**CONFERENCE PROGRAM**

**POLITICS OF MEMORY AND THE IDENTITY OF THE NATIONS**

**IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE AFTER 1989**

**Date:** 23 May 2023

**Time:** 10:00 – 17:00

**Venue:** Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (Hahngasse 6/Mezzanin/17, 1090 Vienna)

**Youtube livestream:** [**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=408cqzE1ifA**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=408cqzE1ifA)

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| **Opening session**  | 10:00  |
| ***Introduction*** by Sebastian Schäffer (Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe) and Piotr Szlanta (Polish Academy of Sciences - Scientific Centre in Vienna) |
| **Keynote**  | 10:15 – 11:00 |
| **Miloš Řezník (German Historical Institute Warsaw):** *Myths of multiculturality as historical image-policy in East-Central Europe: between nationality, regionality and locality*  |

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| **Break** | 11:00-11:15 |

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| **Panel I**  | 11:15-13:15 |
| **Natalia Aleksiun (University of Florida):** *Opening the Pandora Box. Polish Historiography of the Holocaust after 1989* |
| **Mischa Gabowitsch (University of Vienna/Institute for Human Sciences) and Mykola Homanyuk (Kherson State University):** *Monuments in times of war: war memorials in Russian-occupied Ukraine since February 2022*  |
| **Lejla Gačanica (University of Mostar):***Divided Memory, Fragmented History: Bosnia and Herzegovina in the Aftermath of Conflict*  |
| **Błażej Brzostek (University of Warsaw):** *Romania 1989. Post-Communist Trauma and the Politics of History* |
| **Moderator:** Piotr Szlanta (PAS) |

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| **Break** | 13:15-14:15 |

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| **Panel II** | 14:15-16:15 |
| **Emilia Sieczka(Polish Academy of Sciences):** *Nationalist mobilisation from below. Resisting functional democratization at Polish schools through reproduction of cultural hierarchies and elitist memory framing* |
| **Łukasz Lewkowicz (Maria Curie-Skłodowska University):** *Difficult neighborhood. Polish-Slovak border conflicts in the years 1918-1947 in contemporary public discourse* |
| **Piotr Eckhardt (University of Wrocław):** *Court Battles in Memory Governance: Polish Law on Decommunization of Public Space in Action* |
| **Paweł Kaczmarski (University of Warsaw):** *Russo-Polish War 1919-1920 as a tool in modern Polish politics of memory* |
| **Moderator:** Natalia Aleksiun (University of Florida) |

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| **Conclusions** | 16:15 (-16:30) |