

Workshop

Challenging the Cold War Divisions

Histories of Students and their Transnational Dimensions



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Prague

Reading Room of the Library of the Institute of Contemporary History

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Programme

Wednesday, 25 September

Reading Room of the Library of the Institute of Contemporary History (Vlašská 9, Praha 1)

9:00-9:30 Welcome by Mikuláš Pešta and Matthieu Gillibert

9:30-10:30 Martin Pácha

Shaping Tomorrow: Czechoslovak Youth and the Dynamics of Internationalism during Perestroika

Discussant: Daniel Laqua

15 minutes break

10:45-11:45 Timothy Schürmann

Leadership Exchange, Ski Camps and European Meetings: East-West Contacts of the Swiss Student Union before 1968

Discussant: Kostis Kornetis

15 minutes break

12:00-13:00 Klára Řiháková

Transnational Dimensions of 1989: Student Mobility, Activism, and Interactions in Czechoslovakia

Discussant: Mikuláš Pešta

13:00-14:15

lunch

14:15-15:15 Liuba Bunk

Forging Identity through Ideology: Socialist Rhetoric and German Student Internationalism in a Divided Post-1945 Nation

Discussant: Pia Koivunen

15 minutes break

15:30-16:30 Jules Siran

International Student Mobility from the Perspective of the Technical University of Budapest in the Global Cold War (1960s-1990s)

Discussant: Kostis Kornetis

transfer to the Vila Lanna

17:30-19:00

Round Table Discussion with Matthieu Gillibert, Pia Koivunen, Kostis Kornetis, Daniel Laqua

From Student Internationalism to Erasmus: Globalization and Europeanization of Student Life since 1945

moderated by Mikuláš Pešta

Thursday, 26 September

Reading Room of the Library of the Institute of Contemporary History (Vlašská 9, Praha 1)

9:00-9:30

arrival at the venue & coffee

9:30-10:30 Mikuláš Pešta

Student Internationalism and the Global Cold War: An Introduction to the IUS

Discussant: Daniel Laqua

15 minutes break

10:45-11:45 Pia Koivunen

Institutionalizing Soviet Power: The Founding Conferences of the WFDY (1945) and the IUS (1946)

Discussant: Mikuláš Pešta

15 minutes break

12:00-13:00 Manuel Suzarte

Welcome Students of the World: Reconstructing the History of the ISC's 2nd International Student Work Camp in Chile (1961)

Discussant: Daniel Laqua

13:00-14:30

lunch

14:30-15:30 Daniel Laqua

Student Mobility and Solidarity: The International University Exchange Fund in Perspective

Discussant: Matthieu Gillabert

15 minutes break

15:45-16:45 Lidia Lesnykh

Building Europe: How the Cold War fostered student cooperation

Discussant: Pia Koivunen

15 minutes break

17:00-18:00 Zdeněk Nebřenský (online)

Czechoslovak Politics and the Limits of Student Internationalism in the Age of Decolonization, 1958-1961

Discussant: Matthieu Gillabert

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19:30

Reception at the Swiss Embassy