and gender in socialist Yugoslavia: the case of Duga Resa

7.4.2021.
Sara Bernard, University of Glasgow
The Gastarbeiter return to socialist Yugoslavia (1965-1991)

21.4.2021.
Sanja Horvatić, Institute of Art History, Zagreb
Partizanska Drežnica: A Microhistory of Socialist Memorial and Heritage Practices

5.5.2021.
Christian Axboe Nielsen, Aarhus University
The Security Exercises "Nothing should surprise us" – a view from the municipal level in Osijek and surrounding municipalities

19.5.2021.
Sabina Mihelj, Centre for Research in Communication and Culture, Loughborough University
Watching Socialism: The Television Revolution in Eastern Europe

2.6.2021.
Tanja Petrović, Institute of Culture and Memory Studies, Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Ljubljana
When Che Guevara Visited Yugoslavia: On Possibilities of Remembering in the Aftermath of the Yugoslav Socialist Project

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Rory Archer
University of Graz/Konstanz University

Albanians in Istria and the limits of brotherhood and unity in late socialism

Srijeda, 10. ožujka 2021., 18.00
Wednesday, 10 March 2021., 6.00 pm
<http://ovh.unipu.hr/lb/igo-utx-73w>

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Chiara Bonfiglioli
University College Cork

Microhistories of labour and gender in socialist Yugoslavia: the case of Duga Resa

Srijeda 24. ožujka 2021., 19.00
Wednesday 24 March 2021., 7.00 pm
<http://ovh.unipu.hr/lb/igo-utx-73w>

<https://www.unipu.hr/ckpis/dogadanja>

7th Doctoral Workshop: Microhistories of Socialism

Since 2015, every year at the end of summer, in Pula we organise a workshop for PhD students in history and related fields. This year, August 25-28, the workshop theme is connected to the research project *Microsocialism*. Depending on travel possibilities, we will work entirely in person in Pula, or entirely online, or in a hybrid way. We will be flexible and make every endeavour to find the most suitable solution for every participant. **Application deadline is May 15.** More information here in [English](#) or [Croatian](#).



Juraj Dobrila University of Pula,
Faculty of Humanities, Department of History &
Centre for Cultural and Historical Research of Socialism

7th Doctoral Workshop MICROHISTORIES OF SOCIALISM

Pula, Croatia, August 25-28, 2021



5th Socialism on the Bench: JUST A DAY until the deadline

Do not forget to submit your proposal! **Application deadline is April 1.** For more information, please visit the conference webpage in [English](#) or [Croatian](#).

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Pula, 30. rujna – 2. listopada 2021.
Rok za prijavu: 1. travnja 2021.

Pula, September 30 – October 2, 2021
Application deadline: April 1, 2021

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CONFERENCES AND CFP

Turning Muslims into Comrades: Gendered Transformations of Muslim Lives in Socialist and Post-socialist Contexts – Prague, 26-27 October 2021

The conference will explore the interplay between government policies, gender and Muslim populations in socialist and post-socialist contexts. Driven by a commitment to socialist modernity, many state-socialist gender policies created new opportunities and unprecedented social mobility. At the same time, they often led to violence, displacement and marginalisation of minority populations. The study of gender policies aimed at minority Muslim populations opens up numerous multi-disciplinary questions regarding the complexities of gender, masculinity, femininity, heteronormativity, religious identity and practice, social mobility, education, public space, privacy, systemic exclusion, racialisation, violence, resistance, migration and displacement, etc. Post-socialist transformation has brought another reconfiguration of masculinities and femininities often interpreted as a return of repressed traditional gender norms, yet crucially influenced by both the socialist past and contemporary socio-economic, political and religious factors. ([Read more](#))

Application deadline: 1 May 2021

Temporality and Material Culture under Socialism – Florence, 1-2 July 2021

This conference focuses on the relationship between temporality and material culture in twentieth-century socialist regimes. We are primarily interested in looking at case studies from the USSR and Europe, but also from other geographical contexts such as Asia, Latin America, and Africa, especially from a comparative perspective. This conference seeks to foreground the analysis of socialist temporality as the main object of study. All the same, we believe that material culture provides a particularly effective “entry point” into the problem of time. Following the ideas developed by the “spatial turn”, especially in memory and cultural studies, this workshop emphasizes the fact that experiences of time are hardly separable from experiences of space. Thus, tackling the issue of temporality through the lens of material culture, we intend to ground the discussion of often-abstract concepts into their spatial and tangible incarnations. ([Read more](#))

