



The State-Owned Enterprise as Site of Solidarity and Conflict

February 13–14, 2025

IOG Seminarraum,

Campus of the University of Vienna,

Spitalgasse 2, Hof 3, 1090 Vienna

February 13

15:00 – 17:00 Panel 1: Transformations

Discussant: Alexandra Ghit (University of Vienna)

Zhao Jin (East China Normal University) & Tao Chen (Tongji University) · *New Enterprises and New Workers: Worker Participation in the Construction of Baosteel during the Early Reform and Opening Period in China (1977–1985)*

Aleksandra Fila (University of Vienna) · *Gendered creativity in state socialist and post-socialist Poland. A case of transformation of the working-class community in Oleśnica*

Denis Laco (Comenius University) · *Silver Mines, Thermal Spring, Beer and Tanks: The Case of State-Owned Enterprises in Multifaceted Village of Vyhne in Central Slovakia*

Lea Vučić (University of Belgrade) · *From Swans to Silence: The Legacy of 'Prvi maj' as a Site of Socialist Work Culture and Post-Socialist Transformation*

17:30 – 19:00 Keynote

Alessandro Iandolo (UCL) · *"Solidarity and the State in the Soviet Union and the Global South"*

19:00 Dinner

February 14

09:30 – 10:00

Michael Hödl, Peter Eigner & Clemens Jobst (University of Vienna) · *Writing a new history of state-owned enterprises in post-1945 Austria – an outline*

10:00 – 12:00 Panel 2:

Theories and Practices of Work

Discussant: Agata Zysiak (University of Vienna)

James Nealy (NYU) · *The Shchekino Method: Flexible Production with Socialist Characteristics in the Soviet Union*

Paweł Sasanka (Pilecki Institute) · *Polish-Yugoslav transnational meetings and the spread of idea of workers' council, 1956*

Rosamund Johnston (University of Vienna) · *Factory Chronicles and Articulating Work in Normalization Czechoslovakia*

Mariia Romanova (University of Vienna) · *Discovering the Soviet Accounting: Data Manipulation for Socialist Economic Planning*

12:00 Lunch

13:30 – 15:00 Panel 3:

Socialism - Its Promises, Threats and Realities

Discussant: Eva Maria Muschik (University of Vienna)

Anna Calori (University of Glasgow) · *The frictions of solidarity: public enterprises in the non-aligned world*

Leo Stauber (Charles University) · *Solidarity versus Job Security: Local Conflicts in Cold War Steyr*

Radka Šustrová (University of Vienna) · *(Non)solidarities and critical divisions: Tobacco Industry in Austria and Czechoslovakia, 1930s-1950s*

15.00-15.30 Coffee Break

15:30 – 17:30 Panel 4 :

Uneasy Cohabitations

Discussant: Alessandro Iandolo (UCL)

Zsombor Bódy (ELTE Budapest) · *From a military plant to a state-owned enterprise. Groups and conflicts in a large Hungarian factory from the end of World War II to the 1960s.*

Ivan Lavrentjev (University of Tartu) · *Housing Policies of a Secret Plant in Soviet Estonia*

Goran Musić & Immanuel R. Harisch (University of Vienna) · *Solidarity and Conflict among African workers and Yugoslav expats in the Zambian Parastatal Sector under One-Party Rule*

Martin Gumiela (University of Vienna) · *Complicated relationships: State-owned companies and the growing private sector in People's Poland since the late 1970s*



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