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AGENDA

**RECOVERING & UNCOVERING THE PAST OF
DIVERSE COMMUNITIES IN IMPERIAL SPACES:
MEMORY & SELF-ORGANIZATION IN URBAN CENTRES OF
THE EASTERN EUROPEAN & OTTOMAN REALMS**

12-13 SEPTEMBER, 2024



ILIA STATE UNIVERSITY, AUSTRIAN CENTRE READING HALL, GIORGI TSERETELI STREET, 3, S 507 (5TH FLOOR),
TBILISI, GEORGIA (SEE ON GOOGLE MAPS)

12 SEPTEMBER

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

9:00 – 10:45 **Jeremy F. Walton** (*University of Rijeka, Croatia*)

ON NOSTALGIA, ABNEGATION, AND UNCANNINESS IN THE POSTEMPIRE

Abstract: In his seminal analysis of the “Postcolony,” Achille Mbembe describes the postcolony as a mode of temporality that involves a scandalous “entanglement” of “interlocking of presents, pasts, and futures” (2001:16). For Mbembe, the postcolony’s distinction and analytical power derive from its incompatibility with linear time and the teleological vision of politics, society, and culture that it sanctions. Drawing inspiration from Mbembe, this presentation adumbrates a related yet distinct mode of temporality: the postempire. With reference to post-Ottoman, post-Habsburg, and, to a somewhat lesser extent, post-Romanov/Soviet contexts, I scrutinize three key features of the temporality of postempire: nostalgia, abnegation, and uncanniness. Nostalgia and abnegation form an antithetical pair. While nostalgia sanitized the imperial past in order to render it amenable to contemporary sensibilities and projects, abnegation attempts to create a cordon sanitaire between contemporary sociopolitical life—typically imagined as national—and rejected imperial legacies. As I ultimately argue, however, neither nostalgia nor abnegation exhausts the historicity of postempire, because neither succeeds in overcoming postimperial uncanniness. Accordingly, the final section of my presentation draws on Freud’s theory of the uncanny/unheimlich—“that species of the frightening that goes back to what was once well known and had long been familiar” (2003 [1919]: 124)—to propose that uncanniness haunts and inhabits the postempire in the same manner that temporal entanglement saturates the postcolony.

10:45 – 11:00 **BREAK**

SELF-PRESENTATION AND SELF-ASSERTION

11:00 – 11:30 **Kevin Kenjar** (*University of Rijeka, Croatia*)

MULTILINGUAL IMPERIAL LINGUISTIC LANDSCAPES: A CASE STUDY OF EARLY 20TH CENTURY SARAJEVO

11:30 – 12:00 **Eka Tchkoidze** (*Ilia State University, Georgia*)

BATUMI AS AN INDUSTRIAL CENTER OF THE 19TH AND EARLY 20TH CENTURY AND AN ARCHITECTURAL PRESENCE” OF MINORITIES IN THE CITY

12:30 – 13:00 **Jonas Löffler** (*University of Cologne, Germany*)

PERSIANATE PASTS, NATIONAL FUTURES. THE INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF GEORGIAN AND ARMENIAN MUSIC IN TIFLIS/TBILISI AROUND 1900

13:00 – 14:30 **LUNCH**

14:30 – 15:00 **Zaur Gasimov** (*Turkish-German University, Istanbul, Turkey*)

ETHNICITY AND ETHNIC DIVERSITY OF THE CAUCASUS IN THE PROSAIC AND JOURNALISTIC ACTIVITY OF CELIL MAMMADQULUZADE (1890-1910s)

15:00 – 15:30 **Raphaela Averkorn** (*University of Siegen, Germany*)

GERMAN ASSOCIATIONS AND CLUBS, MEDIA AND SOCIETY – IMPACTS ON DAILY LIFE, SOCIABILITY AND INSTITUTION-BUILDING IN TBILISI AND BOLNISSI (19TH / EARLY 20TH CENTURIES)

