

# Humanitarian Mobilization in Central and Eastern Europe During the Twentieth Century

*Online Workshop Program  
23-25 June 2021 (Time Zone: CET)*

Organized by the ERC project *Unlikely Refuge? Refugees and citizens in East-Central Europe in the 20th century* (UnRef)

## Wednesday, June 23

14:00 - 14:10 **Introduction**

14:10 - 15:40 **Humanitarian Workers: Local Action and the Need to Help**

**Chair: Doina Anca Cretu** (Masaryk Institute and Archives/ERC UnRef)

**Friederike Kind-Kovács** (TU Dresden)

*Teach Them to Earn a Living: Julia Vajkai and the Humanitarian Idea of Children's Education*

**Marija Vulesica** (Humboldt-University)

*Aleksandar (Aleksa) Klein (Arnon): A Key Actor of the Jewish Humanitarian Work in Interwar Yugoslavia*

**Christine Schmidt** (Wiener Holocaust Library, London) and **Dan Stone** (University of London)

*Women and Child Search: A Gendered View of Post-World War II Reconstruction*

16:00 - 17:30 **Transnational Interactions: Networks and Dialogues**

**Chair: Lidia Zessin-Jurek** (Masaryk Institute and Archives/ERC UnRef)

**Ruth Nattermann** (Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich)

*"The same spirit that led me into war, makes me today leave for Russia." Italian and Transnational Actors and Their Humanitarian Work for Postrevolutionary Russia*

**Kinga Frojimovics** (Vienna Wiesenthal Institute for Holocaust Studies)

*Western Humanitarian Aid during the Era of Emerging Communist Dictatorship: The JDC in Hungary in 1948 -1949*

**Luciana Jinga** (The Institute for the Investigation of Communist Crimes and the Memory of Romanian Exile, Bucharest)

*What Dialogue Between Humanitarians and Beneficiaries? The Intricate Case of the Humanitarian Aid Towards Children in Romania during the 1990s*

18:00 - 19:30 **International Organizations: Methods and Motivations**

**Chair: Francesca Rolandi** (Masaryk Institute and Archives/ERC UnRef)

**Francesca Piana** (Italian-German Historical Institute of Trento, ISIG-FBK)

*Casework For Families Beyond Borders. The International Migration Service in Interwar Poland*

**Pamela Ballinger** (University of Michigan)

*Trieste and the Problem of the Hardcore*

**Sarah Knoll** (University of Vienna)

*International Aid for Refugees in Austria During the Cold War (1956-1990)*

**Thursday, June 24**

14:00 - 15:30 **Practices of Humanitarianism**

**Chair: Alice Szczepaniková** (Independent researcher and analyst)

**Jo Laycock** (University of Manchester)

*Soviet Remedies for Displacement: Refugees and Public Health in the South Caucasus*

**Sara Silverstein** (University of Connecticut)

*Typhus, Refugees, and Humanitarianism in the Integration of Poland's Second Republic*

**Katarzyna Nowak** (University of Manchester)

*Civilising Mission in the Archipelago of Refugee Camps*

16:00 - 17:30 **Local Humanitarianism**

**Chair: Ágnes Katalin Kelemen** (Masaryk Institute and Archives/ERC UnRef)

**Franciszek Zakrzewski** (EHESS/ERC Lubartworld)

*Between Grassroot Organisations and Social Policies: Humanitarian Aid in the Interwar Lubartów*

**Laura Brade** (Albion College)

*A Network Approach to Tracing Humanitarian Mobilization for Refugees from the Bohemian Lands*

**Maren Hachmeister** (TU Dresden)

*Self-Organized Elderly Care in the Three Border Region: From Late Socialist Humanitarianism to Post-1989 Transformations*

18:00 - 19:30 **State-Organized or Civic: Humanitarianism Under State Socialism**

**Chair: Ondřej Vojtěchovský** (Charles University)

**Nikola Karasová** (Masaryk Institute and Archives/ERC UnRef)

*Humanitarian Mobilization under the Conditions of an Emerging State Socialist Regime: The Greek Civil War and Korean War Child Refugees in Czechoslovakia*

**Sielke Kelner** (Leiden University)

*Spiritual Empowerment as a Form of Humanitarian Relief. The Work of Open Doors in Communist Romania*

**Cristian Capotescu** (University of Washington)

*More than Speechless Emissaries: Civic Response and Socialist Refugeeedom in Hungary, 1987-1989*

Friday, June 25

14:00 - 15:30 **Humanitarianism and Nation Making**

**Chair: Maximilian Graf** (Masaryk Institute and Archives/ERC UnRef)

**Gábor Egry** (Institute of Political History, Budapest)

*From the Other Masaryk to the Romanian Queen. Transnational, Humanitarian State-building and the Post-Habsburg Transition*

**Elif Becan** (Collège de France)

*Relief Programs as Means of Nation Building in Turkey: The Welcome of Muslims from the Balkans During the Interwar Period*

**Julia Reinke** (Masaryk Institute and Archives/ERC UnRef/University of Jena)

*Refugees in the 'Better Germany'. Socialist Humanitarian Aid to Greek Refugee Children in the Early German Democratic Republic*

16:00 - 17:30 **Conceptualizing and Debating Humanitarianism**

**Chair: Karla Koutková** (Masaryk Institute and Archives/ERC UnRef)

**Alex Langstaff** (New York University)

*"A Good Scandal in Vienna:" Reporting and Debating Corruption in Postwar Relief, 1917-1925*

**Čarna Brković** (University of Goettingen)

*Disagreement Over the Non-Political: 1975 Red Cross Peace Conference*

**Nick Wetschel** (ISGV Dresden)

*Recht, Humanität, Barmherzigkeit": (Re-)Establishing Humanitarian Frames of Meaning and Action After State Socialism*

17:30 - 17:45 **Final remarks**