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CONFERENCE

"POST-SOCIALISM, NEO-LIBERALISM – OLD AND NEW GENDERED SOCIETIES AND POLICIES"

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PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Friday, 22nd May

Building of the Regional Committee, HAS, Szeged (Somogyi street 7)

8.00 – 9.00 Arrival and registration

9.00 – 10.30 **Introductory plenary session**

- 1) Welcome speeches
- 2) Judit Timár (Centre for Regional Studies, HAS)
Gender studies on gendered spaces of post-socialism and neo-liberalism
- 3) Júlia Szalai (Institute of Sociology, HAS)
The domestication of neo-liberalism: issues of class, gender and ethnicity in contemporary post-socialist societies

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 12.30 **First session: Gendered understandings of and knowledge production under post-socialism and neo-liberalism**

- 1) Ania Plomien, Majella Kilkey, Diane Perrons (London School of Economics, Hull University)
From post-socialism to neo-liberalism? Gendered understandings and experiences: insights from the migrant handyman sector in the UK
- 2) Ekaterina Frolova (University of Bern)
Women's Experiences with arranged marriages: the case study of post-Soviet Tajikistan (transition period)
- 3) Matej Blazek, Fiona M. Smith (University of Dundee)
Post-socialist geographies of knowledge? Researching the gendered subjectivities of young people in contemporary Slovakia
- 4) Robyn Longhurst (University of Waikato)
'YouTube': a new space for birth?

Department of Economic and Social Geography, University of Szeged (Egyetem street 2)

12.45 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 15.30 **Second session: Representing gender under post-socialism and neo-liberalism**

- 1) Nárcisz Fejes (Case Western Reserve University)
An uneasy continental split: migrant labour, sex-trafficking, and Eastern European women in contemporary British novels
- 2) Andrea P. Balogh (University of Szeged)
Travelling gendered identities and cultural differences in post-socialist Hungarian women's literature
- 3) Ilona Szóró (Hungarian Library Service Nonprofit Company)
Gender studies in Hungarian publishing, after the change of regime
- 4) Mireia Baylina, Nina Gunnerud Berg (Autonomous University of Barcelona, Norwegian University of Science and Technology)
Gendered ruralities in Norway and Spain. A study of two life style magazines

- 15.30 – 16.00 Coffee break
- 16.00 – 17.15 **Third session: *The production/use of gendered space in post-socialism and neo-liberalism***
- 1) Erika Nagy (Centre for Regional Studies, HAS)
The rise of gendered spaces of consumption – Changing interpretations and use of space in 'post-socialist' cities under neoliberalism
 - 2) Oana Mihaela Stoleriu (University of Iasi)
Gendered practices in leisure spaces
 - 3) Éva G.Fekete (University of Miskolc)
The role of women in rural development in the post-socialist Hungary
- 17.30 – 18.30 Sight seeing walk
- 20.00 Reception (Building of the Regional Committee, HAS: Somogyi street 7)

Saturday, 23rd May

Department of Economic and Social Geography, University of Szeged (Egyetem street 2)

- 9.00 – 10.30 **Fourth session: *Geographies of women's and men's participation in neo-liberal and post-socialist labour market***
- 1) Maria-Dolors Garcia-Ramon, Herminia Pujol, Anna Ortiz (Autonomous University of Barcelona)
Labouring in the "neoliberal" university: gendered professional careers in Spanish Academia (Geography)
 - 2) Eriko Ikeya (Kochi National College of Technology)
Study about regional difference in women's labour participation of Japan: research at Kochi Prefecture
 - 3) Irén Szörényiné Kukorelli (Centre for Regional Studies, HAS)
The role of gender in rural tourism in post-socialist Hungary
 - 4) Lajos Olasz (University of Szeged)
Hungarian women in front-line service
- 10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break
- 11.00 – 12.30 **Fifth session: *The impact of post-socialist/neo-liberal political-economic processes on women's/men's status and lives in public and private spaces***
- 1) Medea Badashvili (Tbilisi State University)
The impacts of political and economic trends on women's lives after the collapse of Soviet Union (case study – Georgia)
 - 2) Nandini Chakravarty Singh (Rajiv-Gandhi University)
Impact of neo-liberalism, social space and identity: the changing profile of tribal women in India
 - 3) Parijat Borgohain, Harendra Nath Sharma (Cotton College, Gauhati University)
Women's careers and household chores: a perspective on management problems
 - 4) Alvaro Lopez-Lopez, Gino Jafet Quintero Venegas (National Autonomous University of Mexico)
Men who sell sex to men in a touristic context in Mexico City
- 12.30 – 14.00 Lunch, Open meeting for IGU Gender and Geography Commission

14.00 – 15.30 **Sixth session: *Women's and men's responses to socio-economic changes under neo-liberalism and post-socialism***

- 1) Alena Rochovska (Comenius University, Bratislava)
Women in post-socialism: different livelihood practices from gender perspective
- 2) Margareta Lelea (University of California, Davis)
Gender intertwined: negotiating livelihood strategies in Romania's western borderlands, 1999–2005
- 3) Sebastian Jucu (West University of Timișoara)
Lugoj, the municipality of 7 women for a man – from myth to post-socialist reality
- 4) Madhushree Das, Harendra Nath Sharma (Cotton College, Gauhati University)
Cultural continuities and social change among the tribal women in Assam, India

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee break

16.00 – 17.30 **Seventh session: *Spaces of women's and men's policy participation and social networks under neo-liberalism/post-socialism***

- 1) Antonia Casellas; Montserrat Pallares-Barbera; Marta Pallares-Blanch; Antoni F. Tulla and Ana Vera (Autonomous University of Barcelona)
Social networks in rural Pyrenees. Women's/men's participation in public and private associations in neo-liberal parliamentary democracy in Catalonia (1970's – 2000's).
- 2) Elisabeth Buehler (University of Zurich)
Struggling for social security and parenthood: Switzerland in the 20th century
- 3) Anne C. Bellows (University of Hohenheim)
Human rights and the contribution of the academy in the era of economic and food crises
- 4) Chen Misgav (Tel-Aviv University)
Embodiment and Space in Environmental and queer riots/struggles in a global world

Sunday, 24th May

7.00 (*Hungarian local time*) Departure from Szeged to Timișoara

10.00 (*Romanian local time*) Arrival in Timișoara at the Association for the Promotion of Women in Romania (APoWeR)

10.00 – 10.30 Coffee break

10.30 – 12.30 **Discussion with the activists at the Association for the Promotion of Women in Romania**

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch at West University of Timișoara

14.00 – 16.00 **Closing plenary panel discussion: *Teaching and publishing gender in a neo-liberal academic world***

- Janice Monk (University of Arizona)
Joos Droogleever Fortuijn (University of Amsterdam)
Maria-Dolors Garcia-Ramon (Autonomous University of Barcelona)
Robyn Longhurst (University of Waikato)
Sorina Voiculescu (West University of Timișoara)
Tovi Fenster (Tel-Aviv University)

16.00 (*Romanian local time*) Departure from Timișoara to Szeged

18.00 (*Hungarian local time*) Arrival in Szeged