

(Forced) Migration and large-scale settlement in modern European history. State- building, ethnic conflict and the economy in the 19th and 20th Century

An international conference, 31 March – 2 April 2021

Wednesday, 31 March

14.30 Online reception and welcome

15.00-16.30 Panel 1: Strategies of (enforced) migrations in the 20th Century and beyond (Chair: Christoph Rass, University of Osnabrück)

- Antonio Ferrara (Rome): Channelling forced migrants: towards a longitudinal history of refugees as political assets in XX century Europe
- Jannis Panagiotidis (University of Vienna): When ethnodemographic politics meets modern immigration policies. The settlement of co-ethnic immigrants in Greece and Israel since the 1990s

16.30-16.45 Virtual Coffee

16.45-18.15 Panel 2: Population management and the rural economy (Chair: Klaus Richter, Birmingham)

- Željko Bjeljac (Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Belgrade) and Vesna Lukić (Institute of Social Sciences, Belgrade): Planned migration in Vojvodina (Serbia) 1919-1933 in the context of land reform
- Kateryna Burkush (Kiev): Repopulating the Steppe: Agrarian Resettlement and Soviet Power in Ukraine, 1949-53

18.30 Keynote: Donald Bloxham (University of Edinburgh): Europe and the World: comparative considerations at the mid-century

Followed by a virtual reception

Thursday, 1 April

14.30-16.00 Panel 3: 'Imperial shatterzones' (Chair: Donald Bloxham, University of Edinburgh)

- Roii Ball (UCLA, Los Angeles/ IEG Mainz): The ambivalence of *Heimat* and settlement on the cheap: Architecture and planning in the imperial 'internal colonization' of Polish Prussia, 1890s-1920s.
- Niccolò Pianciola (Nazarbayev University, Nur-Sultan): Unmaking transimperial settler societies: Soviet deportations from the Eurasian colonization belt and the segmentation of borderlands (1920s-1940s)

- Tim Buchen (TU Dresden): Re-settling peasants, connecting Borderlands: Ethnic Germans and mass migration between Volhynia, Courland, and Pommerania 1909-1939

16.00-16.15 Virtual Coffee

16.15-18.15 Panel 4: Emigration/Immigration policies in southern Europe (Chair: NN)

- Federico Chiaricati (University of Triest): From social problem to ambassadors of commerce and culture. Italian projects to assist and exploit migrants as a way of economic and cultural expansion after 1896
- Vesna Djicanovic (Institute for Recent History of Serbia, Belgrade): National unity beyond borders. Yugoslav emigration policy in the interwar period
- Klara Volarić (Loughborough University): Immigration Policies in interwar Turkey
- Lina Venturas (Panteion University, Athens): Large-scale settlement of refugees in interwar Greece. International organizations and state-building processes

18.30 Keynote: Susanne Heim (IfZ Berlin): "...to prevent disorderly waves of immigration to our country..." International reactions to the refugee crisis of the 1930ies

Followed by a virtual reception

Friday, 2 April

12.45-14.15 Panel 5: The globalisation of settlement (Chair: Susanne Heim, IfZ Berlin)

- Alexander Korb (University of Leicester): An Anti-Paris new order? Ideology and practice of völkisch activists, 1919-1939
- Gerhard Wolf (University of Sussex): A global solution to a European problem: The Evian Conference and US population planning for a new European order
- Chris Szabla (Hong Kong University): A science of settlement? Migration technocrats and their discontents in the interwar ILO

14.15-14.30 Virtual Coffee

14.30-15.45 Panel 6: Re-making Europe in the aftermath of the Second World War (Chair: Kerstin von Lingen, University of Vienna)

- Márkus Beáta (University of Pécs): Deportation of ethnic German civilians from Hungary to the Soviet Union 1944/1945
- Tomáš Dvorák (Masaryk University, Brno): Migration and managing the labour market in Czechoslovakia 1945-1953

16.00-17.30 Final discussion (Chairs: Tim Buchen/Gerhard Wolf)

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