**Conference Programme**

***Saturday 1 June 2019***

Session 1, 11:00-13:00

**Making, Breaking and Remaking Ethnicity in Interwar Eastern Europe**

Moderator: TBC

Jonna Rock (Humboldt University, Berlin), *Negotiating Jewishness in Interwar Yugoslavia*

Christopher Wendt (Institute if Political History, Budapest), *Formulating Germanness: ‘Minority Making’ in the Interwar Romanian Banat*

Zećir Ramčilović (Institute of National History, Skopje), *The Position of Bosniaks in Vardar Macedonia within the Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes/Yugoslavia between the Two World Wars*

Andrea Carteny (Sapienza University, Rome), *The Szekler Question in Greater Romania: Blood and Language in the Struggle of National Belonging*

***Lunch break****, 13:00-14:15*

Session 2, 14:15-16:15

**Preservation and Consolidation through Language, Education and the Press**

Moderator: Dr Bojana Petric (Birkbeck, University of London)

Branko Šuštar (Historical Association of Slovenia and Slovenian School Museum, Ljubljana), *From Lessons in German as a National Language to Schooling in the Minority Language. Views on Minority Education in the Yugoslav part of Slovenia, 1918-1941*

Anca Filipovici (Romanian Institute of Research on Minorities, Cluj-Napoca), *National Education and Zionist Dreams in Interwar Romania: The Case of the Youth Organisations Straja Țării and Maccabi*

Mattias Battis (Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna), *‘Spreading the Word’ – The Appeal and Provisions of Language and Educational Autonomy for German and Persian Speaking Minorities in the Early Soviet Union*

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Stephan Stach (Polin: Museum of the History of Polish Jews, Warsaw), ‘*The Polish-Ukrainian Bulletin as a Forum for Debate and an Endeavour to Build Mutual Trust’*

Session 3, 16:30-18:30

**The Assimilation and Repression of National Minorities**

Moderator: Professor Cathie Carmichael (University of East Anglia, Norwich)

Anna Novikov (Yad Vashem, Jerusalem), ‘*Maurer’s Children’. Nationalization Processes in the Interwar Polish Silesia*

Oana-Maria Mitu (Lower Danube University, Galati), *State versus Minority Identity in an Interwar Nation-Building Project: The Story of German Settlers in Southern Bessarabia under Romanian Rule*

Agnieszka Smelkovska (University of California, Berkeley), *German Ancestors and Soviet Passports: the Black sea German Community in the Interwar Period*

Cristina Stoica (Western University, London, Canada), *‘Romanization’ and the Creation of Zones of Allocation: Romanian Policies Targeting Roma during the Interwar Period*

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Session 4, 18:45-20:00

**Keynote address, Professor Cathie Carmichael (University of East Anglia, Norwich)**

***Sunday, 2 June 2019***

Session 5, 9:00-10:30

**Social and Economic Life between the Wars**

Moderator: Dr Francis King (University of East Anglia, Norwich)

Katja Wezel (University of Göttingen), *‘United for Economic Revival? Riga’s Baltic Germans and Latvia’s Nation-Building after WW1*

Oliver Panichi (University of Teramo), *‘Give us back our Church’: how to be Catholic and Italian in Yugoslav Dalmatia (1920s-30s)*

Klara Volarić (Loughborough University), *‘Our Turks do not Feel Like a National Minority’: Macedonian Turks in Interwar Yugoslavia*

Session 6, 10:45-12:15

**Minorities as Objects of State Policy**

Moderator: TBC

Börries Kuzmany (Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna), *The minority Ministries for Poles, Jews and Russians in the Ukrainian people’s Republic and their Efforts to Establish National-Personal Autonomy*

Sebahattin Abdurrahman (SOAS, London), Tamara Hoch (Roskilde University), *Kemalist reforms and their Influence of the Identity Shaping of the Western Thrace Turks*

Giuseppe Motta (Sapienza University, Rome), *Rejection and Integration in Transylvania. The Magyar response to the Treaty of Trianon*

*Lunch break, 12:15-13:30*

Session 7, 13:30-14:45

**Keynote address, Professor Julia Richers (University of Bern)**

Session 8, 15:00-16:30

**Contested Identities in the Political and Public Arena**

Moderator: TBC

Stefan Guzvica (University of Regensburg), *A Legacy Erased: Germans in the Yugoslav Communist Movement*

Mart Kuldkepp (UCL, London), *The Political Choices and Outlooks of the Estonian Swedish Minority in Interwar period Estonia*

Vera Volkmann (Herder-Institute, Marburg), *Minorities, Identities and Loyalties: The Case of Interwar Daugavpils (Latvia)*

*Coffee Break: 16:30-16:50*

Session 9, 16:50-18:20

**Lived Experiences in a Transnational Context**

Moderator: Dr Natalya Chernyshova (University of Winchester)

Keith Harrington (Maynooth University), *Different Experiences? Comparing Romanian and Soviet Policies towards their Moldovan Minorities, 1924-1939*

Alexandr Voronovici (Higher School of Economics, Moscow), *The Comintern and National Minorities in the Contested Borderlands of Soviet Western neighbours in the 1920s*

Petru Negura (Free International University, Chisinau), *Nation-State Building and Primary Schooling of Ethnic Minorities in Romanian Bessarabia and Soviet Transnistria during the Interwar Period*

**Closing remarks, 18:20-18:45**