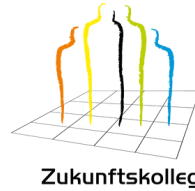
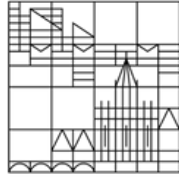


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MONDAY OCTOBER 6

10:00 – 10:15 OPENING REMARKS

Katerina Suverina & Tatiana Klepikova

10:15 – 11:45 PANEL 1: ACTIVISMS

Moderator: Tatiana Klepikova

Maja Lukanc, Institute of Contemporary History, Ljubljana (*via Zoom*)

Transnational Knowledge and Local Action: Grassroots AIDS Activism in 1980s Socialist Slovenia

Magda Wlostowska, University of Leipzig

HIV/AIDS prevention and lesbian activism in Poland in the early 1990s

Paweł Matusz, University of Regensburg

Lost Lovers' Letters: The HIV/AIDS Epidemic in Andrzej Selerowicz's Gay Activism

coffee break

12:15 – 13:15 PANEL 2: SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION

Moderator: Paweł Matusz

Anna Dobrowolska & Katarzyna Szarla, University of Warsaw

Violence, Tolerance, and Transformation: HIV/AIDS and the Negotiations of Social Order in Poland, 1989–1993

Vladimir Stepanov & Alexandra Dmitrieva, National University Kyiv-Mohyla Academy (Stepanov); University of Edinburgh (Dmitrieva); Support, Research & Development Center in Kyiv (both)

The emergence and development of HIV care as a metaphor for post-socialist transformation in Ukraine

lunch break (lunch served on site)

MONDAY OCTOBER 6

14:15 – 15:45 PANEL 3: MEDIA & POLITICAL DISCOURSES

Moderator: Dmitrii Dorogov

Iva Milovan Delić & Jasna Valić (via Zoom)

Juraj Dobrila University of Pula & Public Health of the Istrian County

Emergence of AIDS in SR Croatia: Professional, Political, and Media Response

Kristiyan Hristov, Sofia University “St.Kliment Ohridski”

From stigma and discrimination towards PLHIV to HIV “normalization”:

political, cultural and institutional framing of the HIV pandemic in Bulgaria after 2000s

Rebeka Põldsam, University of Tartu

HIV in Estonia before the burst of 2000

coffee break

16:15 – 17:30 DISCUSSION: PROGRESS AND PERSISTENCE

IN HIV/AIDS RESPONSE IN CENTRAL ASIA

Moderator: Nikolay Lunchenkov, Technical University of Munich /

Eurasian Coalition on Health, Rights, Gender and Sexual Diversity (ECOM)

Rishat Azikhanov, LLC “Iridium”

Aidar Kapasov, NGO “Human Health Institute”

Botagoz Turdalieva, Kazakh Scientific Center of Dermatology and Infectious Diseases

Dinner reservation for conference participants, restaurant TBA

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TUESDAY OCTOBER 7

10:00 – 11:00 PANEL 4: PUBLIC HEALTH DISCOURSES

Moderator: Alexander Meienberger

Katarzyna Szarla, University of Warsaw

The Crisis within the Crisis: Poland's Healthcare System during the HIV/AIDS Epidemic, 1985–1995

Savannah Eklund, Columbia University

Carceral Crises: Prisons, Punitive Social Imaginaries, and the Perpetuation of the Russian HIV/AIDS Crisis

coffee break

11:30 – 12:30 PANEL 5: NECROPOLICS & STIGMA

Moderator: Vlad Strukov

Dmitrii Dorogov, Södertörn University

At the Nexus of Stigmas: Russia's Necropolitics of Chemsex

Alexander Meienberger, University of St.Gallen

HIV/AIDS-related stigma in Contemporary Russian Literature

lunch break (lunch served on site)

TUESDAY OCTOBER 7

13:30 – 14:30 PANEL 6: THEORIZING STIGMA

Moderator: Katerina Suverina

Dafna Rachok, UNC Chapel Hill (*via Zoom*)

Global health programs, local vulnerabilities, and new forms of collective belonging in post-Soviet Ukraine

Kateřina Kolářová, Charles University

“Undetectable” as a Site of Conflict between the Chronic and the Acute

coffee break

14:45 – 16:15 DISCUSSION: HIV/AIDS & THE HUMANITIES

Moderators: Katerina Suverina & Tatiana Klepikova

J.D. (Jesse) van Amelsvoort, University of Amsterdam

Siobhán Hearne, Manchester University

Juliane Fürst, Leibniz Centre for Contemporary History Potsdam / CEU

Michael Nebeling Petersen, University of Copenhagen

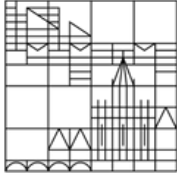
Vlad Strukov, University of Leeds

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