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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

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Day 1 – Tuesday, March 25, 2025

Time	Session
09:00 – 09:30	Welcome and Introduction – Opening by Markus Koller – Presentation of the conference program
09:30 – 10:30	Session 1: Rivers as Military Borders and Strategies (Moderator: Markus Koller) Dino Mujadžević <i>Natural Defence? Ottoman Military Mobility and the Rivers in the Southern Pannonian Plain (1460s – 1550s)</i> Tomislav Matić <i>"The Riverbank is Teeming with Their Tents" The Rivers Sava and Danube in Hungarian Anti-Ottoman Strategies in the Mid-15th Century</i>
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:30	Session 2: Rivers and Geopolitical Conflicts (Moderator: Dino Mujadžević) Stanko Andrić <i>Amnes Ungarie propugnacula: Sava and Drava Rivers in the Anti-Ottoman Military Projects in the First Half of the 16th Century</i>

Time	Session
	<p>Barbaros Köksal <i>Slavonia Between Two Empires: Militarized Communities in the Ottoman-Habsburg Borderlands (1526 – 1683)</i></p> <p>Florian Riedler and Nenad Stefanov <i>Fluid Borders: Zemun and Belgrade in the Historical Mobility Space of Danube and Sava</i></p>
12:30 – 13:00	Discussion
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 – 15:30	<p>Session 3: Borders, Religion, and Mobility (Moderator: Stefan Rohdewald)</p> <p>Robert Skenderović <i>Social and economic aspects of migrations of Bosnian Catholics accross the Sava River during the 17th and 18th centuries</i></p> <p>Rudolf Barišić <i>Triple Border: River Sava from the Perspective of the Bosnian Franciscans</i></p> <p>Anđelko Vlašić <i>Mobility Across the Drava and Mura Rivers in the Context of Ottoman Expansion (15th – 17th Century)</i></p>
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 – 17:30	<p>Session 4: Economic Use of Rivers and Labor Migration (Moderator: Stanko Andrić)</p> <p>Luminița Gătejel <i>Overlapping Imperial and National Interests at the Iron Gates in the 19th Century</i></p> <p>Markus Koller <i>The "Economic and Political Appropriation" of the Buna/Bojana River in the 19th Century</i></p>
17:30 – 18:00	Summary of the Day

Day 2 – Wednesday, March 26, 2025

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

Time	Session
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:30	<p>Session 6: Rivers as Borders and Battlegrounds: Geopolitics and Mobility (Moderator: Anđelko Vlašić)</p> <p>Ana Rajković-Pejić <i>Across the River to Work: Mobility of the "Đuro Đaković" Factory Workforce in Socialist Yugoslavia (1960 – 1989)</i></p> <p>Sören Urbansky <i>Amour on the Amur? Four Centuries of Geopolitics, Mobility, and Identity in a Sino-Russian Borderland</i></p>
12:30 – 13:00	Discussion
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 – 15:30	Session 7: Final Discussion and Future Research Perspectives – Reflection on the key themes of the conference – Open questions and future research approaches –
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 – 17:30	Closing Lectures and Summary – Open discussion round with all participants – Closing remarks by Markus Koller
17:30 – 18:00	Official End of the Conference