CHILDREN OF TRANSITION, CHILDREN OF WAR
THE ‘GENERATION OF TRANSFORMATION’ FROM A EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVE

The conference is focused on today’s young adults who, as children, experienced the fall of Soviet-dominated societies and the related transformations on the Eastern side of the ‘Iron Curtain’. How does the generation of the former children of the political revolutions in Eastern and Southeastern Europe as well as the German ‘Wendekinder’ (in the East, but also in the West) deal with collective memories, current socio-economic and political challenges such as migration, integration, or various nationalisms? What are their attitudes and expectations towards Europe and the European Union? Which insights, lessons learned and recommendations can therefrom be obtained for civic education in Europe?

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THURSDAY, 3 NOVEMBER
Small Ceremonial Chamber (Kleiner Festsaal), Main Building of the University of Vienna, Universitätsstraße 1, 1010 Vienna; Stairs open access: right-hand entrance, elevator 1st floor

17:30–18:30
Registration and reception

18:30–19:00
Welcome addresses
Ulrike Felt
(Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Vienna)
Christoph Augustynowicz
(Vice Dean of the Historical Cultural Faculty, University of Vienna)
Gerhard Benetka
(Dean of the Faculty of Psychology, Sigmund Freud Private University, Vienna)
Gabriele Matzner-Holzer
(Ambassador, Board Member of the Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM), Vienna)
Caroline Hornstein Tomic
(Head of the Operative Department, Federal Agency for Civic Education (bpb), Bonn)
Franz Vranitzky
(Former Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Austria)

19:00–19:30
Keynote Speech
Wolfgang Petritsch
(Ambassador, President of the Austrian Marshall Plan Foundation, Vienna)

19:30–20:00
Introduction
Rainer Gries
(Franz Vranitzky Chair for European Studies, University of Vienna)

20:00–21:00
Get together
FRIDAY, 4 NOVEMBER
Sky Lounge
University of Vienna, Oskar-Morgenstern-Platz 1, 1090 Vienna

9:00–11:00

Panel 1: Memory and Collective Amnesia
Chaired by Oliver Rathkolb
(Head of the Department of Contemporary History, University of Vienna)

Divided Memories – Divided Youth: How Does War Remembrance Affect Ethnic Identities and Political Attitudes Among Youths in Kosovo?
Bekim Baliqi
(Department of Political Science, University of Prishtina, Kosovo)

‘USSR 2.0’ or a ‘Normal European Country’? Socio-Political Visions of Russia’s ‘Children of Transition’ Exemplified by Two Russian Youth – Organizations in Perm/Urals
Anke Giesen
(Otto von Guericke University Magdeburg, Germany)

Remembering While Forgetting: How Young Czechs Grow Into Collective
Tomáš Karger & Jan Kalenda
(Faculty of Humanities, Tomáš Baťa University in Zlín, Czech Republic Memory)

The Worth of East German Identity. On the Intersection of Meaning, Worth and Affect, and its Potential for Analyzing the East
Sandra Matthäus
(Department of Social Sciences, Humboldt-University Berlin, Department of the History of Medicine and Science Studies, Lübeck University)

11:00–11:30 Coffee break

11:30–13:00 Poster Session
Chaired by Silvia Nadjivan
(Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM), Vienna)

The Young Generation and the Temptation of Extremism. The 2000 Elections in Romania
Andreea Elena Cărstea
(Civic Academy Foundation – The International Center for Studies into Communism, Bucharest, Romania)

Youth Rocks? Youth Leisure and Engagement in Transcending and Reinforcing Urban Ethno-National Divides in Former Yugoslavia
Vanni D’Alessio & Bert Preiss
(Department of History, University of Rijeka, Croatia; University of Naples / Department of Political Science, University of Vienna, Austria)

Between Germanness and Othering – The Process of ‘Ossifizierung’
Kathleen Heft
(Department of Cultural History and Theory, Humboldt University Berlin, Germany)

Children of 1992–1995 War in Bosnia-Herzegovina: One Generation, Several Subgroups and Different Memories
Alma Jeftić
(Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Psychology Program, International University of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina)

