



# Historicizing “Whiteness” in Eastern Europe and Russia

Institute for Political Research, Spiru Haret street no 8, Bucharest, 010175

**Tuesday, June 25**

9.15–9.30 – Welcome remarks

9.30–10.45 Keynote – Anikó Imre (University of Southern California)  
*Colorblind Nationalisms*

10.45–11.00 – Coffee break

## **11.00–12.40 – Colonialism and Imagining the Self in Eastern Europe**

Chair/ Discussant: Steffi Marung (University of Leipzig)

Monika Bobako (Adam Mickiewicz University)  
*White Skin, White Masks. Re-reading Frantz Fanon from Eastern European Perspective*

Zoltán Ginelli (Open Society Archives)  
*Hungarian Indians: Racial and Anti-colonial Solidarity in Post-Trianon Hungary*

Marianna Szczęgielska (Max Planck Institute for the History of Science)  
*Engendering Wildlife and Whiteness: Elephants, Ivory and Zoos (1870s–1940s)*

12.45–14.15 – Lunch

## **14.20–16.00 – Eastern European Whiteness and the Other: Race, Religion and Gender**

Chair/Discussant: Agnieszka Kościańska (University of Warsaw)

Kristína Čajkovičová (Museum of Romani Culture in Brno)  
*Shifting to the Gadžo Question: The Role of Racialized Sexuality in the Process of Czechoslovak Collectivity*

Bolaji Balogun (University of Leeds)  
*Whiteness: A Mechanism that Sustains Polishness*

Cătălin Berescu (Romanian Academy)  
*White Savior, Black Savior: Pro-Roma Activists in Search of an Identity*

16.00–16.15 – Coffee break

## **16.15–17.35 – Anti-Semitism and Whiteness in Eastern Europe**

Chair/Discussant: Emily Gioielli (Missouri Western State University)

Paul Hanebrink (Rutgers University – New Brunswick)

*Anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, and the Anti-Communist Legacy in Contemporary Eastern Europe*

Raul Carstocea (Europa Universität Flensburg)

*Ambiguous Whiteness and the Anti-Semitic Imagination: Jews in Eastern Europe between Colonised and Colonisers*

20.00 – Film Screening Cinema Union (Ion Câmpineanu 22, Bucharest, zip-code 030167):  
[Guardian of the Frontier](#) (intro Catherine Baker)

## **Wednesday, June 26**

### **9.30–11.10 – Eastern European Whiteness in Global Perspective**

Chair/Discussant: Monika Bobako (Adam Mickiewicz University)

Dušan I. Bjelić (University of Maine)

*Transnational Analysis of Mexico and the Balkans: Racial Formations of Nations*

Catherine Baker (University of Hull)

*The Yugoslav Wars and Transnational White Nationalist Historical Narratives*

Špela Drnovšek Zorko (University of Warwick)

*Re-routing East European Socialism, Historicising Diasporic Whiteness*

11.15–11.30 – Coffee break

### **11.30–13.10 – Socialism as Ambivalent Whiteness**

Chair/Discussant: Kristin Roth-Ey (University College of London)

Irina Novikova (University of Latvia)

*'White Gaze' in the USSR?: 'Race' and Technology in the Soviet Films of the 1920s–1960s (from Lev Kuleshov to Mark Donskoi)*

Zsuzsanna Varga (Central European University)

*Hungarians and White Privilege in Africa: The World Hunting Expo of 1971*

James Mark (University of Exeter)

*A Revolution of Whiteness? 1989 and the Politics of Race*

13.10–14.40 – Lunch

## 14.45–16.25 – Liminality, Post-Socialism, and Eastern European Whiteness

Chair/ Discussant: Ivan Kalmar (University of Toronto)

Bogdan G. Popa (University of Cambridge)

*“We Belong to a Great Race, the Dacian Race”: Slavery and the Construction of an Anti-colonial White Race in Romanian Historiography*

Chelsi West Ohueri (University of Texas at Austin)

*The Jevg Factor: An Exploration of Whiteness, Blackness, and Racialized Identities in Albania*

Kasia Narkowicz (University of Gloucestershire)

*The ‘Muselmanner’ as the Ultimate Other*

16.25–16.40 – Break

16.40–17.15 – Concluding roundtable

20.00 – Film Screening, Cinema Union (Ion Câmpineanu 22, Bucharest, 030167)

[Oktyabr](#) and [Rostov-Luanda](#) (intro Kristin Roth-Ey)