International Conference

“European Rust Belts. West-East Comparisons – and Beyond”

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PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

7 May
9.30–10.00 Welcoming Remarks

10.00–12.00 Panel 1: The Struggle for Survival or the Calm before the Storm? Reactions to the Crisis of the 1970s in East and West
Jan KELLERSHOHN (Bochum): Beyond Comparison: On the Epistemology of Deindustrialization and Labour in the West German Ruhr Valley
Aleksandar SHIVAROV (Varna): Sprat Yet Fish: Bulgarian Adjustment Efforts amidst Economic Turbulences in the 1970s
Jörg ARNOLD (Nottingham): Deindustrialization, not Decline? New Approaches to the Study of the Crisis Decades in the United Kingdom
Adelina STEFAN (Florence): The Snowballing of Globalization: International Tourism and Economic Crisis in Socialist Romania in the Long 1970s
Commentator: Maurice COUTTIER (Bern)

12.00–13.00 Lunch Break
13.00–15.00  Panel 2: Working Class Experiences and Fragmentations
Reana SENJKOVIĆ (Zagreb): Once Upon a Time, the Factory was our Second Home
Tibor VALUCH (Budapest): The Altering World of Work in Hungary and East Central Europe before and after the 1989/90 Transition
Jeremy MORRIS (Aarhus): Working-Class Life Strategies in the Russian Margins
Mikhail CHERNYSH (Moscow): Working Class as a Loser of the Neoliberal Reforms: the Russian Experience
Commentator: Sabine RUTAR (Regensburg)

15.00–15.30  Coffee Break

15.30–17.30  Panel 3: The Many Fates of Heavy Industry
Stefan HOERDLER (Göttingen): A History of Decline? The Steel Industries in West Germany and the United States since the 1970s
Christoffer HOLM (Hanko): “You Are Tearing Down Our Grand Factory”. The Experience of Structural Change, Transformed Space and Lost Progress after the Shutdown of the Steelworks in Hanko (Finland)
Łukasz TREMBACZOWSKI (Katowice): Half Way Rusted: Tentative Future for Upper Silesian Area as an Old Industrial Region
Dragoş PETRESCU (Bucharest): Avatars of Tractor Industry in Post-1989 Romania: From (Large-Scale) De-Industrialization to (Small-Scale) Re-Industrialization
Commentator: Christian WILKE (Utrecht)

18.00–19.15
Keynote Lecture by Philipp THER (Vienna)
Commentator: Sebastian VOIGT (Munich)

19.30  Dinner

8 May
9.00–10.30  Panel 4: Post-Industrial Urban Revivals?
Jan ROTTENBACH / Hans STEPHAN (Wurzen/Chemnitz): The New Class Situation of the Logistical Restructuring in Halle-Leipzig
Johannes KRICKL (Bochum): Duisburg and the New Silk Road: Scripting Post-Industrial Success in a Post-Cold War World
Commentator: Olga POPOVA (Regensburg)
11.00–13.00 Panel 5: Transformations and Tribulations of Industrial regions

Karl LAUSCHKE (Bochum): Regulating the Crisis of the German Steel Industry: The Different Trajectories of the Ruhr Area, Saarland, and Bremen

Lachlan MACKINNON (Sydney): Ending the Industrial State: The Rise and Fall of the Cape Breton Development Corporation, 1966–2001

Margaret COWELL (Arlington, VA): From Rust to Green: Community Wealth Building as Industrial Transformation in Two Great Lake Cities

Richard A. BACHMANN / Friedrich W. OPITZ (Ann Arbor, MA/Dresden): Clearing the Path for Populism? Comparing the History and the Outcomes of the Political Economy Transformation in Ohio and Saxony

Commentator: Max TRECKER (Berlin)

13.00-14.00 Lunch Break

14.00–15.30 Panel 6: Post-Industrial Memoryscapes

Eleni KYRAMARGIOU (Athens): From Factory to Park: A Story of Grassroots Re- Appropriation of an Industrial Space

Bruno de CORTE (Antwerp): The End of Coal Mining and the Start of Heritage Strategies: A Comparison of Belgium, the Netherlands, and Poland

Tanja PETROVIĆ (Ljubljana): Industrial Heritages and Workers’ Memories in the former Yugoslavia

Commentator: Ulf BRUNNBAUER (Regensburg)

15.45–16.30 Concluding Discussion

Inputs/summaries by Ulf BRUNNBAUER, Sebastian VOIGT, Max TRECKER