

# Political Socialization in East Central Europe

19–20 October 2023

Venue:

Capitula Hall of Mother Alphonse Maria  
Jakubovo námestie 4-5,  
811 09 Bratislava, Slovakia

THURSDAY 19 October

9:30

Welcome and opening

9:45–10:45 **The People, Peasants, and Activists**  
**Session 1** [Chair: Lucija Balikič]

- **Étienne Boisserie:** “Politicize the people”. Aims and tools of the western Slovak activists in the 1900s.
  - **László Vörös:** Rural areas and politics at the turn of the 19th and 20th centuries: Peasants at the receiving end of nationalist political activism (the Slovak case).
  - **Irena Selišnik:** The political socialization in Carniola: The relationship between public and politics and ways of politization.
- 10:45–11:15 Discussion  
11:15–11:30 Coffee break

11:30–12:10 **The State, High Politic,  
and the Local Level**  
**Session 2** [Chair: Étienne Boisserie]

- **Sorin Radu:** The Romanian national state and the integration of peasants into the political body: Research directions.
  - **Milan Řepa:** Vote Masaryk! High politics and a reversal at the municipal level: the case of Zlín at the beginning of the 20th century.
- 12:10–12:40 Discussion  
12:45–14:00 Lunch

14:00–14:40  
**Session 3**

**Politicisation  
and the Women’s Movement**  
[Chair: Irena Selišnik]

- **Gabriela Dudeková Kováčová:** Little Entente of Women and Unity of Slavic Women: Political socialization via international women’s organisations in the interwar East Central Europe.
  - **Matej Hanula:** Women and “women’s agenda” in the policies of Agrarian Party in inter-war Slovakia.
- 14:40–15:10 Discussion  
15:10–15:25 Coffee break

15:25–16:25  
**Session 4**

**Institutions, Associations,  
and Organisations**  
[Chair: László Vörös]

- **Lucija Balikič:** Discourses of organic nationhood in the mass associations of interwar East Central Europe: The unpolitical politics?
  - **Domagoj Tomas:** Matica hrvatska and the (dis)continuities of the “short” 20th century.
  - **Sára Bagdi:** Robinson on the stage of the unions. Political cabarets at the VASAS Metal Workers’ Federation in the early 1930s.
- 16:25–16:55 Discussion  
19:00–Informal dinner meeting

FRIDAY 20 October

9:30–10:30 **Political Socialisation and Depoliticization  
Session 1**

**Under State Communist Regimes**

[Chair: Adam Hudek]

- **Petra Polyák:** From “speaking Marxism” to critical thinking. (Unwanted) Effects of communist indoctrination at Hungarian Universities in the Rákosi era.
- **Agáta Šústová Drelová:** From worker-priests to priest-politicians: Catholic activist clergy in post-socialist Slovakia.
- **Viktoriya Sukovata:** Political socialization of children in Soviet Union: Literary and ideological projects.

10:30–11:00 Discussion

11:00–11:15 Coffee break

11:15–12:15 **The Public Space and Civic Activism:  
Session 2**

**The Case of Bratislava in the 20th Century**

[Chair: Henrieta Moravčíková]

- **Matěj Spurný:** Urban development and legitimacy of governance: The case of Bratislava in the second half of the 20th century.
- **Peter Szalay:** Demolition as a tool of politicization? The liquidation of the Trade Union House in Bratislava.
- **Júlia Čížová:** “Ecopacifists”: Politicization of environmental movement in 1980s Czechoslovakia.

12:15–12:45 Discussion

12:45–14:00 Lunch

14:15–15:15 **Theatre as a Space and Instrument  
for Politicisation**

[Chair: Jana Magdaléna Micháleková]

- **Petra Babić:** The theatre as a tool of politicization.
- **Aleš Gabrič:** Amateur theatres in Slovenia in the midst of cultural and political challenges.
- **Jana Laslavíková – Jana Luková:** “A dignified abode of the Hungarian Muse.” The project of the new theatre of Pressburg of 1886 in the tangle of the cultural strategies of the Hungarian government and the business interests of the local elite.

15:15–15:45 Discussion

15:45–16:00 Coffee break

16:00–17:00 General discussion and conclusions

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