Application deadline: 16 April 2021

The Balkans and the Post-Colonial World: Socialist Internationalism and Global Entanglements in the Cold War - Vienna, 17-18 June 2021

Having in mind these recent trends in Cold War studies and the state of the art concerning the Balkans, the conference has three main goals. First, a) it aims to facilitate a forum for presenting and discussing ongoing research on internationalisms of the socialist Balkans. We are interested in all aspects of this theme and believe that combining traditional State-centred approaches with social and cultural history can best help to comprehensively understand the phenomenon under scrutiny. Second, b) bringing together experts on all four socialist Balkan countries provides the opportunity to adopt a regional outlook and to discuss comparative and entangled history approaches. What similarities and what mutual influences can be observed despite the political fragmentation of the region and the intra-regional rivalries? What was the impact of global developments and how did internationalist engagements and domestic policies influence each other? Third c) extending the question of commonalities across the Balkans, the conference is interested in assessing regional specifics as well as similarities with other parts of Europe and the world. ([Read more](#))

Application deadline: 30 April 2021

Call for Articles for a special issue of Arbeit – Bewegung – Geschichte. Zeitschrift für historische Studien: 100 Years of Anti-Fascism – Between Class Struggle and Social Movement

One hundred years after proletarian self-protection groups in Italy called themselves «antifascisti» for the first time in 1921 and defended themselves against the fascist Blackshirts («camicie nere»), it is high time to take a comprehensive look at the history of anti-fascism. In fact, (historical-)scientific considerations of anti-fascism are experiencing a small renaissance in the English-speaking world. The revival of «antifa» in the United States is reflected in the publication of practice-oriented readers or handbooks and has also resulted in an increased historiographical engagement with its origins. More recent studies take global-historical and transnational perspectives and also consider the Global South. Arbeit – Bewegung – Geschichte. Zeitschrift für historische Studien (Work – Movement – History. Journal for Historical Studies) is a German-language historical journal based in Berlin and is published three times a year. The main topics are the German and international labour movements, the history of the world of work, the history of the organisation and ideas of social movements, and culture and lifestyle in the working-class milieu.[\(Read more\)](#)

Application deadline: 9 May 2021

Post-Socialist City in a Social and Cultural Perspective – Warsaw, 7-8 June 2021

The research on the city as a social community and space has flourished, as the urban way of life continuously becomes dominant among human societies. An intense urbanization in Central and Southern Europe can be seen as an important feature in the period after World War II, gaining momentum in the transitional times of the 1990s. On the other hand, cities and towns were spaces of economic, but also ideological investment of ruling elites in countries of the Eastern bloc, where changes in social life, ideological patterns, and everyday culture were the most visible. We propose a discussion on the social and cultural changes which have taken place in cities and towns in Central and Southern Europe since the end of the socialist era. A lot of research has been done in the field of social sciences, trying to identify patterns and direction of the change; memory studies, anthropology of the urban space and communities, and studies on identity offer various approaches to the question in concern.[\(Read more\)](#)

Application deadline: 21 April 2021



PUBLICATIONS

Tijana Matijević, *From Post-Yugoslavia to the Female Continent: A Feminist Reading of Post-Yugoslav Literature* (Bielefeld – London: transcript Verlag, 2020)

This study of contemporary literature from the former Yugoslavia (Post-Yugoslavia) follows the ways in which the feminist writing of gender, body, sexuality, and social and cultural hierarchies brings to light the past of socialist Yugoslavia, its cultural and literary itineraries and its dissolution in the Yugoslav wars. The analysis also focuses on the particularities of different feminist writings, together with their picturing of possible futures. The title of the book suggests an attempt to interpret post-Yugoslav literature as feminist writing, but also a process of conceptualizing a post-Yugoslav literary field, in this study represented by contemporary fiction from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, and Serbia.[\(Read More\)](#)

Amir Duranović, *Islamska zajednica u jugoslavenskom socijalizmu* (Sarajevo: Udruženje za modernu historiju, 2021)

