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Contextualizing Changes: Migrations, Shifting Borders and New Identities in Eastern Europe

International Conference

Sofia, Bulgaria, October 8-10, 2014
Hotel "Dom na uchenia", 50 Shipchenski Prohod Blvd. Sofia

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Programme

Wednesday, 8 October

9.00 – 9.30 Welcome addresses

9.30-11.00 **Visualisation, Symbolic Borders and Constructing Identity**
Chair: Robert Pichler

Keynote speech:

Karl Kaser (Graz, Austria) *The Balkan Wars, the Great War and Visual Modernity*

Anelia Kasabova (Sofia, Bulgaria) *Camera – Gender – Body: The (Shifting) Boundaries of Portraiture. Bulgarian Studio Photography from 1860 to approx. I WW*

Dagnoslav Demski (Warsaw, Poland) *Representations of Balkans and its Shifting Horizon in Polish Imagination*

Discussion

11.00-11.30 **Photo exhibition:**

Robert Pichler: *Staging the Nation. 'Skopje 2014' and the Claim for Recognition*

11.30-12.00 Coffee break

12.00-13.30 **Migration and (New) Identities - I**
Chair: Karl Kaser

Robert Pichler (Berlin, Germany) *The Ambivalence towards Return: A case-study of Albanian migrants in a Macedonian village*

Ivaylo Markov (Sofia, Bulgaria) *Contextualizing the Migratory Shift: from "Gurbet" toward "Family Migration". The case of the Albanians from Macedonia*

Elya Tzaneva (Sofia, Bulgaria) *Postwar Bulgarian Migrations to Australia - towards a Theory of Migration-Homeland-Culture*

Valentina Sharlanova (Sofia, Bulgaria) *Conceptualisation of Turkish Labour Migration in Western European Studies*

Vladimir Penchev (Sofia, Bulgaria) *Contexts and Subtexts: Motivational Models for Emigration towards Central Europe*

Discussion

13.30-14.30 Lunch Break

14.30-16.30 Migration and (New) Identities – II

Chair: Elya Tzaneva

Biljana Sikimić (Belgrade, Serbia) *Kosovo Roma, Ashkali and Egyptians in Contemporary Serbia – Migration and Ethnic Identity*

Veselka Toncheva (Sofia, Bulgaria) *Shifting Borders, Refugees and New Identities: the Case of Tsvarkovi Family from Golo Bordo Region, Albania*

Petko Hristov (Sofia, Bulgaria) *Migration Strategies and Malleable Identities among the Young Bulgarians in Odessa District*

Elena Petrova (Odessa, Ukraine) *"Cryptogram of the Migrant Ethnical Memory": Modern Codes and Translation Canals under the National Frontier Circumstances (Odessa recipes)*

Anelia Avdzhieva (Plovdiv, Bulgaria) *Mobility, Gender, Strategy (case of Romany people)*

Discussion

16.30-17.00 Coffee break

17.00-18.30 Migration and (New) Identities – III

Chair: Petko Hristov

Gergina Pavlova-Hannam (Sunderland, England) *Should I Stay or Should I Go: Reflections on the Migration of Bulgarians to the North East of England*

Polina Manolova (Birmingham, GB) *Bulgarian migration to England – the influential power of the imaginary West.*

Mila Maeva (Sofia, Bulgaria) *Stories about Bulgarian Transition Period and Emigration*

Zlatina Bogdanova (Sofia, Bulgaria) *Crossing Boundaries and Identities “on the Road”: the Case of the Youth Short-Term Labour Migration in the Framework of the “Work and Travel” Program*

Discussion

Thursday, 9 October

9.00 –11.00 Religions, cultures, identities - I

Chair: Vihra Baeva

Key-note speech:

John Eade (Roehampton/Toronto) *Secularisation and Desecularisation in a Changing Europe: The Intriguing Relationship between Labour Migration, Pilgrimage and Tourism*

Evgenia Troeva (Sofia, Bulgaria) *Symbolizing Religious Boundaries and Identities*

Margarita Karamihova (Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria) *Shifting Borders between Eastern Orthodoxy and New Spiritual Movements (A Case Study of Newly Emerging Holy Shrines in Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria)*

Svetoslava Toncheva (Sofia, Bulgaria) *Initiations at Sunrise - a Model of Constructing New Religious Communities*

Velislav Altanov (Sofia, Bulgaria) *"Rhodope Mountain – the Fortress has to be Conquered"*

Discussion

11.00-11.30 Coffee break

11.30- 13.30 V. Religions, cultures, identities – II

Chair: Galina Lozanova

Vihra Baeva (Sofia, Bulgaria) *One Cult, Two Communities, Two Identities: the Veneration of St. Zone in Bulgaria and Greece*

Violeta Periklieva (Sofia, Bulgaria) *The Cult to Our Lady of Lourdes – Different Levels of Identity Construction of the Bulgarian Catholics from the Town of Rakovski*

Tanya Dimitrova (Jena, Germany) *The Church "Maria Magdalena" in Weimar as Attracting Center for the Orthodox Community in Thuringia, Germany*

Tsvetelina Dimitrova (Sofia, Bulgaria) *The Feast of St. St. Cyril and Methodius among the Bulgarian Communities in Warsaw, Poland*

