



# Refugees and Citizens

New Nation States as Places of Asylum,  
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Over the past few decades, the refugee policies of Western states during the interwar period have been thoroughly examined, focusing on the restrictive actions of closed borders. Yet refugees are not only a 'Western' subject nor only a 'Western' discussion. This workshop focuses on refugees and refugee policies in the new nation states created in Eastern, South Eastern and Central Europe and beyond as a result of the First World War. It will examine how the often increasingly nationalist and authoritarian regimes became places of asylum, even if only temporary

ones. In the new nation states, refugee policies were formulated against the background of new and contested rules of citizenship, freshly drawn borders, minority policies and transfers. Their creation, as well as territorial revisions, contributed to the problem of statelessness. Often, the idealised concept of 'the citizen' was used as an argument against those refugees and migrants deemed unsuitable for national citizenship.

Until now, refugee policies as well as legislation, discourses and debates, in most of these states, have remained understud-

ied and rarely placed in a wider transnational context. Therefore, existing comparative research needs to be extended by examining refugees in these regions in the context of the broader population, migration and citizenship policies and discourses on legislation. Starting with the mass exodus during the First World War, through to the forced migrations after the Paris Peace Treaties, the population exchanges/expulsions in South-Eastern Europe and the politics of political asylum up to the attack on the Soviet Union in 1941, this area remains an essential topic for scholarship.

## Thursday, 16 June 2016, Morning

### KEYNOTE I Chair: Béla RÁSKY

(Wiener Wiesenthal Institut für Holocaust-Studien, VWI)

**9:30 Bernhard PERCHINIG**

(Universität Wien)

*Grenzüberschreitende Mobilität und internationaler Flüchtlingsschutz. Spannungsfelder und Herausforderungen*

**10:30 Coffee Break**

### THEORETICAL APPROACHES TO REFUGEE DOM Chair: Éva KOVÁCS

(Wiener Wiesenthal Institut für Holocaust-Studien, VWI)

**11:00 Itai APTER**

(University of Haifa)

*International Refugee Law and Places of Asylum in the Interwar Period. Utilising Contemporary Tools to Understand the Past*

**11:25 Raphael HEINETSBERGER**

(Universität Hamburg)

*Das deutsche ‚Volk‘ der Staatenlosen. Über den Zusammenhang von Entstaatlichung und Entgrenzung der Gewalt*

**11:50 Aviezer TUCKER**

(Harvard University, Cambridge)

*Non-territorial States.*

*The Alternative Response to the Refugee Crisis*

**12:15 Discussion**

**12:45 Lunch Break**

## Thursday, 16 June 2016, Afternoon

### REFUGEES AND NATION STATES Chair: Börries KUZMANY

(Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften)

**14:25 Francesco FRIZZERA** (Università degli Studi di Trento)  
*,Verwaltungsobjekte, nicht Staatsbürger“. The Roots of the Refugee Policies Developed in the Habsburg Successor States*

**14:50 Ana ĆIRIĆ PAVLOVIĆ**

(Center for Society Development, Budapest-Belgrade)

*A Multinational Heaven for Refugees?  
The Interwar South Slavs’ Kingdom*

**15:15 Anisa HASANHODŽIĆ / Rifet RUSTEMOVIĆ**

(Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Wien)

*Being Refugee. Austrian Jewish Refugees in the Territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina before and during the Second World War*

**15:40 Kinga FROJIMOVICS**

(Yad Vashem / Wiener Wiesenthal Institut für Holocaust-Studien, VWI)

*Jewish Refugees in the Hospitals of the Jewish Community of Pest from 1938 Onwards*

**16:05 Discussion**

**16:45 Coffee Break**

### FIRST WORLD WAR AND THE CHALLENGES OF REFUGEE DOM

**Chair: Michal FRANKL**

(Židovské muzeum v Praze)

**17:15 Ines KOELTZSCH**

(Masarykův ústav a archiv Akademie věd České Republiky, Praha)

*Beyond the Cities. East European Jewish Refugees in the Bohemian and Moravian Countryside during the First World War*

**17:40 Kathryn DENSFORD** (George Washington University, Washington DC)

*From Fellow Citizens to Unwanted Foreigners.*

*Refugees along the Lower Austrian-Moravian Border, 1914–1919*

**18:05 Jernej KOSI** (Univerza v Ljubljani)

*Refugees in their Own Homeland. Slovene Population from Austrian Littoral between Evacuation, Repatriation, and Emigration, 1915–1925*

**18:30 Discussion**

## Friday, 17 June 2016, Morning

### KEYNOTE II Chair: Jana STAREK

(Wiener Wiesenthal Institut für Holocaust-Studien, WWI)

**9:30 Dieter GOSEWINKEL**

(Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung /  
Freie Universität Berlin)

*Citizenship. The Principal Form of Political Belonging in  
Twentieth Century Europe*

**10:30 Coffee Break**

### POLITICS OF POLITICAL EXILE

Chair: Victoria HARMS

(Herder-Institut, Marburg)

**11:00 Wolfgang SCHELLENBACHER**

(Židovské muzeum v Praze)

*From Political Activism to Disillusionment.  
Austrian Socialist Refugees in Czechoslovakia, 1934–1938*

**11:25 Maria BYCHKOVA**

(Hochschule für Musik, Theater und Medien, Hannover)

*Kulturleben des russischen Exils im Berlin der 1920er-Jahre.  
Zwischen Kooperation und Abgrenzung*

**11:50 Tatiana TETEREVLEVA**

(Northern [Arctic] Federal University, Arkhangelsk)

*Russian Refugees in Interwar Norway.  
Public Opinion and Development of Government Policy*

**12:15 Discussion**

**12:45 Lunch Break**

## Friday, 17 June 2016, Afternoon

### REFUGEES, EXCLUSION AND CITIZENSHIP Chair: Wolfgang SCHELLENBACHER

(Židovské muzeum v Praze)

**14:00 Michal FRANKL**

(Židovské muzeum v Praze)

*From Benevolence to Exclusion. Anti-Jewish Refugee Policy and  
the Transformation of Jewish Citizenship in Czechoslovakia,  
1935–1939*

**14:25 Alina BOTHE**

(Freie Universität Berlin)

*Polish-Jewish Deportees in 1938. Refugees or Aroysgeshikte?*

**14:50 Benjamin NAUJOKS**

(Universität zu Köln)

*Litauen 1917–1941. Exklusion und Verdrängen als Prinzip*

**15:15 Coffee Break**

**15:35 Naida-Mihal BRANDL**

(Sveučilište u Zagrebu / University of Zagreb)

*Jewish Refugees from 1933 until 1943 in Croatia in the Shadow  
of the Holocaust*

**16:00 Adina BABEŞ**

(Institutul Național pentru Studierea Holocaustului din România

“Elie Wiesel”, Bucureşti)

*Between Emigration and Extermination.*

*Solving the ‘Jewish problem’ in the 1940s Romania*

**16:25 Discussion**

**17:15 Farewell Coffee**

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