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REGENSBURG

**INFRASTRUCTURE IN EAST AND SOUTHEAST EUROPE IN COMPARATIVE  
PERSPECTIVE: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE**

Regensburg, September 23–24, 2021

Convenors:

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Venue:

Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies, Landshuter Str. 4, Regensburg, Room 319

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IN-PERSON PROGRAM

**Thursday, September 23**

17:00–17:15 Welcome/Introduction

17:15–19:15 **Keynote Lectures**

PER HÖGSELIUS (Stockholm): Transnational Infrastructures in an Age of Border-Building

**IVANA KARÁSKOVÁ (Prague): Belt and Road Initiative from the Perspective of Central and Eastern Europe: What Is Behind Chinese Interest and Investment?**

NOTE: Talks marked red are online via zoom

**Friday, September 24**

9:00–10:45 **Panel 1: Fictions, Fantasies and Utopias**

Chair: PETRU NEGURA (IOS)

BORBÁLA ZSUZSANNA TÖRÖK (Vienna): Imaginaries of Infrastructure in the Habsburg Monarchy, ca. 1800–1858

MICHAL VAŠEČKA (Bratislava): Adriatic Tunnel from Czechoslovakia to Yugoslavia. Madness, Visionary Project, or Attempt to Become a Maritime Country?

MICHAEL RÖSSER (Erfurt): Triangular (South-) East Europe? South Eastern European Sub-Contractors at German Imperial Railways & German Infrastructural Utopias in the Occupied Eastern Territories During WWI.

10:45–11:15 **Coffee break**

11:15–13:00 **Panel 2: Infrastructural Thinking**

Chair: LUMINITA GATEJEL (IOS)

MALTE FUHRMANN (Berlin): Developmentality in Bulgaria and Turkey. Legitimacy, Resistance, and Traffic Infrastructure

JÍŘÍ JANÁČ (Prague): Comecon as Eastern European System Builder: Case of Railways and Waterways

TADEJ BREZINA (Vienna): Express into Deterioration: Insight from Passenger Service of Former Yugoslav Railways.

13:00–14:00 **Lunch break**

14:00–15:45 **Panel 3: Legacies of Infrastructure**

Chair: EDVIN PEZO (IOS)

NADJA WECK (Vienna): Sealing-Off from Russia? Habsburg Railway Politics Towards its Russian Neighbour

MAXIMILIAN HARTMUTH (Vienna): Railway Imperialism And its Structural Legacies in the Balkans: Infrastructure as a Space-Producing Agent in Bosnia-Herzegovina Since 1873/1878

DANIJEL KEŽIĆ (IOS): The Infrastructural Legacies of Austro-Hungarian Empire and Kingdom of Serbia in the Interwar Yugoslavia. The Impact of Old Unfinished Railroad Projects on the Construction of Yugoslavian National Space

15:45–16:15 **Coffee break**

16:15–18:00 **Panel 4: Infrastructural Investment and Economic Growth**

Chair: OLGA POPOVA (IOS)

EGOR LYKOV (Zurich): Modernisation or Modernity? Freight Transports in the Late Russian Empire

**JOHN E. ANDERSON (Lincoln): Infrastructure Impacts on Business Environment and Enterprise Performance in East and Southeastern Europe.**

BRIGITTE LE NORMAND (Maastricht): Think Global, Act Local: Yugoslavia's Investments into Developing the Port of Rijeka after the Second World War.