Knjiga govori o Islamskoj zajednici u decenijama u kojima se mijenjao karakter jugoslavenske federacije, ali i snažno gradio jugoslavenski socijalizam. Spektar tema se kreće od pitanja značajnih za muslimane kao pojedince i zajednicu vjernika do bosanskohercegovačkih, jugoslavenskih pa i globalnih refleksija činjenice da u Bosni i Hercegovini stoljećima živi prepoznatljiva zajednica muslimana. To je zajednica koja je u uvjetima Drugog svjetskog rata teško stradala, ali se i uspravila u decenijama poslije njega. I u istom tom periodu osmišljavala je i kreirala sadržaje koji su svoju finalnu realizaciju doživjeli tada, šezdesetih i sedamdesetih godina 20. stoljeća, neki traju i danas, a neki su konačno realizirani baš u godinama kada je nastajao ovaj rukopis. Radi se, dakle, o zajednici kontinuiteta i prepoznatljivosti koja nadilazi bosanskohercegovački prostor. ([Read More](#))

Mark Kramer, Aryo Makko, Peter Ruggenthaler (eds.), *The Soviet Union and Cold War Neutrality and Nonalignment in Europe* (Lexington Books, 2021)

The Soviet Union and Cold War Neutrality and Nonalignment in Europe examines how the neutral European countries and the Soviet Union interacted after World War II. Amid the Cold War division of Europe into Western and Eastern blocs, several long-time neutral countries abandoned neutrality and joined NATO. Other countries remained neutral but were still perceived as a threat to the Soviet Union's sphere of influence. Based on extensive archival research, this volume offers state-of-the-art essays about relations between Europe's neutral states and the Soviet Union during the Cold War and how these relations were perceived by other powers. ([Read More](#))

Tomislav Pletenac, *Kako Zagreb izranja iz sna. Stvaranje postsocijalističkog grada* (Zagreb: Naklada Ljevak, 2021)

Tema grada i njegove društveno-kulturne slojevitosti već dugo zaokuplja interes znanstvenika sa različitih gledišta. Tomislav Pletenac analizira grad Zagreb kao povijesno promjenjivu sponu raznih društveno-kulturnih značenja, naglašavajući umreženost gospodarskih, društvenih i političkih pitanja, analizirajući razne kulturne i urbane politike, politike sjećanja, kao i njihove učinke (kako kroz njihovo prihvaćanje tako i kroz otpore koje su izazvale). Djelo će zasigurno otvoriti brojna pitanja te poslužiti kao podloga važnim raspravama o promišljanju grada. ([Read More](#))

Gorana Ognjenovic, Jasna Jozelic (eds.), *Nationalism and the Politicization of History in the Former Yugoslavia* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2021)

This book analyzes how nationalists in the former Yugoslavia have politicized history to further their political agendas, retaining and prolonging conflict among different cultural and religious groups, and impeding the process of lasting reconciliation. It explores how narratives have been (mis)used, drawing on examples from all of the former Yugoslav republics. With contributors from a range of disciplinary backgrounds, it provides a vital assessment of how nationalists have attempted to (re)shape public collective memory and relativize facts. ([Read More](#))



POSITIONS, GRANTS AND STIPENDS

3 Postdocs in history / social sciences, 1 Ph.D. student in sociology, Masaryk University

The Faculty of Social Studies seeks highly motivated researchers for three postdoctoral and one doctoral positions in ExpertTurn, a research project “Expertise in authoritarian societies. Human sciences in the socialist countries of East-Central Europe” (principal investigator Kateřina Lišková, supported by EXPRO of the Czech Science Foundation), to conduct research on human science expertise during state socialism in one of the four East-Central European countries (Poland, Hungary, East Germany, Czechoslovakia). One postdoc researching the history of the human sciences with a focus on healthy motherhood and normal childhood in East Germany, one postdoc researching the history of the human sciences with a focus on healthy motherhood and normal childhood in state-socialist Poland, one postdoc researching the history of the human sciences with a focus on healthy motherhood and normal childhood in state-socialist Hungary, and A doctoral student conducting supervised research on the history of the human sciences with a focus on healthy motherhood and normal childhood in state-socialist Czechoslovakia. ([read more](#))

Application deadline: 15 April 2021

Visiting Scholar Programme in Comparative/Transnational European History, University of Jyväskylä

The Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at the University of Jyväskylä, Finland, is currently seeking to recruit visiting scholars in comparative/transnational European history, with a maximum grant period of 3 months, between 1 January 2022 and August 2023. The Visiting Scholar’s position is allocated to the Department of History and Ethnology and its Subject Area of History, with a focus on comparative/transnational European History. The Visiting Scholar’s duties focus on research in the comparative/transnational history of modern or early modern Europe, particularly in the fields of political history, cultural history and/or the history of ideas. Along with conducting their research, Visiting Scholars are also invited to make limited contributions to teaching and research supervision in the Department, within their areas of expertise. ([read more](#))

Application deadline: 31 May 2021