

# PROGRAM

## Queer Histories of East Central Europe in the 20th Century

CONFERENCE | 26–27 August 2025 | Herder Institute, Marburg, Germany

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### TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

#### 10:00-10:30 – WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Peter Haslinger, Kajetan Stobiecki (Herder Institute) and Jaromír Mrňka (GHI Warsaw, Prague Branch; CU FHS Prague)

#### 10:30-12:15 – PANEL I: TRANSREGIONAL FLOWS AND SOLIDARITIES

Chair: Kajetan Stobiecki

Barbara Trojanowska: From Absence to Trace: "A Heartfelt Thread": Female Same-Sex Relations in Habsburg Galicia's Popular Press

Jan Pezda: Queering Athletic Bodies. Challenging Sport and Physical Culture in the Bohemian Lands around 1918

Paweł Matusz: Community and Desire: Circulation of Queer Literature between West Germany, Austria, and Poland in the 1980s as an Emancipatory Act of Networking

#### 12:15-13:15 – Lunch

#### 13:15-15:00 – PANEL II: CULTURAL PRODUCTION AND MISRECOGNITION

Chair: Laura Clarissa Loew

Judit Takács: Can Clara or Karl build State Socialism more Effectively?

Eszter Timár: "The Local Queers are all Bustling at the Stage Door": Queering Publics from the Closet

Michał Narożniak: Queer Histories Preserved: The Diary of N.N. and Queer Archival Strategies. How a Queer Pornographic Document became a Part of the Polish National Canon?

#### 15:00-15:30 – Break

#### 15:30-17:00 – PANEL III: LAW, REPRESSION, AND BIOPOLITICS

Chair: Jaromír Mrňka

Shaban Darakchi: Navigating "Perversity": Classification and Control of Homosexuality in Bulgaria 1944-1989

Adrian Lehne: Queer East German AIDS Activism in the 1980s and 1990s

#### 17:00-17:30 – Break

17:30-19:15 – PANEL IV: MAPPING QUEER MEMORY AND ABSENCE

Chair: Elisa-Maria Hiemer

J. Noah Munier and Joanna Ostrowska: Across Borderlands: Trans\*networks between East and West

Clara Hartmann and Hilke Wagner: Transitioning Dora Richter: Sources on Gender Transition in the 1920s-1940s

Kamil Karczewski: A Forgotten Baltic Wave? Rethinking Queer Legal Emancipation in Interwar East Central Europe

19:15 – Dinner

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

10:00-11:45 – PANEL V: QUEER ARCHIVES AND SUBJECTIVITIES

Chair: Tatsiana Astrouskaya

Eugenia Seleznova: "I Will Be Where Maya Is": Uncovering the Case of a Queer WWII Partisan

Rasa Navickaitė: Homophobia Revisited: Disgust and Fascination in (post-) Soviet Lithuanian Discourse on Homosexuality

Christina A.: Personal Stories of the LGBTQ+ Community in the Final Years of the USSR: Archival Research from the 'Tema' Magazine

11:45-12:15 – Break

12:15-13:00 – FINAL ROUNDTABLE: BEYOND WESTERN BIAS - NEW QUEER HISTORIES

Chair: Jaromír Mrňka

Open discussion with all participants

Key topics: methodology, regional focus, activism, archives, collaboration



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