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Panel: Conceptions of Space and Time: Some Insights in the Village

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The panel discusses the relationships of time and space in the perspective of the historical meanings of village, countryside, provinces. Rural societies are historical and relational. They were neither an anthropological constant nor do they exist without their counterparts: the town, the urban space or the center. Town and village are imbedded within a spatial and temporal imagination of legal, economic and/or social differences. Nevertheless, the village or the countryside represents the specific, the space which has to be explained, while the urban space stands for the norm of development the norm of modernity. Rural societies are not only special spaces they also represent special times, mainly backward, following, slow etc. In the historical debate in the 1970ies and 1980ies the village became something like a counterpart, a space of critique in structuralism and modernization theories. The village was the example of a “Gegenwelt” against the impositions of modernity.

Contributions:

Dietlind Hüchtker, Centre for the History and Culture of East Central Europe (GWZO), Leipzig, Germany: Youth, Socialism, and Modernity: The Village in Polish Popular Culture

Sabine von Löwis, Centre Marc Bloch, Berlin, Germany: Spatial Orders in Ukrainian Villages Performed in a 520 Year Village Jubilee

Werner Nell, Martin Luther University of Halle-Wittenberg, Germany: Cultural Lag – Revisited: Are there any Chances Being Backwarded by Living in a Village?

Matthias Kaltenbrunner, University of Vienna, Austria: The Globally Connected Western Ukrainian Village

Ursula Schlude, Institute of Saxon History and Cultural Anthropology, Dresden, Germany: Village Spatial Concepts and Political Action (GDR 1945-1950)

María José Ortega Chinchilla, Nova University Lisbon, Portugal: Perception of Rural Landscape in the Eighteenth Century: the Native Glance

Ewelina Szpak, Polish Academy of Science, Warsaw, Poland: The Space in the Everyday Life of Polish Countryside after 1945

Dario Gaggio, University of Michigan, USA: Reinventing Tuscany: The Vine, the Olive Tree, and the Temporalities of Landscape

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