

PROGRAM

Authority and Medical Expertise: Health as a Social Good and Political Argument in Eastern Europe, Russia and Beyond

**International Historical Conference of the German Association for East European Studies
in cooperation with the Herder-Institute for Historical Research on East Central Europe
and the German-Polish Society for the History of Medicine**

October 20-21, 2021

Virtual Meeting

Registration: forum@herder-institut.de

OCTOBER 20, 2021

- 12.30-12.45 pm **Heidi Hein-Kircher** (Marburg): Welcome on Behalf of the Organizing Team
Fritz Dross (Erlangen-Nürnberg): Conceptualizing Authority and Medical Expertise
- 12.45-3.00 pm **SECTION 1: Dynamics and Perception of Medical Knowledge**
Chair: Julia Malitska (Södertörn)
- Janka Kovács** (Budapest):
Protecting the Individual and Society. The Pursuit of Appointing a Place for the
Mentally Ill in the Habsburg Monarchy (1780-1830): The Case of Budapest
- Vladan Hanulík** (Pardubice):
Construction of Medical Orientalism in 19th and 20th Century Czech Culture
- 1.30-1.40 pm **Break**
- Stefan Schmidt** (Fribourg):
Medicine with Ethnography. L. Krzywicki's and B. Pilsudski's Discussions on
Obstetrics in Late Partitioned Poland
- Łukasz Mieszkowski** (Warsaw):
Violence and Epidemic in 1918-1922 Poland. An Attempt at Problematization
- Discussion
- 3.00-3.15 pm **Break**
- 3.15-5.45 pm **SECTION 2: Knowledge and Politization of Women's Health in Socialism**
Chair: Heidi Hein-Kircher (Marburg)
- Anastasiia Zaplatina** (Bielefeld):
"Herald of Venereology and Dermatology" in 1924-1953 as a Barometer of a
Political Climate and Scientific Trends
- Kateřina Liřková** (Brno):
Making Marriage Healthy or Equal? Political Authority and Expertise at the Time of
Regime Change in Late 1940s Czechoslovakia

- 4.00-4.10 pm **Break**
- Natalia Jarska** (Warsaw):
Marriage, Health, and Expertise. Debates on Compulsory Premarital Medical Examination in Postwar Poland (1940 – 1960s)
- Andrea Bělehradová** (Brno):
Indestructible Venus and Vulnerable Man: Ageing Sexuality in Czechoslovak Expert Knowledge during State Socialism
- Discussion
- 5.45-7.00 pm **KEYNOTE**
- Sven Opitz**: Ecologies of Breath: Vital Atmospheres in Times of COVID-19
- 7.30 pm **Meeting at wonder.me (link will be sent in the conference chat)**

OCTOBER 21, 2021

- 9.00-11.00 am **SECTION 3: Instrumentalizing Medical Expertise in a Stalinist Style**
Chair: Julia Obertreis (Erlangen-Nürnberg)
- Oksana Vynnyk** (Alberta):
Medical Practices during the Famine of 1932-33 in Soviet Ukraine
- Mikhail Pogorelov** (Moscow):
Diagnosing 58-10: The Role of Forensic Psychiatric Expertise in the Stalinist Repressions
- 9.40-9.50 am **Break**
- Pavel Vasilyev** (St. Petersburg):
Soviet Dreams of Rejuvenation: Stalinist Science in Search of a Miracle Drug Against Reproductive Ageing
- Isaac McKean Scarborough** (Liverpool):
Kiev, 1972: The World Congress of Gerontology and Soviet Biomedical Messaging
- Discussion
- 11.00-11.15 pm **Break**
- 11.15 am-1.15 pm **SECTION 4: Politizing Healthcare and Spreading of Medical Knowledge**
Chair: Fritz Dross (Erlangen-Nürnberg)
- Markus Wahl** (Stuttgart):
Political Change, Predicaments, and Epidemics. Medical Expertise and Authority in Postwar East Germany
- Viola Lászlófi** (Budapest):
Changing Political Norms of Healthcare in State Socialist Hungary: The Case of the 'Medical Ethics Committees'
- 12.00-12.10 am **Break**
- Ewelina Szpak** (Marki):
"When the Word 'Cancer' is Uttered, People Begin to Whisper". Cancer Policy in Polish People's Republic

Melanie Foik (Münster):
Health Promotion and Ideological Education - The Ambivalent Role of Visiting Nurses in Stalinist Poland

Discussion

1.15-1.45 pm Lunch Break

1.45-2.15 pm **Irina Andryushchenko / Klaus Gestwa (Tübingen):**
Project Presentation Envirohealth: The Interplay of Environmental and Health Issues as a Threat for the Late Soviet Empire and as a Legacy for Post-Socialist Transformation

2.15-2.30 pm Break

2.30-4.30 pm **SECTION 5: PROMOTING HEALTH**

Chair: Melanie Foik (Münster)

Illona Kappanyos (Budapest):
Defending the Health of the People: The Role of Visiting Nurses in State Socialist Hungary

Ulrike Lang (Dresden):
Stretching for Socialism: The Promotion of Modern Postural Yoga as a Preventive Health Practice in Poland, 1956-1981

Julia Obertreis (Erlangen):
Smoking in Eastern Europe - Prevalence, Meanings, and Public Health Campaigns
Discussion

4.30-4.45 pm Break

4.45-5.30 pm Final Discussion

Organizers:

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