WORKSHOP

Nationalism from Below: Popular Responses to Nation-Building Projects in Bessarabia, Transnistria, Moldova

The Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies, Regensburg

1-2 October 2021

Online event via Zoom

PROGRAM

Friday

14:00 - 14:15

Ulf BRUNNBAUER (Director, IOS): Greetings and Introductory Remarks

Oleg SEREBRIAN (Embassy of Moldova in Germany): Introductory Remarks

Petru NEGURĂ (IOS/ Humboldt Fellow): Opening Remarks

14:15 - 16:00

Religion and Local Communities in Romanian Bessarabia and Soviet Moldavia

Andreea KALTENBRUNNER (Institute of East European History, University of Vienna): For the Calendar, Against the State. The Old Calendarist Movement in Interwar Romania

Dumitru LISNIC (University College Cork), Inquiring into Religion: Liquidation Commissions and Religious Communities in Soviet Moldavia during the 1920s

Coffee break
16:15 - 18:00

Religious Responses to Nation-Building in Interwar Bessarabia and Transnistria

Roland CLARK (University of Liverpool): *Democracy, Missions, and Violence: The Romanian Orthodox Church in Interwar Bessarabia*

James A. KAPALÓ (University College Cork): *Inochoentism and Existential Eschatology: A Peasant Rejection of the Romanian National Idea*

Iemima PLOSCARIU (Dublin City University): *Singing a Different Tune: Jewish Christians and Musical Resistance to Nationalism in Bessarabia*

Coffee break
18:20 - 19:30

Keynote Speech

Irina LIVEZEANU (University of Pittsburgh): *Studying Bessarabia, Moldova, Transnistria in Upheaval and from Below*

Saturday
10:30 - 12:15

Nationalism, Violence, and Everyday Reactions to Ethnic Exclusion

Igor CAȘU (State University of Moldova): *Going Native after Stalin: The Beria Dossier, Agency and the Rise of Non-Russian Nationalism in Soviet European and Asian Peripheries*

Keith HARRINGTON (Maynooth University): *Mobilising the Masses: Transnistria’s Response to the 1989 Language Laws*

Eleanor KNOTT (London School of Economics): *Studying Kin Majorities from Below: Moldova and Romania, Crimea and Russia*

Lunch
13:15 - 15:00

Nation-Building Policies, Discourses, and Rural Agency in Bessarabia


Oana-Maria MITU (University of Galați): *Social Authority Versus Official Power: Southern*
Daniel BRETT (University College London): *Understanding Things Differently: Rural Politics, Party Organization and Ethnicity in Interwar Bessarabia and Western Ireland, 1918-1939*

Coffee break

15:15 - 17:15

Popular Solidarities and Inter-Ethnic Fault Lines After the Soviet Collapse


Erin HUTCHINSON (University of Colorado Boulder): *“An Amoral Ecology:” Environmental Activism, Moldovan Writers, and the Birth of the National Movement in the MSSR*

Félix-Antoine CLOUTIER (University of Montréal): *Nation Branding and Contested Notions of Peoplehood: Transnistrian and Moldovan Tourism Industry in a Comparative Perspective*

Closing Remarks and Future Research Agendas

Petru Negură, Svetlana Suveica, Andrei Cușco