Gabriela Fatková (Pilsen, Czech Republic) *Bulgarian Karakachans and Re-Domestication of Religion: Migration, Sacred Spaces, and House*

Discussion

13.30-14.30 Lunch Break

14.30-16.00 Communities, Borders and Cultures – 1

Chair: Evgenia Troeva

Larysa Vakhnina (Kiev, Ukraine) *The Problem of Identification of Folk Traditions Borderland of the Southern Ukraine*

Irina Ogienko (Kiev, Ukraine) *Folklore as a factor of ethnic identity of Bulgarians in Ukraine*

Svoboda Stoeva (Plovdiv, Bulgaria) *Borders, Institutions, Categories*

Katarzyna Kość-Ryżko (Warsaw, Poland) *The formation of the identity of juvenile refugees from Chechnya in Poland in the face of the cultural strangeness*

Discussion

16.00-16.30- Coffee break

16.30-18.00 Communities, Borders and Cultures – 2

Chair: Dagnoslav Demski

Katya Lachowicz (Poland) *Narratives in the Construction of the Polish Nation: National Identity Beyond Polarisations*

Snizhana Zhygun (Kiev, Ukraine) *Ethnicity through a Prism of Realisms: XIX and XX centuries*

Tanya Matanova (Sofia, Bulgaria) *The Dynamics of Identification among Bulgarian-Ukrainians Living in Bulgaria in the 21st century*

Antonina Iakimova (vice-president of the Union of the Ukrainian Organizations in Bulgaria) *Formation of the Identity of the New Ukrainian Community in Bulgaria*

Discussion

Exhibition: *Ukrainian Diaspora in Sofia – the Old and New Identities*

Friday, 10 October

9.00-11.00 Shifting Borders and Changing Identity - 1

Chair: Biljana Sikimić

Key-note speech:

Raymond Detrez (Belgium) *Reassessing Ethnic Identity in the Pre-National Balkans*

Cynthia Lintz (Virginia, USA) *Contextualizing Changes: Migrations, Shifting Borders and New Identities in Eastern Europe*

Mina Hristova (Sofia, Bulgaria) *Shifting the Borders, Creating New Identities-New Concepts of History*

Stelu Şerban (Bucharest, Romania) *Crossing the Balkans. Aroumanians Colonization in Dobroudza*

Kamila Baraniecka-Olszewska (Warsaw, Poland) *Shifting Symbolic Boundaries: Reenacting Nazi Troops in Contemporary Poland*

Discussion

11.00-11.30 Coffee break

11.30-13.30 Shifting Borders and Changing Identity -2

Chair: Stelu Serban

Stefan Dorondel (Bucharest, Romania) *Restoring Danube's Nature: Politics, Policy and Local Practices in Bulgaria and Romania*

Meglana Zlatkova (Plovdiv, Bulgaria) *The Town and Migration – Urban Spaces and Shifting Borders*

Yelis Erolova (Sofia, Bulgaria) *Bulgarian Attitudes towards Syrian Refugees. The Case Studies of Telish and Rozovo*

Bilyana Raeva (Sofia, Bulgaria) *Internal Migration and Industrialization during Socialism and Crossing the Border from Regional to National (or Vice Versa?) - Relationship between Countrymen as Strategy and Practice in Metallurgical Plant "Kremikovci"*

Svetoslava Mantcheva (Plovdiv, Bulgaria) *Crossing Social and Cultural Boundaries among Children as a Mean of Socialization*

Marijeta Rajković Iveta (Zagreb, Croatia) *Migrations, Shifting Borders and Identities in the Bay of Boka Kotorska (Montenegro)*

Discussion

13:30-14:30 Lunch Break

14.30-16.30 Communities, Borders and Cultures – 3

Chair: Stefan Dorondel

Valentina Ganeva-Raycheva (Sofia, Bulgaria) *Socio-Cultural Dimensions of Everyday Life in the Context of the Cross-Border Region: the Thrace region*

Dobrinka Parusheva (Plovdiv, Bulgaria) *Living (with) Boundaries. Communities and Communication in Plovdiv*

Valentina Vaseva (Sofia, Bulgaria) *Formation of the Identity and Setting of Borders of the Bulgarian Catholics near Bucharest*

Ivelina Eftimova (Shumen, Bulgaria) *The Shifting Borders of Identity: Everyday Experiences among Various Muslim Confessional Groups in Shumen and Razgrad*

Emil Antonov (Sofia, Bulgaria) *Culinary Migrations: Japanese food culture considered in the fusion of international cuisines in Bulgaria (End-1990's/beginning of 21st century)*

Discussion

16:30-17:00 *Coffee break*

17.00 – 18.30 Communities, Borders and Cultures – 4

Chair: Anelia Kasabova

Zorancho Malinov (Skopje, Macedonia) *Comparative Study of the Rituals of Population on the Both Sides of the Macedonian-Bulgarian State Border*

Rubin Zemon (Skopje, Macedonia) *Socio-Cultural and Political Aspects of Migration and Human Mobility in Macedonia*

Svetlana Antova (Sofia, Bulgaria) *Cultural and Economical Exchange through the Yugo-embargo*

Karmen Medica (Koper, Slovenia) *Regional Identity and the Nation States: Istrian Identity – Between the 'Centre' and the 'Periphery'*

Final Discussion

End of conference