Men & Masculinities under Socialism:
A Social and Cultural History


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Preliminary Program:

Thursday 14 May 2020, Unitobler, Lerchenweg 36, F-113

1:00-5:00 pm

Welcome & Introduction

Keynote Jürgen Martschukat (University of Erfurt): The History of Masculinities
Comment: Claudia Opitz-Belakhal (University of Basel)

Keynote Erica L. Fraser (Carleton University): Military Masculinity and Postwar Recovery in the Soviet Union (University of Toronto Press, 2019)
Comment: Brigitte Studer (University of Bern) /ANGEFRAGT/

5:30-7:30 pm

Film screening and discussion: The Prefab People (Panelkapcsolat), directed by Béla Tarr (Hungary 1982)

Introduced by György Kalmár (University of Debrecen, Hungary)
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09:00-10:30 am   Youth/Age, Love, and Sexuality

Comment: Alexandra Oberländer (Max Planck Institute for Human Development, Berlin)

Lorenzo Santoro (Università della Calabria)
Beat and Rock’n roll in the DDR: the Sputniks and the male identity in the generational upturn of a Communist regime.

Brendan M. McElmeel (University of Washington, Seattle)
Don Juan and Comrade Ivan: Love and Masculinity in the Soviet Urals

Andrea Bělehradová (Masaryk University, Brno)
Climacteric women and dysfunctional men: Sexuality in old age in Czechoslovakia during state socialism

11:00-12:00 am   Military Masculinities

Comment: Amy Randall (Santa Clara University) /ANGEFRAGT/

Magali Delaloye (University of Hamburg)
Heal and Serve. Performing Soviet Military Masculinity during the Afghan War (1979-1989)

Wojciech Śmieja (University of Silesia, Katowice)
Memoirs of Disabled Veterans. Communist Poland and (Re)construction of Crippled Bodies

Lunch

2:00-3:30 pm   Family, Medicine, and Violence

Comment: Pavel Kolář (University of Konstanz) /ANGEFRAGT/

Natalia Jarska (Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw)
Women’s work and men. Reshaping the breadwinner identity in state socialist Poland

Cristina Diac (University of Bucharest)
Behind the close doors. The private life of the force institutions’ employees in communist Romania, 1945-1965

Amanda Williams (University of Leeds)

4:00-5:00 pm   Race, Religion, and Modernity

Comment: Julia Richers (University of Bern) /ANGEFRAGT/

Marina Yusupova (Newcastle University)
From Traditional to Colonial Masculinities: Race, Gender and ‘Civilisational Progress’ in the Narratives of Russian Men

Ivan Simić (Charles University, Prague)
Targeting Muslim Men: Gender Policies Towards Muslim Communities in Early Yugoslav Socialism