
International Conference

“European Rust Belts. West-East Comparisons – and Beyond”

**Regensburg, 2–3 September 2021
Landshuter Str. 4 (IOS Regensburg)**

Organizers

Leibniz Institute for Contemporary History (IfZ), Munich-Berlin
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Conveners

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PROGRAM

Thursday, September 2

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| 9.00–10.30 | Welcoming Remarks
Keynote Lecture by Philipp THER (University of Vienna)
Commentator: Sebastian VOIGT (Munich) |
| 10.30–10.45 | Coffee Break |
| 10.45–12.45 | Panel 1: The Many Fates of Heavy Industry
Stefan HOERDLER (Göttingen):
<i>A History of Decline? The Steel Industries in West Germany and the United States since the 1970s</i>
Christoffer HOLM (Hanko):
<i>“You Are Tearing Down Our Grand Factory”. The experience of structural change, transformed space and lost progress after the shutdown of the steelworks in Hanko (Finland)</i>
Laurent WARLOUZET (Munich / Paris):
“Rust Belts on the Coast: the EEC Competition Policy's growing constraints on shipyards in the 1980s”
Łukasz TREMBACZOWSKI (Katowice):
<i>Half Way Rusted: Tentative Future for Upper Silesian Area as an Old Industrial Region</i>
Commentator: Uwe MÜLLER (Leipzig) |
| 12.45–13.45 | Lunch Break |

- 13.45–15.45** **Panel 2: Working Class Experiences and Fragmentations**
- Chiara BONFIGLIOLI (Cork / Jena):**
Victims or Survivors? Textile Workers' Agency and Industrial Heritage in Croatia
- Tibor VALUCH (Budapest):
The Altering World of Work in Hungary and East Central Europe Before and After the 1989/90 Transition
- Jeremy MORRIS (Aarhus):
Working-Class Life Strategies in the Russian Margins
- Mikhail CHERNYSH (Moscow):
Working Class as a Loser of the Neoliberal Reforms: the Russian Experience
- Commentator: Sabine RUTAR (Regensburg)
- 15.45–16.15** Coffee Break
- 16.15–18.15** **Panel 3 Post-industrial urban revivals?**
- Patrick R. IRELAND (Chicago):
Diamonds in the Rust? Evaluating Seemingly Successful Economic/Industrial Transformation in Four Medium-Sized Midwestern US Cities
- Erika NAGY / Melinda MIHÁLY (Budapest):
Form lock-in to dependent reindustrialization – The limits of municipal agency in two ‘model towns’ of (semi)peripheral industrialization in NW Hungary
- Johannes KRICKL (Duisburg-Essen):**
Duisburg and the New Silk Road: Scripting Post-Industrial Success in a Post-Cold War World
- Margaret COWELL (Arlington, VA):**
From Rust to Green: Community Wealth Building as Industrial Transformation in Two Great Lake Cities
- Commentator: Anna Steigemann (Regensburg, tbc.)

Friday, September 3

- 9.00–10.30** **Panel 4: The Struggle for Survival or the Calm before the Storm? Reactions to the Crisis of the 1970s in East and West**
- Aleksandar SHIVAROV (Varna):
Sprat Yet Fish: Bulgarian Adjustment Efforts amidst Economic Turbulences in the 1970s
- Jörg ARNOLD (Nottingham):
Deindustrialization, Not Decline? New approaches to the study of the crisis decades in the United Kingdom
- Adelina STEFAN (Florence):
The Snowballing of Globalization: International Tourism and Economic Crisis in Socialist Romania in the Long 1970s
- Commentator: Maurice COTTIER (Bern)
- 10.30–11.00** Coffee Break
- 11.00–12.30** **Panel 5: Post-Industrial Memoryscapes**
- Eleni KYRAMARGIOU (Athens):**
From Factory to Park: A Story of Grassroots Re-Appropriation of an Industrial Space
- Bruno de CORTE (Antwerp):
The End of Coal Mining and the Start of Heritage Strategies: A Comparison of Belgium, the Netherlands, and Poland
- Tanja PETROVIĆ (Ljubljana):
Industrial Heritages and Workers' Memories in the former Yugoslavia
- Commentator: Ulf BRUNNBAUER (Regensburg)
- 12.30–13.30** **Lunch Break**

13.30–15.00

Panel 6: Transformations of Industrial regions

Karl LAUSCHKE (Bochum):

Regulating the Crisis of the German Steel Industry: The Different Trajectories of the Ruhr Area, Saarland, and Bremen

Lachlan MACKINNON (Sydney):

Ending the Industrial State: The Rise and Fall of the Cape Breton Development Corporation, 1966–2001

Richard BACHMANN / Friedrich OPITZ (Ann Arbor, MA / Dresden):

Clearing the Path for Populism? Comparing the History and the Outcomes of the Political Economy Transformation in Ohio and Saxony

Commentator: Max TRECKER (Berlin)

15.00–15.30

Coffee Break

15.30–16.30

Concluding Discussion

Inputs / summaries by Ulf BRUNNBAUER, Sebastian VOIGT, Max TRECKER

NOTE:

Talks marked blue will be given remotely.