

Humanitarian Mobilization in Central and Eastern Europe During the Twentieth Century

*Online Workshop Program
23-25 June 2021 (Time Zone: CET)*

Organized by the ERC project *Unlikely Refuge? Refugees and citizens in East-Central Europe in the 20th century* (UnRef)

Wednesday, June 23

14:00 - 14:10 **Introduction**

14:10 - 15:40 **Humanitarian Workers: Local Action and the Need to Help**

Chair: Doina Anca Cretu (Masaryk Institute and Archives/ERC UnRef)

Friederike Kind-Kovács (TU Dresden)

Teach Them to Earn a Living: Julia Vajkai and the Humanitarian Idea of Children's Education

Marija Vulesica (Humboldt-University)

Aleksandar (Aleksa) Klein (Arnon): A Key Actor of the Jewish Humanitarian Work in Interwar Yugoslavia

Christine Schmidt (Wiener Holocaust Library, London) and **Dan Stone** (University of London)

Women and Child Search: A Gendered View of Post-World War II Reconstruction

16:00 - 17:30 **Transnational Interactions: Networks and Dialogues**

Chair: Lidia Zessin-Jurek (Masaryk Institute and Archives/ERC UnRef)

Kinga Frojimovics (Vienna Wiesenthal Institute for Holocaust Studies)

Western Humanitarian Aid during the Era of Emerging Communist Dictatorship: The JDC in Hungary in 1948 -1949

Ruth Nattermann (Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich)

"The same spirit that led me into war, makes me today leave for Russia." Italian and Transnational Actors and Their Humanitarian Work for Postrevolutionary Russia

Luciana Jinga (The Institute for the Investigation of Communist Crimes and the Memory of Romanian Exile, Bucharest)

What Dialogue Between Humanitarians and Beneficiaries? The Intricate Case of the Humanitarian Aid Towards Children in Romania during the 1990s

18:00 - 19:30 **International Organizations: Methods and Motivations**

Chair: Francesca Rolandi (Masaryk Institute and Archives/ERC UnRef)

Francesca Piana (Italian-German Historical Institute of Trento, ISIG-FBK)

Casework For Families Beyond Borders. The International Migration Service in Interwar Poland

Pamela Ballinger (University of Michigan)

Trieste and the Problem of the Hardcore

Sarah Knoll (University of Vienna)

International Aid for Refugees in Austria During the Cold War (1956-1990)

Thursday, June 24

14:00 - 15:30 **Practices of Humanitarianism**

Chair: Alice Szczepaniková (Independent researcher and analyst)

Jo Laycock (University of Manchester)

Soviet Remedies for Displacement: Refugees and Public Health in the South Caucasus

Sara Silverstein (University of Connecticut)

Typhus, Refugees, and Humanitarianism in the Integration of Poland's Second Republic

Katarzyna Nowak (University of Manchester)

Civilising Mission in the Archipelago of Refugee Camps

16:00 - 17:30 **Local Humanitarianism**

Chair: Ágnes Katalin Kelemen (Masaryk Institute and Archives/ERC UnRef)

Franciszek Zakrzewski (EHESS/ERC Lubartworld)

Between Grassroot Organisations and Social Policies: Humanitarian Aid in the Interwar Lubartów

Maren Hachmeister (TU Dresden)

Self-Organized Elderly Care in the Three Border Region: From Late Socialist Humanitarianism to Post-1989 Transformations

Laura Brade (Albion College)

A Network Approach to Tracing Humanitarian Mobilization for Refugees from the Bohemian Lands

18:00 - 19:30 **State-Organized or Civic: Humanitarianism Under State Socialism**

Chair: Ondřej Vojtěchovský (Charles University)

Sielke Kelner (Leiden University)

Spiritual Empowerment as a Form of Humanitarian Relief. The Work of Open Doors in Communist Romania

Cristian Capotescu (University of Washington)

More than Speechless Emissaries: Civic Response and Socialist Refugeedom in Hungary, 1987-1989

Nikola Karasová (Masaryk Institute and Archives/ERC UnRef)

Humanitarian Mobilization under the Conditions of an Emerging State Socialist Regime: The Greek Civil War and Korean War Child Refugees in Czechoslovakia

Friday, June 25

14:00 - 15:30 **Humanitarianism and Nation Making**

Chair: Maximilian Graf (Masaryk Institute and Archives/ERC UnRef)

Gábor Egry (Institute of Political History, Budapest)

From the Other Masaryk to the Romanian Queen. Transnational, Humanitarian State-building and the Post-Habsburg Transition

Elif Becan (Collège de France)

Relief Programs as Means of Nation Building in Turkey: The Welcome of Muslims from the Balkans During the Interwar Period

Julia Reinke (Masaryk Institute and Archives/ERC UnRef/University of Jena)

Refugees in the 'Better Germany'. Socialist Humanitarian Aid to Greek Refugee Children in the Early German Democratic Republic

16:00 - 17:30 **Conceptualizing and Debating Humanitarianism**

Chair: Karla Koutková (Masaryk Institute and Archives/ERC UnRef)

Čarna Brković (University of Goettingen)

Disagreement Over the Non-Political: 1975 Red Cross Peace Conference

Nick Wetschel (ISGV Dresden)

Recht, Humanität, Barmherzigkeit": (Re-)Establishing Humanitarian Frames of Meaning and Action After State Socialism

Alex Langstaff (New York University)

"A Good Scandal in Vienna:" Reporting and Debating Corruption in Postwar Relief, 1917-1925

17:30 - 17:45 **Final remarks**