

Online Workshop  
**CARE AND  
VOLUNTEERING IN  
TRANSFORMATION**

13 - 14 July 2020



### About the workshop

The Hannah Arendt Institute for Totalitarianism Research (HAIT) at the TU Dresden organizes its first exploratory online workshop on care and volunteering in the post-socialist transformation. As due to COVID-19 this workshop cannot take place in Dresden, we propose a digital format that allows for the exchange of ideas among scholars in the field.

This interdisciplinary workshop examines how social care regimes and welfare systems in East Germany and Central, Eastern and Southeastern Europe experienced and reacted to the postsocialist transformation. Special attention will be paid to the particular role individual agency – and especially volunteering as one particularly important form of individual agency – played in shaping the care institutions and initiatives throughout the period of abrupt political change in various postsocialist countries.

The contributions by international scholars from Germany, Denmark, Austria, Serbia, the UK, and Romania explore dimensions of care, gender and age,

### Project Network

The workshop is organized in the framework of the 3-year cooperative research project “Multiple Transformations. Social Experiences and Cultural Change in East Germany and East Central Europe before and after 1989,” which was established in February 2020 and is funded by the Saxon State Ministry for Higher Education, Research, Culture and Tourism” (SMWK).

as well as the voluntariness associated with them, in the long transformation period, spanning from the 1980s to the 2000s. While the keynote lecture will be held synchronously, the two panels are based on pre-circulated papers that will serve as the basis for discussion among panelists and workshop attendees.

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### Registration:

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As this is an online workshop, the number of participants is limited. The link to the workshop will be circulated to all registered attendees.

## MONDAY, 13 JULY 2020

10:00 – / **Welcome**  
10:15 / PD. Dr. Friederike Kind-Kovács (HAIT, Dresden),  
Dr. Maren Hachmeister (HAIT, Dresden)

10:15 – / **Keynote: Care: Reproducing Inequalities and  
11:00 / shaping political transformation**  
Prof. Tatjana Thelen (University of Vienna, Austria)

11:00 – / **Discussion**  
11:30 /

11:30 – / **PAUSE**  
14:00 /

14.00 – / **Panel 1: Care in postsocialist transformation**  
16:00 /  
The panel is based on the following pre-circulated  
discussion papers

In search of continuity of care: Consumerism and  
privatization of maternal health care in Serbia  
Dr. Ljiljana Pantović (Pittsburgh University, USA/  
Belgrade University, Serbia)

The organisation of young children's care in Romania  
- a new kind of familialism  
Dr. Borbála Kovács (Aarhus University, Denmark)

Take good care: Old age, home help services, and the  
meanings of care in 1990s Germany  
Dr. Nicole Kramer (Goethe University, Frankfurt a.M.)

“Romanian orphanages” and humanitarian film  
around the end of the Cold War  
Dr. Leyla Safta-Zecheria  
(West University of Timișoara, Romania)

14:00 – / **Opening of the session**  
14:10 / Chair: PD Dr. Friederike Kind-Kovács (HAIT, Dresden)

14:10 – / **Commentaries on papers**  
14:30 / Dr. Theresa Jacobs (Sorbisches Institut, Bautzen) /  
Dr. Maren Hachmeister (HAIT, Dresden)

14:30 – / **Responses by speakers**  
15:00 / Dr. Ljiljana Pantović/ Dr. Borbála Kovács/  
Dr. Nicole Kramer/ Dr. Leyla Safta-Zecheria

15:00 – / **Discussion**  
16:00 /

## TUESDAY, 14 JULY 2020

10:00 – / **Panel 2: Volunteering in postsocialist care  
12:00 / and welfare systems**

The panel is based on the following pre-circulated  
discussion papers

Continuities and ruptures of care:  
volunteering, civil society and maternalism in the  
Czech Republic  
Dr. Rosie Read (Bournemouth University, UK)

Stress and (Self-)Care. East German and Czech  
Patterns of Interpreting the Transformation Period  
Dr. Jan Arend (University of Tübingen)

From socialist to postsocialist humanitarianism:  
transformations of the Montenegrin Red Cross  
Dr. Čarna Brković (Georg August University, Göttingen)

10:00 – / **Opening of the session**  
10:10 / Chair: Dr. Maren Hachmeister (HAIT, Dresden)

10:10 – / **Commentaries on papers**  
10:30 / Dr. Beata Hock (GWZO, Leipzig)/  
Oliver Wurzbacher M.A. (ISGV, Dresden)

10:30 – / **Responses by speakers**  
11:00 / Dr. Rosie Read/ Dr. Jan Arend/ Dr. Čarna Brković

11:00 – / **Discussion**  
12:00 /

12:00 – / **Final remarks and discussion**  
12:30 / Prof. Dr. Thomas Lindenberger (HAIT, Dresden)

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