

Transregional Academy

Shadows of Empires: Imperial Legacies and Mythologies in East Central Europe

Sofia, 14-21 September, 2021

Convened by Prisma Ukraina – Research Network Eastern Europe in cooperation with CAS Centre for Advanced Study Sofia, Center for Governance and Culture in Europe, University St. Gallen, and the German Historical Institute Warsaw.

Program

Tuesday, 14 September	
All day	Arrival in Sofia
18:00	Welcome & Introductory Session <i>Venue: Centre for Advanced Study Sofia (CAS), 7 Stefan Karadja Str., vh. 3, ap. 23, 1000 Sofia</i>
19:00	Reception at CAS (drinks and finger food)
Wednesday, 15 September	
<i>Venue: Museum Boris Hristov, ul. "Tsar Samuil" 43, 1000 Sofia</i>	
09:00-10:00	Lecture: <i>Empires into Nation States. Development or Rupture?</i> Ulrich Schmid (University St. Gallen), Chair: Diana Mishkova
10:00-10:30	Coffee break
10:30-11:30	Project presentation: <i>Managing Diversity in a Multiethnic Space: Governance and Parliamentary Practices in the Western Ukrainian People's Republic (1918-1919)</i> Martin Dorn (Heidelberg University), Discussant: Slavka Karakusheva
11:30-12:30	Project presentation: <i>The Interwar Military Forces of Lithuania as a Window into Imperial Legacy and Tradition</i> Kestutis Kilinskas (University of Vilnius), Discussant: Liudmila Sharaya
12:30-18:00	City stroll with lunch
18:00-19:00	Online Talk: <i>Writing and Reading New Imperial History</i>



	Ilia Gerasimov (<i>Ab Imperio</i> , Chicago-Kazan), Chair: Viktoriia Serhienko
Thursday, 16 September	
Venue: Museum Boris Hristov, ul. "Tsar Samuil" 43, 1000 Sofia	
09:00-10:00	Lecture: <i>Comparing National/Regional Approaches to the Byzantine and Ottoman Imperial Legacies</i> Diana Mishkova (Centre for Advanced Study Sofia), Chair: Katharina Biegger
10:00-10:30	Coffee break
10:30-11:30	Project presentation: <i>Dis/Inheriting the Ottoman Legacy in Contemporary Bulgaria</i> Slavka Karakusheva and Ivo Strahilov (both Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski), Discussant: Roxana Coman
11:30-12:30	Project presentation: <i>The Governance of Inequality: The Ottoman State and Ottoman Armenians (1856-1908)</i> Toygun Altıntaş (EUME Fellow of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation 2021-22), Discussant: Oleksandra Krushynska
12:30-13:00	Coffee break
13:00-14:00	Project presentation: <i>Dealing with a contested past? Ottoman architectural influence in Wallachia and Moldavia</i> Roxana Coman (independent researcher), Discussant: Toygun Altıntaş
14:00-16:30	Lunch break; individual time off
16:30-17:30	Online Lecture: <i>From the Imperial to Nationalized Churches in the Balkans: "caesaropapism" or "synallelia"?</i> Dimitrios Stamatopoulos (University of Macedonia, Greece), Chair: Ulrich Schmid
17:30-18:00	Coffee break
18:00-19:00	Project presentation (online): <i>The Nature of the Ottoman City: Water Management and Urban Space in Sofia, 1380s-1910</i> Stefan Peychev (Boston College), Discussant: Dmytro Bondarenko
Friday, 17 September	
10:00-12:00	Guided tour by Slavka Karakusheva and Ivo Strahilov to landmarks in Sofia related to topics of the Academy

12:00-13:30	Lunch break; individual time off
14:00-16:00	Visit to the Centre for Slavo-Byzantine Studies “Prof. Ivan Dujčev” (Ivan Dujčev Str., 1618 Sofia)
Saturday, 18 September <i>Venue: National Palace of Culture / Literature Club “Peroto”, Bulevard Bulgaria 1, 1463 Sofia</i>	
09:00-10:00	Lecture: <i>Imperialism – Theories from the East</i> Annette Werberger (European University Viadrina Frankfurt/Oder), Chair: Miloš Rezník
10:00-10:30	Coffee break
10:30-11:30	Project presentation: <i>Europe’s Contested Peripheries: Zooming into the Donbas’ post-Soviet sociohistorical downward spiral into a lived dystopia of protracted war for territory and memory</i> Elen Budinova (European University Viadrina Frankfurt/Oder), Discussant: Ulrich Schmid
11:30-12:30	Project presentation: <i>The “Russian World” (“Russkiy mir”): From Literary Metaphor to Political Context</i> Pavlo Artymyshyn (Ivan Krypiakevych Institute of Ukrainian Studies, Lviv), Discussant: Kestutis Kilinskas
12:30-13:00	Coffee break
13:00-14:00	Project presentation: <i>Limits of Nostalgia in Russia Abroad: imperial imagery among the first-wave Russian émigrés in Bulgaria and France in the interwar period</i> Liudmila Sharaya (Arizona State University), Discussant: Andrii Portnov
14:00-16:30	Lunch break; individual time off
16:30-17:30	Roundtable / joint discussion: <i>Re-thinking Social Studies and Humanities in Post-Pandemic World</i> Moderated by Viktoriiia Serhienko (National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine Kyiv) and Andrii Portnov (Prisma Ukraïna / European University Viadrina Frankfurt/Oder)
17:30-18:00	Coffee break
18:00-19:00	Project presentation (online): <i>One Ukraine, Under God: Church, State, and the Making of the Postwar USSR</i>

	Kathryn David (Vanderbilt University), Discussant: Elen Budinova
Sunday, 19 September	
<i>Venue: National Palace of Culture / Literature Club "Peroto", Boulevard Bulgaria 1, 1463 Sofia</i>	
10:30-11:30	Lecture: <i>The Ottoman Legacy of Bulgaria</i> Rositsa Gradeva (American University in Bulgaria), Chair: Diana Mishkova
11:30-16:00	Coffee and snacks, followed by an exploration of the city with Rositsa Gradeva
Monday, 20 September	
<i>Venue: National Palace of Culture / Literature Club "Peroto", Boulevard Bulgaria 1, 1463 Sofia</i>	
09:00-10:00	Lecture: <i>Habsburg Myth and Regionality in Central Europe after 1990</i> Miloš Řezník (German Historical Institute Warsaw), Chair: Viktoriia Serhienko
10:00-10:30	Coffee break
10:30-11:30	Project presentation: <i>Becoming Austrian? The Problem of Socio-Political Transformations in Galicia During First Decades of Habsburg Rule (1772-1815)</i> Oleksandra Krushynska (University of Vienna), Discussant: Martin Dorn
11:30-12:30	Project presentation: <i>The Monarchist Counter-Revolution in Central and Eastern Europe, 1918-1920 – A Comparative Analysis</i> Dmytro Bondarenko (University of Szeged), Discussant: Ivo Strahilov
12:30-13:00	Coffee break
13:00-14:00	Project presentation (online): <i>'Donbas is my Sparta': Identity and Belonging in the Songs of the War in Donbas</i> Iryna Shuvalova (independent researcher), Discussant: Pavlo Artymyshyn
14:00-15:30	Lunch break
15:30-17:00	Concluding session
19:00	Farewell dinner
Tuesday, 21 September	
All day	Departures according to individual schedules