

Programme

Bringing class back in: The dynamics of social change in (post) Yugoslavia

Hotel Kaj, Marija Bistrica

7-9 December 2012

About the workshop

The Centre for Southeast European Studies, University of Graz and the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Zagreb are pleased to welcome you to Marija Bistrica for the workshop "Bringing class back in: The dynamics of social change in (post) Yugoslavia". The goal of the event is to flesh out the notion of social class in socialist Yugoslavia, during the state's dissolution and in its contemporary successor states. Social class is understood in its broadest sense as a set of contested concepts related to social stratification in which people are grouped according to social categories defined in terms of material wealth, occupation, family background, cultural taste and other qualities. Our starting point for the workshop is the paradox that although the existence of class-framed conflict was taboo according to socialist ideology, stratification was deeply ingrained in the social fabric of the Yugoslav state and has not been systematically tackled in academic literature which has tended to prioritise ethnicity as a concept of social organization. We are delighted to gather a diverse group of both established and emerging scholars with backgrounds in history, sociology, anthropology and other branches of the social sciences who approach "class" from a range of (inter-)disciplinary, conceptual and methodological perspectives. For further details please contact: ror.archer@uni-graz.at



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Friday 07.12.2012

13:30-15: 00 Lunch

15:00-15:15 Introduction

Dietmar Dirmoser, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Zagreb

Rory Archer, Centre for Southeast European Studies, University of Graz

15:15-17:15 Panel 1

The elusiveness of social class in a (post) Yugoslav context

Chair: Dietmar Dirmoser, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Zagreb

Discussant: Mladen Lazić, University of Belgrade

The dissolution of class differences: The socialist roots of the postsocialist anomia

Inga Tomić-Koludrović and Mirko Petrić, University of Zadar

Democratization, war and inequality: Analysing the persistence of structural blindness to questions of social class in Croatia

Danijela Dolenc, University of Zagreb

Social Class as a Predictor of Nationhood Worldviews? A Comparison of Narratives of Low- and High- SES Serbian and Croatian Youth

Tamara Pavasović Trošt, University of Graz

Class and nation as predictive variables in the countries of the former Yugoslavia 1985-2012

Duško Sekulić, University of Zagreb

17:15-17:45 Coffee Break

17:45-19:15 Panel 2

Culture, consumerism, class and aesthetics in SFRY

Chair: Andrew Gilbert, McMaster University, Ontario

Discussant: Igor Duda, University of Pula

On class and sexuality in Socialist Yugoslavia

Sanja Đurin, Institute of Ethnology and Folklore Research, Zagreb

Between under and upper class: female folk singers in socialist Yugoslavia

Ana Hofman, Scientific-Research Center of Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Center for Interdisciplinary Research, Ljubljana

"I collect badges and listen to all kinds of music" - Social Loops of Entertainment and Last Days of Yugoslavia

Marija Grujić, Central European University, Budapest

Saturday 08.12.2012

09:30-11:00 Panel 3

Social Stratification in a socialist state

Chair: Antonija Petričušić, University of Zagreb

Discussant: Ivana Spasić, University of Belgrade

"You have a house, return the flat!" – housing inequalities, law and morality in 1980s Yugoslavia

Rory Archer, University of Graz

From simple administrators to self-governing managers: the changing role of the director's position in the Yugoslav economic system 1945–1965

Milan Piljak, Institute for Recent History of Serbia / University of Belgrade

Vocationalizing unrest: Education, conflict, and class reproduction in Socialist Yugoslavia

Jana Bačević, Central European University, Budapest

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-13:30 Panel 4

Yugoslav class dilemmas

Chair: Karin Doolan, University of Zadar

Discussant: Stef Jansen, University of Manchester

The Ambiguous Character of the Gastarbajteri's Class Identity: A Failed Attempt to Rise Up the Social Ladder

Sara Bernard, University of Regensburg

The Yugoslav Gastarbajters: A Class-Based Analysis

Brigitte Le Normand

Assistant Professor of History, Indiana University Southeast

The myth of modern and low-cost housing practices in Yugoslavia (1960-1990)

Mišo Kapetanović. University of Ljubljana

Self-employed farmers, a Yugoslav underclass? Social exclusion and the Kosovar countryside

Isabel Ströhle, University of Munich

13:30-15:30 Lunch Break

15:30-17:00 Panel 5

Social class, nationalism and war

Chair: Tamara Pavasović Trošt, University of Graz

Discussant: Stef Jansen, University of Manchester

What Nationalism Has Buried: Powerlessness and Discontent in Late Yugoslav Socialism."

Ana Dević, Fatih University, Istanbul

'They came as workers only to return as Serbs' : The role of Rakovica's blue-collar workers in the Serbian social mobilizations of the late 1980s
Goran Musić, European University Institute, Florence

From Communist Intelligentsia to Nationalist Populism: Social Class in Communist and Post-communist Macedonia

Cvete Koneska, St Antony's College, University of Oxford

17:00-17:30 Coffee Break

17:30-19:00 Panel 6

Foreign intervention, civic engagement and social class in the former Yugoslavia

Chair: Sara Bernard, University of Regensburg

Discussant: Paul Stubbs, Institute of Economics, Zagreb

The local workforce of international intervention in former Yugoslavia: 'precariat' or 'projectariat'?

Catherine Baker, University of Hull

Elite formation in Serbia: Practical cosmopolitanism and technocratic manoeuvres

Theodora Vetta, École des hautes études en sciences sociales / IRIS - Paris

Western Balkan NGOs – a 'middle-class phenomenon'?

Piotr Goldstein, University of Manchester

Sunday 9th December

09:30-11.00 Panel 7

Social class in post-socialist ethnographies

Chair: Dario Brentin, University College London

Discussant: Ivana Spasić, University of Belgrade

Class, Race, and Cultural Display: Roma in Macedonia during Late Socialism and Post socialism

Carol Silverman, University of Oregon

"Why I need rakija" – life and career strategies amongst science students in post-Socialist Serbia and Croatia

Andrew Hodges, University of Manchester

Moral desintegration and belonging: concepts of culture and community in postsocialist Serbia

Marina Simić, University of Belgrade

11.00-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-13:00 Panel 8

Social Class and Post-socialism

Chair: Rory Archer,

Discussant: Paul Stubbs

Middle Class in Serbia during Postsocialist Transformation: Changing Value Orientations

Mladen Lazić, University of Belgrade

Social class in post-socialist ex-Yugoslav Societies

Predrag Cvetičanin, Centre for Empirical Cultural Studies of South-East Europe

The Unemployed and Retired in Class Analysis – The Case of Serbia

Slobodan Cvejić, University of Belgrade

13:30 – 15:30 Final Lunch / Departure

Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Zagreb

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