

# CHILDREN OF TRANSITION, CHILDREN OF WAR

THE 'GENERATION OF TRANSFORMATION' FROM A EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVE

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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**

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**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 Tomić

(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

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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 Bat'a 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 Cârstea  
(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 Jefić  
(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 Internatio-  
nal Relations, Epoka University, Tirana, Albania)

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## **Importance of the Family and Tradition for Second Generation of Migrants from Bosnia and Herzegovina in Constructing of Migrant Networks**

Bojana Miodragović

(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, EHESS, 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)

## **Breaking the Silence: Results from Inter-Generation Talks on Transition in Germany, Russia and Ukraine**

Olena Pravylo, Amanda Groschke, Polina

Philippova & Christine Wetzel

(Congress of Cultural Activists Kiev, Ukraine/  
Author, Berlin/Sakharov Center Moscow, Russian Federation/German Russian Exchange)

## **Regimes of Forgetting and Homogenization of Memory: From Erasure of Socialist Symbols Towards Collective Amnesia and Urbicide of the Spacial – Historical Landscape of the City of Skopje**

Natasha 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)

**13:00–14:00**

Lunch break and Poster viewing

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14:00–16:00

## PANEL 2: 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 Kirndörfer

(European University Viadrina, Frankfurt, Germany)

### **The Good, the Bad and the Eastern European – Refugees and the Communist Past**

Iva Koprileva, 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**

Kristina Malbašić

(Independent researcher, Zagreb)

16:00–16:30

Coffee break

16:30–18:30

## PANEL 3: SOCIAL PRACTICES AND POLITICAL PARTICIPATION

Chaired by Sanja Milutinović Bojanić

(Center for Advanced Studies – South Eastern Europe, University of Rijeka, Croatia)

### **Trapped into Inherited Norms: Victimization of Children and Young Adults Because of Vitalization of Blood Feud in Albanian Post-Socialist Society**

Merita Meçe

(Clemson University, South Carolina, USA)

### **Young Women and (In)Security of Daily Life in the Divided City of Mitrovica, Kosovska Mitrovica**

Ivana Milovanović

(Faculty of Sport and Physical Education, University of Novi Sad, Serbia)

### **Generation on the Doorstep? How to Define an Age Group Shaped by the Changes?**

Raili 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**

Oleskandr Svyetlov

('Memorial' / Public Institute of Historical Memory / Museum of Soviet Occupation, Kyiv, Ukraine)

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**9:00–10:00**

## **Revisions of Transitions**

Chaired by Johannes Piepenbrink  
(Federal Agency for Civic Education (bpb), Bonn)

**10:00–12:00**

## **PANEL 4: BETWEEN EURO- PEANNESS 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  
(Department of Political Science, 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)

### **Civilizing the Transitional Generation: The Politics of Civic Education in Post- Communist Romania**

Mihai Stelian Rusu  
(Department of Journalism, Public Relations,  
Sociology and Psychology, Lucian Blaga  
University of Sibiu, Romania)

### **Defining a Generation, Redefining the Nation: Coming of Age in Post-War Bosnia-Herzegovina**

Mary Kate Schneider  
(Department of Political Science, Loyola  
University Maryland, Baltimore, USA)

**12:00–12:30**

Coffee break & Fingerfood

**12:30–14:00**

## **CONCLUSION: LESSONS LEARNED AND PROSPECTS FOR CIVIC EDUCATION IN EUROPE**

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(Head of the Operative Department, Federal  
Agency for Civic Education (bpb), Bonn)

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