15:30 – 16:00 **Oliver Reisner** (*Ilia State University, Georgia*)

CARICATURIST OSKAR SCHMERLING – INTERACTION AMONG ETHNIC COMMUNITIES IN TIFLIS IN THE EARLY 20TH CENTURY

16:00 – 16:30 **BREAK**

SELF-ORGANISATION

16:30 – 17:00 **Shalala Mammadova** (*Azerbaijan State Pedagogical University*)

ARMENIAN PHILANTHROPIC SOCIETY OF BAKU: BETWEEN HISTORY AND MEMORY

17:00 – 17:30 **Aeron O’Connor** (*University College London, UK*)

ENDURING THE TEST OF TIME – EXPLORING THE SAMARQAND-BUKHARA-DUSHANBE NEXUS OF CULTURAL PRODUCTION AND INFLUENCE

17:30 – 18:00 **Evgeniya Prusskaya** (*Marburg University, Germany*)

MUSLIM TIFLIS IN THE NINETEENTH CENTURY

18:00 – 18:30 **Rahim Rahimov** (*independent scholar*)

REAL SCHOOL IN SHUSHA: A TRANSFORMATIONAL SOURCE OF DIVERSITY

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SELF-ORGANISATION

- 09:00 – 09:30 Richard Wittmann (*Orient-Institut Istanbul, Turkey*)
ISTANBUL'S TEUTONIA CHARITY ASSOCIATION OF 1847: FROM SERVING THE NEEDS OF GERMAN-SPEAKING IMMIGRANTS TO CATERING TO THE CULTURAL TASTES OF THE OTTOMAN BOURGEOISIE
- 09:30 – 10:00 Egemen Yılıgür (*Yeditepe University, Istanbul, Turkey*)
THE KUMKAPI TIN-CAN NEIGHBOURHOOD (TENEKE MAHALLE): A CROSS-COMMUNITY SOLUTION TO MODERN PROBLEMS OF THE 19TH-CENTURY OTTOMAN ISTANBUL
- 10:00 – 10:30 Tigran Matosyan (*American University of Armenia*)
KNOCKING UP IN THE TOWN OF VAN: AN ATTEMPT TO UNCOVER A TRADITION
- 10:30 – 11:00 Deniz Karakaş (*independent scholar*) & Rabia Harmanşah (*Leuphana University of Lüneburg, Germany*)
(NOT) WATER UNDER THE BRIDGE: RECOVERING THE FORGOTTEN HYDRAULIC-ENGINEER GREEKS OF BELGRAD VILLAGES IN ISTANBUL
- 11:00 – 11:30 BREAK

MINORITY AND INTEGRATION

- 11:30 – 12:00 Cafer Sarıkaya (*Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey*)
MULTICULTURALISM, CONFLICT AND BELONGING IN THE CASE OF JEWISH MIGRANTS IN THE BLACK SEA REGION OF TURKEY
- 12:00 – 12:30 Nikos Potamianos (*Institute for Mediterranean Studies, Irákleion, Greece*)
CARNIVAL IN IZMIR: FESTIVITIES AND SOCIAL RELATIONS IN OTTOMAN CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES, 1800-1922
- 12:30 – 13:00 Matthieu Gosse (*Université Paris Gustave Eiffel, France*)
RETRACING THE PAST OF THE ARMENIAN CATHOLICS OF MAMURET-UL AZIZ HARPUT. URBAN DAILY LIFE, RELIGIOUS AND DIPLOMATIC COMPETITION IN A LATE OTTOMAN IMPERIAL URBAN CONTEXT
- 13:00 – 13:30 Liliya Wedel (*University of Bielefeld, Germany*)
IDENTITIES AND ECONOMIC-CULTURAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF GERMAN GROUPS IN TRANSCAUCASIA AND THE BLACK SEA REGION, 1870s – 1914
- 13:30 – 15:00 LUNCH
- 15:00 – 19:00 **DISCUSSION** (BREAK 16:30 – 17:00)

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