Conference: The Local and the Regional Dimensions of 1918/19. A Comparison

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18.00 Introduction

18.15 Keynote: Jörn Leonhard (Freiburg i. Br.), Overburdened Peace: Competing Visions of World Order in 1918/19

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8.30-9.00: Registration

9.00-11.15 Panel 1 Claiming the Province/Mobilization
Chair: Boris Barth (Prague)
Adam Lupták (Oxford), ‘I have done more for the republic in Teschen in one hour than he has done in his entire life’: Czech disabled veterans and the Teschen plebiscite
Tamás Révész (Vienna), Borderlands of the heroes? The military mobilization and its limits in Carinthia and Eastern Hungary in 1918-1919 from a comparative perspective
Jakub Beneš (Birmingham), Soldiers, revolution, and memory in the post-Habsburg countryside: Moravia and Slavonia compared
Étienne Boissière (Paris), Anchor the Czechoslovak state’s authority in Slovakia in winter 1918/19: challenges and tools

11.15-11.30 Coffee break

11.30-12.30 Panel 2 Imagining the Province
Chair: Christoph Cornelissen (Frankfurt)
Jonathan Gumz (Birmingham), Constituting the Local, constituting the international in post-war East-Central Europe
Victoria Shmidt (Brno), Institutional violence against the Roma in Czechoslovak periphery: The role of moral campaigns concerning infectious diseases

12.30-14.00 Lunch Break

14.00-15.15 Panel 2 (cont.)
Sebastian Paul/Matthäus Wehowski (Dresden), A new beginning for democracy and nation states in the tri-border region Germany - Poland - Czechoslovakia after the “Great War” (1918-1923). A transnational comparison on the local level

Klaus Richter (Birmingham), The end of German occupation and the role of flax and timber trade in early statebuilding efforts in Poland and the Baltics (1918 - 1920)

15.15-15.45 Coffee break

15.45-17.15 Panel 3 Constructing New Borders
Chair: Oswald Überegger (Bozen-Bolzano)

Peter Thaler (Odense), The heartstrings of Europe
Martin Klatt (Odense), The imperfection of the category of “National Minority” to resolve regional dimensions of Post WW I re-borderings, illustrated by the Schleswig example on the Danish-German border
Mikuláš Zvánovec (Prague), 1918 and its meaning for the activity of Czech and German national defence associations in Czechoslovakia

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10.00-11.30 Panel 4 Living Through Passage
Chair: Rudolf Kučera (Prague)
Konstantin Mitroha (Bucharest), The transitory Republic of Banat: a republican experiment in Central Europe at the end of World War I (1918-1919)
Martin Kléčáč (Prague), Local administrative elite in the time of state-building in the case of Bohemian district offices.

11.30-12.45 Lunch Break

12.45-14.15 Panel 5 Violence
Chair: Ota Konrád (Prague)

Florian Graff (Munich), 1918 and its impact on regional violence in Catalonia
Béla Bodó (Bonn), Innocence lost: political violence, antisemitism and the changing identity of Hungarian Jews 1918-1924
Maciej Górn (Warsaw), Eastern Galicia in fire. 1919 Polish-Ukrainian war and military-civilian relations

14.15-15.00 Concluding debate