

## Conference Program

### Border Rivers and Transboundary Mobility in East-Central and Southeastern Europe

#### Venue:

Mercure Hotel Bochum City  
Massenbergstrasse 19-21, 44787 Bochum

#### Dates:

**Arrival:** March 24, 2025

**Conference Dates:** Tuesday, March 25 – Wednesday, March 26, 2025

**Departure:** March 27, 2025

#### Day 1 – Tuesday, March 25, 2025

Time	Session
09:00 – 09:30	<b>Welcome and Introduction</b> – Opening by Markus Koller – Presentation of the conference program
09:30 – 10:30	<p><b>Session 1: Rivers as Military Borders and Strategies</b></p> <p><b>Dino Mujadžević</b> – <i>Natural Defence? Ottoman Military Mobility and the Rivers in the Southern Pannonian Plain (1460s – 1550s)</i> –</p> <p><b>Tomislav Matic</b> – <i>"The Riverbank is Teeming with Their Tents" The Rivers Sava and Danube in Hungarian Anti-Ottoman Strategies in the Mid-15th Century</i> –</p>
10:30 – 11:00	<b>Coffee Break</b>
11:00 – 12:30	<p><b>Session 2: Rivers and Geopolitical Conflicts</b></p> <p><b>Stanko Andrić</b> – <i>Amnes Ungarie propugnacula: Sava and Drava Rivers in the Anti-Ottoman Military Projects in the First Half of the 16th Century</i> –</p> <p><b>Barbaros Köksal</b> – <i>Slavonia Between Two Empires: Militarized Communities in the Ottoman-Habsburg Borderlands (1526 – 1683)</i> –</p> <p><b>Florian Riedler and Nenad Stefanov</b> – <i>Fluid Borders: Zemun and Belgrade in the Historical Mobility Space of Danube and Sava</i> –</p>
12:30 – 13:00	<b>Discussion</b>

Time	Session
13:00 – 14:00	<b>Lunch Break</b>
14:00 – 15:30	<p><b>Session 3: Borders, Religion, and Mobility</b></p> <p><b>Robert Skenderović</b> – <i>Franciscans of Bosnia Srebrena in Slavonia and Hungary during the 17th Century</i> –</p> <p><b>Rudolf Barišić</b> – <i>Triple Border: River Sava from the Perspective of the Bosnian Franciscans</i> –</p> <p><b>Anđelko Vlašić</b> – <i>Mobility Across the Drava and Mura Rivers in the Context of Ottoman Expansion (15th – 17th Century)</i> –</p>
15:30 – 16:00	<b>Coffee Break</b>
16:00 – 17:30	<p><b>Session 4: Economic Use of Rivers and Labor Migration</b></p> <p><b>Markus Koller</b> – <i>The "Economic and Political Appropriation" of the Buna/Bojana River in the 19th Century</i> –</p> <p><b>Luminița Gătejel</b> – <i>Overlapping Imperial and National Interests at the Iron Gates in the 19th Century</i> –</p> <p><b>Ana Rajković-Pejić</b> – <i>Across the River to Work: Mobility of the "Đuro Đaković" Factory Workforce in Socialist Yugoslavia (1960 – 1989)</i> –</p>
17:30 – 18:00	<b>Summary of the Day</b>

## Day 2 – Wednesday, March 26, 2025

Time	Session
09:00 – 10:30	<p><b>Session 5: Transnational Mobility and Ideological Borders</b></p> <p><b>Anca Mandru</b> – <i>Escapes and Encounters: Danube Crossings in the History and Memory of Early Socialist Movements in Romania, Bulgaria, and Serbia</i> –</p> <p><b>Maximilian Hartmuth</b> – <i>Frontier, Threshold, Interface? Liminal and Transborder Cultural Dynamics in the Eastern Posavina during Late Imperialism</i> –</p> <p><b>Stefan Rohdewald</b> – <i>Transcolonial Riparian Societies? Historical Approaches to Ukraine and the Danube-Sava Region in Comparison</i> –</p>
10:30 – 11:00	<b>Coffee Break</b>

Time	Session
11:00 – 12:30	<p><b>Session 6: Rivers as Borders and Battlegrounds: Geopolitics and Mobility</b></p> <p><b>Sören Urbansky</b> – <i>Amour on the Amur? Four Centuries of Geopolitics, Mobility, and Identity in a Sino-Russian Borderland</i> –</p> <p><b>Luminița Gătejel</b> – <i>Overlapping Imperial and National Interests at the Iron Gates in the 19th Century</i> –</p>
12:30 – 13:00	<b>Discussion</b>
13:00 – 14:00	<b>Lunch Break</b>
14:00 – 15:30	<p><b>Session 7: Final Discussion and Future Research Perspectives</b> – Reflection on the key themes of the conference – Open questions and future research approaches –</p>
15:30 – 16:00	<b>Coffee Break</b>
16:00 – 17:30	<p><b>Closing Lectures and Summary</b> – Open discussion round with all participants – Closing remarks by Markus Koller</p>
17:30 – 18:00	<b>Official End of the Conference</b>