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

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).
MONDAY, 13 JULY 2020

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

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

11:00 – 11:30 | Discussion

11:30 – 14:00 | PAUSE

14:00 – 16:00 | Panel 1: Care in postsocialist transformation
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 Timişoara, Romania)

TUESDAY, 14 JULY 2020

10:00 – 12:00 | Panel 2: Volunteering in postsocialist care 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)

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

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