

Workshop “Moving Away from ‘Post - socialism’: Reconceptualizing Scholarly Approaches to Contemporary Eastern Europe and Eurasia through Feminist and Queer Theory Lenses”

CEU, Budapest, September 23 - 25, 2022

Workshop is open for public attendance

Friday, September 23rd (1st DAY)

Location: CEU, Nador ut. 15, Room number: 101 Quantum

Morning session

09:45 – 10:00

Gathering of the participants at the Nador ut. 15, Room number: 101.

10:00 – 10:45

Short self-presentations by all participants, organizers, and key-lecturers

10:45 – 11:30

PANEL 1: “Hope and Hopelessness: Feminist Struggles in Contemporary Eastern Europe”

Swantje Höft, Ph.D. student in Comparative Gender Studies, CEU (Vienna, Austria). “Between Past Perfect and Future Perfect: The Utopian Imagination of GDR feminists in the German Unification.”

Yanina Reviaka, BA, European Humanities University (Vilnius, Lithuania). “Feminist Struggles in Academia and Activism: Case of (Post - Socialist) Belarus.”

Alžbeta Kuchtová, Ph.D., researcher, Slovak Academy of Sciences (Bratislava, Slovakia). “Philosophical Feminism in Slovakia — in 90-s until Present.”

Aleksandra Reczuch, Ph.D. student in Ethnology, Södertörn University (Sweden). “Old divisions in the new reality? On the usefulness of the concept of ‘post-socialism’ in ethnographic research in Eastern Europe.”

11:30 – 12:30

1st PANEL discussion. Discussant **Andrea Krizsan**, Professor at the Department of Public Policy and the Gender Studies Department (CEU).

12:30 – 13:45

Lunch break. Lunch for all participants! Location: CEU, Nador ut. 15, Catering area 2nd floor.

Afternoon session

13:45 – 14:30

PANEL 2: “Strategic Whiteness: Between ‘Post - socialist’ and Decolonial”

Vica Kravtsova, independent researcher. “Practicing radical thinking through researching anti-racist activism in contemporary Russia.”

Mariana Irby, Ph.D. candidate in Cultural Anthropology, University of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia, USA). “‘Slavs Only’: Understanding the Spatialization of Race in Urban Russia.”

Kirill Polkov, Ph.D. candidate in Gender Studies, Södertörn University (Sweden). “Russia as a subaltern empire – from postsocialism via post/decolonial approaches to queer critique?”

Anna Safuta, Ph.D., postdoctoral researcher in political sociology, University of Bremen (Germany). “‘Peripheral whiteness’ as a useful category of analysis: Understanding illiberal populism in Central and Eastern Europe.”

14:30 – 15:30

2nd PANEL discussion. Discussant **Elissa Helms**, Associate Professor at the Gender Studies Department (CEU).

15:30 – 16:00 Break

16:00 – 17:00

“Dialectical bodies: Re-reading Socialist Potentialities in Károly Makk *Another way* (1982) and Cristiana Nicolae’s *For Your Sake Anca* (1983)”

Keynote lecture by Bogdan Popa, Senior Researcher, Literature and Cultural Studies, University Transilvania Braşov.

17:00 – 17:30 Discussion

20:00 Social event

Saturday, September 24th (2nd DAY)

Location: CEU, Nador ut. 15, Room number: 101 Quantum

Morning session

10:00 – 10:45 **PANEL 3: “Queer Subjects and ‘Post - socialist’ Affectivity”**

Yana Kirey-Sitnikova, transgender activist, researcher, Eurasian Coalition on Health, Rights, Gender and Sexual Diversity (Tallinn, Estonia), Uppsala University. “Soviet Legacies in Post-Soviet Transgender Healthcare and Legislation.”

Anna Eroshenko, LGBTQ+ activist, research fellow, Poletaev Institute (IGITI), Higher School of Economics (Moscow, Russia). “Queering the history of Eastern Europe through the lenses of transgender activism: case of trans-masculine community building in Post-Socialist Russia (1990s–2010s).”

Pawel Bagiński, Ph.D. Candidate, University of Warsaw (Poland). “Post-socialist affectivity? Preliminary remarks on post-socialism in Poland as the modification of the normative order of affect control in the sphere of gender relations.”

Dana McKelvey, Ph.D. candidate in Sociology and Social Anthropology, CEU (Vienna, Austria). “A Nation of Love: The Affective Solidarity of *Pravda za Davida*.”

10:45 – 11:45

3rd PANEL discussion. Discussant **Hadley Z. Renkin**, Assistant Professor at the Gender Studies Department (CEU).

11:45 – 13:00 Lunch break

Afternoon session

13:00 – 14:00

PANEL 4: “Performing Queerness, Imagining Futurities”

Jill Pope, Ph.D. candidate at School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Melbourne (Australia). “Spectral Fabulations: Belgrade drag performances refashioning socialist memories.”

Aleksandra Gajowy, Assistant Professor in Modern and Contemporary Art at University College Dublin (Ireland). “Queer Decolonial Polishness? Folklore and Queer Desire in Katarzyna Perlak’s work.”

Sabrina Bellenzier, performance artist and anthropology researcher, Ca' Foscari University, Venice (Italy). “On being inside of one’s mouth: An embodiment-based experiment in challenging linguistic impasses.”

14:00 – 15:00

4th PANEL discussion. Discussant **Eszter Timár**, Assistant Professor at the Gender Studies Department (CEU).

15:00 – 15:30 Coffee break

15:30 – 16:30

“Pandemic Im/possible Crip Horizons and the Debts of Post-socialism”

Keynote lecture by Kateřina Kolářová, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Graduate Program in Gender Studies, School of Humanities, Charles University in Prague & Researcher at Gender and Science, Institute of Sociology of the Czech Academy of Sciences.

16:30 – 17:00 Discussion

20:00 Social event

Sunday, September 25th (3rd DAY)

Location: CEU, Nador ut. 15, Room number: 101 Quantum

Morning session

10:00 – 11:00

SUM - UP Panel with Elissa Helms, Kateřina Kolářová, Andrea Krizsan, Bogdan Popa, Hadley Renkin and Eszter Timár (moderated by Eglè Ambrasaitė, interdisciplinary artist, curator, and Ph.D. Candidate in Comparative Gender Studies, CEU)

11:00 – 11:45 Discussion (moderated by Eglè Ambrasaitė)

11:45 – 12:00 Workshop closure

12:00 – 12:30 Goodbye coffee