Leisure History(ies): The Significance of Summer in the Biography

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Family bath in Cranz 1920
Photographer: Fritz Krauskopf
Thursday, June 3

9.00–10.30
Panel 1:
A Look into Summer Experiences of the 19th Century
Waltraud Schütz (Vienna)
Notions of Summer in Viennese Aristocratic Sibling Correspondence, 1820s to 1850s
Gintarė Malinauskaitė (Vilnius)
The Experiences of Summer in a Diary of Noblewoman Gabrielė Giunterytė-Puzinienė in the First Half of the Nineteenth Century

10.30–11.00
Coffee Break

11.00–13.30
Panel 2:
Leisure Time in Pre-War Lithuania
Juozapas Paškauskas (Vilnius)
Workers Experiences of Summer at the Beginning of 20th Century Lithuania
Dovilė Bataitytė (Klaipėda)
Summers in Klaipėda (1923–1939) Between Leisure and Duty. The Sea, Sand and Entertainment

13.30–14.30
Lunch Break

14.30–16.00
Panel 3:
Retreats, Travel, Identity, and Politics
Ula Madej-Krupitski (Montreal)
Polish Jewish Youth Encounters the ‘Other’ while Vacationing in the Second Polish Republic
Robert Obermair (Salzburg)
Summer Retreats as an Intersection of Leisure and Political Engagement

16.00–16.30
Coffee Break

16.30–18.00
Panel 4:
Can a Single Summer Shape a Biography?
Andreas Kurt Borm (Mainz)
Between Perception and Historical Reality – Experiences of the First Evacuation of Memel (Klaipėda) and the Memel Territory (Klaipėdos kraštas) in the Summer of 1944
Mariya Savina (Berlin)
The Images of Summer in Walter Benjamin’s Autobiographical Texts

18.00–19.30
Final Discussion
Picnic in the nature