

THURSDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER 2023

10:00 –
12:00

Panel 5: Old Age

Chair: Friederike Kind-Kovács (HAIT, Dresden)

Petr Fučík (Masaryk University, Brno)

The Role of Education in Partner Biographies during the Late Postsocialist Transformation: Implications for Contemporary Ageing Men

Maren Hachmeister (HAIT, Dresden)

Double Transitions? Early Retirement and the Postsocialist Transformation through the Lens of Care Workers in East Germany

Viktoriya Sukovata (Kharkiv National Karazin University, Ukraine)

Images of the Old Men in the Post-Soviet Cinema

Discussant: Judith Brehmer (Collegium Carolinum, Munich)

12:00 –
12:30

Coffee Break and Sandwiches

12:30 –
13:00

Final Discussion

Maren Hachmeister (HAIT, Dresden) & Friederike Kind-Kovács (HAIT, Dresden)

About the Conference

The Hannah Arendt Institute for Totalitarianism Studies (HAIT) at the TU Dresden organizes this international conference to engage with the question of how the various ages experienced changing postsocialist realities. Up to today the post-1989 transformation has had long-lasting effects on lives and biographies in postsocialist societies. Yet, there are no uniform experiences of 'the' transformation. Be it in East Germany or the countries of East Central Europe, the various age groups experienced and responded differently to the political and social transformation in the past and remember and speak about it today in different ways. This requires paying special attention to the dimension of age when it comes to understanding the political, social, and biographical implications of the postsocialist transformation.

The contributions by international scholars from Germany, the Czech Republic, Poland, Bulgaria, Romania, Ukraine and the US will discuss ageing in the postsocialist transformation in five thematic panels on young children, young adults, generations and family constellations, adults, and old age.

Main Organizers

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Conference Venue

Seminar Room TIL 110, Hannah Arendt Institute
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Attendance

Online participation via zoom is possible for all registered attendees. Please register until 17 September by email to:
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Age and Ageing in the Postsocialist Transformation

26 - 28 September 2023
HAIT Dresden



TUESDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 2023

14:30 / **Registration & Welcome Coffee**

15:00 – **Welcome & Opening**

15:30 / Maren Hachmeister & Friederike Kind-Kovács

15:30 – **Panel 1: Young Children**

17:30

Chair: Stephanie Zloch (TU Dresden)

Max Gawlich (Heidelberg University)

Catching up with Reflexive Childhood? Young Children during the East German Transformation and in Contemporaneous Research

Friederike Kind-Kovács (HAIT, Dresden)

Children in/of the Postsocialist Transformation: East German Recollections

Leyla Safta-Zecheria (West University Timișoara / Central European University, Vienna)

Growing up amid the Transformations of Large Institutions for Children with Disabilities in Romania

Discussant: Silke Fehlemann (TU Dresden)

19:00 – **Dinner**

21:00 / Restaurant „Raskolnikoff“
Böhmische Straße 34, 01099 Dresden

WEDNESDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER 2023

10:00 – **Panel 2: Young Adults**

12:00

Chair: Thomas Lindenberger (HAIT, Dresden)

Ivanka Petrova (Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia)

Young Adults at the Beginning of Transition: Cultural and Social Capital and Economic Development in Bulgaria's Postsocialist Transformation

Claudia Dreke (University of Applied Sciences, Magdeburg-Stendal)

Political Imaginations: Upheaval in the GDR as seen in Drawings of Students then, and in their Memories today

Maren Francke (Leibniz Centre for Contemporary History Potsdam)

Fidesz as a Youth Movement during Regime Change in Hungary

Discussant: Carsta Langner (Friedrich-Schiller-University Jena)

12:00 – **Lunch**

13:30 / Restaurant „Ganesha“
Liebigstraße 24, 01187 Dresden

13:30 – **Panel 3: Generations and Family Constellations**

15:30

Chair: Klára Pinerová (HAIT, Dresden)

Josephine Starke (HAIT, Dresden)

The Endangered Promise of 1989. A Cohort-based Perspective on Transformation and Dictatorship in the Political Biographies of East German AfD Politicians.

Ana Luleva (Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia)

The Bulgarian Postsocialist Transformation viewed through the Lens of three Generations: Continuities and Changes in Life Courses

Katarzyna Waniek (University of Łódź)

Experiences of Poles born between 1980 and 2000: Between Traditional and Fluid Biographical Orientation

Discussant: Till Kössler (Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg)

15:30 – **Coffee Break**

16:00

16:00 – **Panel 4: Adults**

18:00

Chair: Maren Hachmeister (HAIT, Dresden)

Greta Hartmann (Leipzig University)

The (L)ost Generation? On the Arrival of Former GDR Citizens in the New System

Svetlana Vassileva-Karagyozyova (Kansas University) - online

Disease as Dissent in the Coming-of-Age Novels of Poland's Last Communist Generation

Annina Gagyiova (Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague)

Did Age Matter? Hungary's Socialist Entrepreneurs and their Transition to Market after 1989

Discussant: Johannes Schütz (TU Dresden)

19:00 – **Dinner**

21:00 / Restaurant „Lila Soße“
Alaunstraße 70, 01099 Dresden