In the last decade, heritage studies have emerged as a field of cross-disciplinary research covering the topics including the built environment, museums and collections, urban planning, memory, and tourism. This workshop brings together both early career researchers and established researchers for a discussion about the concept of heritage in relation to the Eastern and Central European region. In light of the different traditions in heritage policies and property rights, what notion of heritage do we employ for the study of heritage in socialist and post-socialist societies? Using this question as a point of departure, the presentations seek to critically engage with the field of heritage studies and reflect on core concepts such as authenticity and originality. We discuss the advantages and limitations of these approaches when applied to the (post-) socialist context, while also bringing together alternative approaches from the examples presented during the workshop.



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PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 23 November 2016

16:00 Registration

17:15-19:00 Keynote Lecture by Astrid Swenson (London):

When is Heritage? Temporality and

Transnational History

Moderation: Katharina Stornig (Giessen)

Thursday, 24 November

09:00 Introduction

Eszter Gantner (Marburg), Corinne Geering

(Giessen)

09:30-11:00 Panel 1: Socialist Interpretations of Heritage

Chair: Markus Krzoska (Giessen)

Melinda Harlov (Budapest):

Vernacular Heritage in Hungary, a Category that

Fitted to the Socialist Ideology

Alexandra Urdea (Sussex):

The Museum of the Village - the Politics of

Patrimony in Ceauşescu's Romania

Nele-Hendrikje Lehmann (Freiberg):

Industrial Heritage in the GDR, 1949-1989

Coffee Break

11:30-13:00 Panel 2: Heritage Actors

Chair: Nicole Immig (Jena/Giessen)

Bianka Trötschel-Daniels (Dortmund):

The 'Heritage Council' in the GDR

Alicja Gzowska (Warsaw):

Socialist Fraternal Assistance or Commercial

Success? International Activities of Polish State

Workshops for the Conservation of Cultural

Heritage

Olga Olkheft (St. Petersburg):

"We are the Rare Place Where the 'Iron Curtain'

Played a Positive Role": The Conservative Tradi-

tion of the State Hermitage Restoration

Lunch at Mensa

14:15-15:15 Keynote Lecture by Michael Falser (Heidelberg):

"Saving Angkor" during the last Breath of Cold

War Politics. Heritage Studies in a Transcultural

Moderation: James Mark (Exeter)

Coffee Break

15:30-16:30 Panel 3: Heritage and Communist

Internationalism

Perspective

Chair: Stella Basinyi (Giessen)

Nelly Bekus (Exeter):

Tracing Multiple Logics in Soviet Heritage-

Making: pan-Soviet, National and International

Agencies of Cultural Power

Svetlana Boltovskaja (Marburg):

Soviet Heritage and Communist International-

ism: Eastern European and African encounters

Coffee Break

16:45-18:15 Panel 4: International Organisations

Chair: Corinne Geering (Giessen)

Kerstin Stamm (Bonn):

The New Internationale? East and West at the International Council of Monuments and Sites,

ICOMOS

Julia Röttjer (Darmstadt):

Committees of International Experts and Sites of National Martyrdom: Socialist Poland's Contri-

bution to the Early World Heritage Program

Diána Vonnák (Halle):

UNESCO on the Ground in the Restoration of

the Golden Rose Synagogue in Lviv

Friday, 25 November 2016

9:15-10:30 Panel 5: The Revalorisation of Socialist Heritage

Chair: Immo Rebitschek (Jena)

Emanuela Grama (Pittsburgh):

Heritage-Making and State-Unmaking in Post-

socialist Romania

Andreas Schönle (London):

Appropriating Stalinist Heritage: State Rhetoric

in the Repurposing of VDNKh

Ewa Ciszewska (Łódź):

Socialist Film Animation Heritage in the Service of Contemporary Polish Animation Production

and Museum Practices

Coffee Break

11:00-12:00 Keynote Lecture by Vladimir Levin (Jerusalem):

Jewish Heritage in the Soviet Union

Moderation: Antie Coburger (Marburg)

Lunch at Mensa

13:15-14:45 Panel 6: Urban Planning and the Historic City

Chair: Eszter Gantner (Marburg)

Liliana luga (Budapest):

"Every Town Has a Historical Past, yet not Every

Historical Past is Valuable" - Approaches to the Concept and Management of the Historic Town

in Socialist Romania

Čeněk Pýcha (Prague):

Socialist Heritage Preservation in Northern

Bohemia. Making Sense in the Public Space

Biljana Stefanovska (Darmstadt):

Semantic Shift in Architectural Language:

Remodelling the City Center of Skopje

Coffee Break

15:15-16:15 Panel 7: Memory and Heritage

Chair: Paul Vickers (Giessen)

Iryna Sklokina (Lviv):

Traveling in the Soviet Ukraine: the Making of the National Memory Canon through Heritage

Tourism Practices

Ewa Stańczyk (Amsterdam):

Transnational Heritage: On the Uses of Jewish

Photographs

16:15-17:00 Concluding Discussion