Workshop
(Re)Thinking the University
from, in, and beyond (Post-)Socialist Europe
Vienna, 27–29 September 2023

Venue (28 and 29 Sept. 2023)
Faculty Center for Transdisciplinary Historical and Cultural Studies
Kolinngasse 14–16, 1090 Vienna
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Wednesday, September 27, 2023

18:00–19:30
UNIVERSITIES AT WAR
– PUBLIC ROUNDTABLE –
in coop. with The University of New Europe and the Research Platform Transformations and Eastern Europe

Venue: Alte Kapelle, Campus of the University of Vienna
(Spitalgasse 2/4, Hof 2.8, 1090 Vienna)

The roundtable will provide a panorama of case studies analysing how universities have been implicated and affected by wars and conflicts from the Second World War and the Cold War. It will conclude with a reflection on the way academic communities are affected by Russia’s war against Ukraine. They have also been sites of conflicts such as gender wars. This panel concentrates on European academic institutions as sites, agents, collaborators, resisters, as well as victims of military conflicts from the Second World War to Russia’s War against Ukraine. The speakers will share experiences from their work with the University of New Europe, for example a mentoring programme for scholars at risk and the book series New Europes published with transcript.

Chair
Philipp Schmädeke (Science at Risk, Berlin)

Discussants
Alexander Etkind (CEU, Vienna), Dina Gusejnova (LSE), Kirstine Arentoft Kristensen (Univ. of Vienna), Andrea Pető (CEU, Vienna), Svitlana Telukha (GWZO Leipzig)
Thursday, 28 September 2023

10:00–10:30
INTRODUCTION
Elisa Satjukow (Leipzig Univ.), Friedrich Cain (Univ. of Vienna)

10:30–12:00
PANEL 1: UNIVERSITIES DURING WW II AND REPERCUSSIONS
Chair: Dietlind Hüchtker (Univ. of Vienna) | Comment: Anna Echterhölter (Univ. of Vienna)
Olена Dobosh (SoftServe, L’viv)
The Impact of Territorial Shifts and Political Censorship on University Place Memory
A Comparative Study of Lviv, Wroclaw, and Vilnius Universities
Friedrich Cain (Univ. of Vienna)
University Projects in Occupied Poland, 1939–1945
Dina Gusejnova (LSE)
Internment Universities During the Second World War

12:00–13:30
LUNCH BREAK

13:30–14:00
INTERLUDE: BALTIC WORLDS – THE JOURNAL AND ITS GUIDELINES
Ninna Mörner (Baltic Worlds, Editor in Chief)

14:00–15:30
PANEL 2: FROM LATE SOCIALISM INTO THE 1990IES
Chair: Julia Anna Tyll-Schranz (Univ. of Vienna) | Comment: Claudia Kraft (Univ. of Vienna)
Vedran Duančić (Univ. of Klagenfurt)
What’s the Point of Higher Education in Late Self-Managerial Socialism?
A Collective Autobiography of Yugoslav Universities
Irina Antoshchuk (Univ. of Amsterdam)
Late Soviet Universities: Embeddedness in Scientific Networks and Its Effects
Mitchell Ash (Univ. of Vienna)
“As in the West, so on Earth”? Theses (or Remarks) on the Transformations of Higher Education in Eastern Germany after Unification

16:00–17:30
PANEL 3: NEW PROJECTS BETWEEN DEMOCRACY AND PRIVATIZATION
Chair: Dorine Schellens (Leiden Univ.) | Comment: Alexander Dmitriev (EPF Lausanne)
Elisa Satjukow (Leipzig Univ.)
(Re)making Postsocialist Academia – The Case of CEU
Matei Gheboianu (Univ. of Bucharest)
The Private Higher Education System in Romania after 1989:
The Case of the “Spiru Haret” University
Andrei Ilin (Moscow)
Founding New Universities in the “New” Russia in the 1990s:
Innovation and Continuity with Soviet and International Legacies

19:00
JOINT DINNER
Friday, 29 September 2023

9:00-11:00  
**PANEL 4: BACKLASH: NEOLIBERALISMS, CONSERVATISMS, AUTHORITARIANISMS**  
Chair: Rebekka Pflug (Univ. of Vienna) | Comment: Jan Surman (Masaryk Inst. and Archives, Prague)  
Iuliia Gataulina (Tampere Univ.)  
De/re/composing Authoritarian-Neoliberal Assemblages  
Ethnography of Russian Universities and Beyond  
Pavjo Gjini (Graz Univ.)  
The Autonomy between the University and Neoliberalism: The Case of Albania  
Ádám Havas (Univ. of Barcelona) / Ágoston Fáber (Budapest)  
The Rise of Heteronomous Academia on the EU’s Borderlands  
Ingrid Verebes (ELTE Budapest)  
The Rise and Institutionalization of Family Science in Hungary

11:30-13:30  
**PANEL 5: RE-CONCEPTUALISATIONS: (NEW) UNIVERSITY PRACTICES**  
Chair: Jan C. Behrends (EU Viadrina, Frankfurt/Oder) | Comment: Ellen Rutten (Univ. of Amsterdam)  
Alla Morozova (Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa)  
A Pedagogy of Equity and Cooperation among Dissenting Educators of post-Soviet Russia: Revisiting the ideas of Alexander Bogdanov and Paulo Freire in Contemporary Pedagogical Practices – the Case of the Free University Moscow  
Victoria Pardini (Wilson Center, Washington, D.C.)  
The Case of DOXA in Critiquing Academic Freedom at Russian Universities  
Nikola Lero (Univ. of Sheffield)  
From a college dropout to a Fulbright Scholar: Memories of Academic Charlatanism and Academic Failure in post-war Bosnia  
Lidia Yatluk (Univ. of Groningen)  
Coping with Moral Dilemmas During War Military Censorship in Russian Universities

13:30-14:00  
**CLOSING COMMENTS**

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Guest participation on Thursday and Friday (28 and 29 Sept. 2023) is possible, but due to limited room capacity we ask to register in advance. Please contact friedrich.cain@univie.ac.at.  
The roundtable on Wednesday (27 Sept. 2023) is open to the public.