The Use of Social Media by Youth in Contemporary Albania and its Impact on Their Perceptions of the World
Islam Jusufi
(Department of Political Science and International Relations, Epoka University, Tirana, Albania)

13:00–14:00 Lunch break and Poster viewing

Importance of the Family and Tradition for Second Generation of Migrants from Bosnia and Herzegovina in Constructing of Migrant Networks
Bojana Mićugragović
(Senior Teaching Assistant Department of Sociology, Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina)

Growing Up During the ‘Transition’ in Serbia – Between Precarity and Creativity
Jovana Papović
(School for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences, EHESP, Paris, France)

Polish and Czech Students: Financial Literacy and Political Opinions Related to the Economic Issues
Małgorzata Pawlak
(Collegium of Socio-Economics, Warsaw School of Economics)

Regimes of Forgetting and Homogenization of Memory: From Erasure of Socialist Symbols Towards Collective Amnesia and Urbicide of the Spatial – Historical Landscape of the City of Skopje
Nataša Sardzoska
(Eberhard Karls University Tübingen, Germany, independent researcher, Skopje, Macedonia)

The Young Roma Females in the Czech Republic: Between (Post)Socialist Surveillance and Fast-Track Integration
Victoria Shmidt
(Institute for Research of Inclusive Education, Faculty of Education, Masaryk University, Czech Republic)

Cultural Memory and Childhood: Do Young Adults From Former Yugoslav Republics Still Watch Yugoslav TV Programs?
Nataša Simeunović Bajić
(Faculty of Culture and Media, John Naisbitt University, Belgrade, Serbia)

Breaking the Silence: Results from Inter-Generation Talks on Transition in Germany, Russia and Ukraine
Olga Pravlyo, Amanda Groschke, Polina Philippova & Christine Wetzel
(Congress of Cultural Activists Kiev, Ukraine/Author, Berlin/Sakharov Center Moscow, Russian Federation/German Russian Exchange)
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FROM MIGRATION TO INTEGRATION
Chaired by Pavel Kolář
(Department of History and Civilization, European University Institute (EUI), Florence, Italy)

Macedonia’s Lost Generation Between Transitional Crises and New Perspectives
Kire Babanoski
(Faculty of Security Sciences, MIT University – Skopje, Macedonia)

Sounding Repercussions: Reflections on Post-1989 and Post-Migration
Katharina Blumberg-Stankiewicz & Elisabeth Krindörfer
(European University Vladihrina, Frankfurt, Germany)

The Good, the Bad and the Eastern European – Refugees and the Communist Past
Iva Kopraleva, Rafaela Tripalo & Louisa Slavkova
(Sofia Platform, Bulgaria / Stiftung Wissen am Werk, Croatia / European Council on Foreign Relations)

In 1992 – Bosnian War Refugees, Today – Modern Migrants
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(Independent researcher, Zagreb)

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SOCIAL PRACTICES AND POLITICAL PARTICIPATION
Chaired by Sanja Milutinović Bojanić
(Center for Advanced Studies – South Eastern Europe, University of Rijeka, Croatia)

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Ivania Milovanović
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Generation on the Doorstep? How to Define an Age Group Shaped by the Changes?
Raiti Nugin
(Estonian Institute of Humanities, Centre for Contemporary Culture, Tallinn University, Estonia)

Generation of Consensus or of Protest? Ukraine’s Children of Transition. The Orange Revolution and Beyond
Olesandr Svyetlov
(‘Memorial’ / Public Institute of Historical Memory / Museum of Soviet Occupation, Kyiv, Ukraine)

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BETWEEN EUROPEANNESS AND NATIONALISMS
Chaired by Hans-Georg Golz
(Federal Agency for Civic Education (bpb), Bonn)

The Children in the Balkans Between Democracy and Nationalism
Bedrudin Brljavac
(University of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina)

When I think of Europe … Wendekinder as a Diverse Generation of Transformation
Daniel Kubiak & Christian Nestler
(Department of Social Sciences, Humboldt University Berlin, Germany / Department of Political and Public Administrative Sciences, University of Rostock, Germany)

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