

“Breaking Away: Micronations, Microstates, and the Contestation of Sovereignty in East Central Europe, 1918–Present: Political Thought, Aesthetic Output, and their Afterlives”

Moise Palace, Cres, Croatia (August 31–September 1, 2023)

Thursday, August 31

9:00–10:00: Jeremy F. Walton (University of Rijeka, ERC REVENANT),
Welcome address

10:00–10:30: Coffee break

10:30–12:30: Post-post-imperial Austro-Hungarian Microstates

Chair: Christopher Wendt (European University Institute, Florence, ERC NEPOSTRANS)

Cody J. Inglis (Central European University Budapest/Vienna, ERC NEPOSTRANS), *Nationalist Separatism as the History of State-Building, as the History of Political Thought: The Case of Deutschsüdmähren, 1918 and After*

Samuel D. Albert (Fashion Institute of Technology and Fordham University, New York City), *Art Exhibitions and Political Justification: the Hungarian Soviet and the Horthy Regime in Comparison*

Csaba Zahorán (Institute of History, Research Centre for Humanities, Budapest), *From the independent Szekler Republic to autonomy – the issue of Szekler self-determination*

Ivan Jeličić (University of Rijeka, ERC NEPOSTRANS), *“I know that that word appeared and that troops and possibly a battalion were actually fighting units which would fight for the realization of that Autonomy”. Fiume Autonomy as a Persisting Imperial Legacy.*

12:30–14:30: Lunch break

14:30–16:00: Red Microstates

Chair: Ivan Jeličić (University of Rijeka, ERC NEPOSTRANS)

Željka Oparnica (Institute of Historical Studies, University of London), *Red Adriatic in the interwar period: historical context and historiographical debates of Petrovac Red Comune*

Csongor Molnár (Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest), *Just a legend? The reception of the Banat Republic in local newspapers and memoirs*

Lucija Balikić (Central European University, Budapest/Vienna), *Petar Dobrović/Péter Dobrovits's Intellectual Milieu (1900–1922): Between Integral Yugoslavism and Socialist Internationalism*

16:00–16:30: Coffee break

16:30–18:00: Post-imperial Austro-Hungarian Microstates

Chair: Cody J. Inglis (Central European University Budapest/Vienna, ERC NEPOSTRANS)

Balázs Ablonczy (Eötvös Loránd University, and Institute of History, Research Centre for Humanities, Budapest), *Wilsonism, Interregnum, Adventurism. A Taxonomy of Ephemeral States on the Territory of the Former Hungarian Kingdom, 1918–1921*

Christopher Wendt (European University Institute, Florence, ERC NEPOSTRANS), *Challenging the Province from its Margins: The Little Tyrols of 1918*

Federico Carlo Simonelli (Ca' Foscari University of Venice), *The Italian Regency of Carnaro: A Nationalist Free State as the First Step toward a Pan-Adriatic Ghost Protectorate*

19:15: Dinner

Friday, September 1

9:00–10:30: Contemporary Microstates

Chair: Kevin Kenjar (University of Rijeka, ERC REVENANT)

Islam Jusufi (Independent Researcher, Skopje, North Macedonia), *Vevchani: imagining sovereignty and its consequences*

Keith Harrington (School of History and Geography, Dublin City University), *Separatism in the southern Moldova: The Failed History of the Budjak Republic*

Ivan Laškarin (Department of International Relations, Friedrich Schiller University in Jena), *Introducing Municipal Separatism: A New Perspective on Krajina Rebellion (1990-1991)*

10:30–11:00: Coffee break

11:00–12:30: Peasant Republics

Chair: Goran Stanić (University of Rijeka/KU Leuven, ERC REVENANT)

Jakub Beneš (University College London, School of Slavonic and East European Studies), *Peasant republics in Polish Galicia and Slavonia in 1918*

Rosario Forlenza (Luiss University, Rome), *Republics before the Republic: Peasant Revolts in Southern Italy, 1943-1945*

Tamás Révész (Institute of History, Research Centre for Humanities, Budapest), *Peasant veterans and their micro-states. The role of peasant war veterans in the creation of micro-states in the territory of the former Hungarian Kingdom 1918-1921.*

12:30–14:30: Lunch break

14:30–16:00: Creation and Persistence of (Micro) Borders

Chair: Lucija Balikić (Central European University, Budapest/Vienna)

Vjeran Pavlaković (University of Rijeka), *Memory Politics and Failed Microstates: Second World War Revisionism in the Republika Srpska Krajina (1991-1995)*

Kevin Kenjar (University of Rijeka, ERC REVENANT), *Terra Nullius, Phantom Borders, and Micronations: From Liberland to the Hajduk Republic*

Goran Stanić (University of Rijeka/KU Leuven, ERC REVENANT), *Bosna Srebrena – a story of a surviving Medieval religious micro-state*

16:00–16:30: Coffee break

16:30–18:00: Gábor Egry (Institute of Political History, ERC NEPOSTRANS), *Dispersed states and patchwork sovereignties. Statehood and the Wilsonian moment from below* (keynote speech)

18:00–18:30: Closing remarks

19:15: Dinner

Scientific-Organizing Committee:

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