

9th IOS Annual Conference 2022

PUBLIC HEALTH IN EAST AND SOUTHEAST EUROPE: GROWTH, INEQUALITY AND THE STATE. CONTEMPORARY AND HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES

13-15 October 2022, Regensburg (Germany)

Conference program (preliminary)

This draft: 20 April 2022

Thursday, October 13

Venue: t.b.a.

17.00-17.30: Opening

Ulf Brunnbauer, Hartmut Lehmann (both IOS Regensburg): Greetings

Olga Popova (IOS Regensburg), Gergana Mircheva (Sofia University/Humboldt Fellow at IOS):
Introduction into the conference themes

17.30-19.30: Keynotes

DORA VARGHA (HU Berlin): Defining success: inequalities, unintended consequences and the endings of epidemics in Eastern Europe

CHRISTOPHER GERRY (U of Oxford) title t.b.a.

19.30: Dinner Reception

Friday, October 14

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

9.00-10.30 Panel 1: International influence and networks

Chair: ULF BRUNNBAUER (Regensburg)

CHRISTIAN PROMITZER (Graz): National self-assessment, imperial fields of influence and international networks: Conflicting demands in the foundation of public health initiatives in South-Eastern Europe up to the First World War

EVGUENIA DAVIDOVA (Portland): National Emissaries for Preventive Healthcare: Visiting Nurses in Interwar Bulgaria and the Kingdom of Serbs, Croats, and Slovenes/Yugoslavia

VEDRAN DUANČIĆ (Klagenfurt): Alma-Ata, Yugoslavia: The Intertwined Local and Global Meanings of Primary Health Care in Late Socialism

10.30-11.00 Coffee break

11.00-12.30 Panel II: Health and political environment

Chair: SABINE RUTAR (Regensburg)

ANELIA KASSABOVA (Sofia): Ideas and ambitious promises, structural constraints and failures – the contradictory Bulgarian socialist demographic politics

JAN AREND (Tübingen): Stress and the Transformation in Czechoslovakia/Czech Republic, 1960s-2000s

ILIA NADAREISHVILI (Tbilisi) and KARSTEN LUNZE (Boston): COVID-19 pandemic response in volatile political and geopolitical environment – Georgian experience

12.30-13.30 Lunch

13.30-15.30 Panel III: Vaccination resistance

Chair: OLGA POPOVA (Regensburg)

VESNA TRIFUNOVIĆ (Belgrade): Vaccine as a socio-political product: the production of polio vaccine in Serbia during the socialist and post-socialist periods

JOSIP GLAUDIĆ and CHRISTOPHE LESSCHAEVE (Luxembourg): The Politics of Covid-19 Vaccination Resistance in Southeast Europe

MRIKE ALIU (Pristina) and HA THI HONG NGUYEN: Factors behind Covid-19 vaccine acceptance among the disadvantaged population in Kosovo (Roma, Ashkali, Egyptian) *tbc*

ELIZAVETA PRONKINA et al. (Paris): The Covid-19 Curtain: Can Past Communist Regimes Explain the Vaccination Divide in Europe?

15.30-16.00 Coffee break

16.00-17.30 Panel IV: Health inequalities

Chair: SINEM AYHAN (Regensburg)

DANIELA KOLEVA (Sofia): How can care produce inequality? The case of the ‘active fighters against fascism and capitalism’ in Bulgaria

RADINA VUČETIĆ (Belgrade): “Everybody get vaccinated!”: Smallpox epidemics in Yugoslavia in 1972

TIJANA KARIĆ (Marburg) and VLADIMIR MIHIĆ (Novi Sad): Health inequalities in time of Covid-19: The case of Roma in Serbia

Saturday, October 15

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09.00-10.30 Panel V: State health care systems

Chair: tba.

MARTIN IVANOV (Sofia) and MATTHIAS MORYS (York): Did public health and living standards actually improve under state socialism? Evidence from Bulgaria, 1944–1989

IRINA ANDRYUSHCHENKO and KLAUS GESTWA (Tübingen): Cancer and Aids. Stress testing the Late Soviet and Russian health care system since the 1970s

VIOLA LÁSZLÓFI (Paris/Budapest): Undisciplined Patients, Regulated Medical Authority? Changing Norms of Patient Care in State Socialist Hungary

10.30-11.00 Coffee break

11.00-12.30 Panel VI: Trust in public health

Chair: HARTMUT LEHMANN (Regensburg)

VELICHKA DIMITROVA (Warwick): Deadly skepticism. Trust in public health, vaccine hesitancy and COVID mortality in Eastern Europe

FLORIE MIFTARI BASHOLLI et al. (Pristina): Trust in healthcare and other institutions during Covid-19 pandemic in Kosovo

ALARI PURJU (Tallinn): Governance of the Health Care System and its impact on economy during the Covid-19 in Estonia

12.30-13.30 Lunch

13.30-15.00 Panel VII: Disadvantaged groups

Chair: GERGANA MIRCHEVA (Sofia/Regensburg)

KRISTINA POPOVA (Sofia): Ergotherapy and/or unpaid work in the closed institutions for children with disabilities in Bulgaria in the 1950-es – 1960-es

GALINA GONCHAROVA (Sofia), TEODORA KARAMELSKA (Sofia): The Care for People with Dementia in Bulgaria: Between Over-Responsibility to the Family and Distrust in Public Health Services

MONIKA OCZKOWSKA (Warsaw): Disability benefits and labour market developments in Central and Eastern Europe during transition

15.15-16.00 Concluding remarks