NEWS FROM CKPIS



5th Socialism on the Bench

Continuing a series of biannual conferences started in 2013, organized by the Centre for Cultural and Historical Research of Socialism (CKPIS), from September 30 to October 2, 2021, the 5th International Conference Socialism on the Bench was held, this time with the theme Antifascism. The program included 131 participants, 103 presentations in 20 sections, 3 keynote speakers, 2 round tables, 3 book launches. Invited keynote speakers were Darko Dukovski (Rijeka), Ivo Goldstein (Zagreb) and Rastko Močnik (Ljubljana).

The motivation behind the theme of the 5th Socialism on the Bench are round anniversaries of the antifascist uprisings: the centenary of the Labin Republic and the Proština Rebellion, as well as the eighty years since the beginning of the People's Liberation Struggle in occupied Yugoslavia.

Past conferences in this series: Cultural and Historical Interpretations of Yugoslav and Post-Yugoslav Societies (2013), Socialism: Construction and Deconstruction (2015), Communists and Communist Parties: Policies, Actions, Debates (2017), Continuities and Innovations (2019).

The 5th Socialism on the Bench was held with the IT support of the Juraj Dobrila University of Pula and thanks to the financial support of the Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung Southeast Europe.

Book of abstracts and conference programme are available at the conference homepage (English and Croatian). The event was held entirely online via Zoom, in four virtual rooms. All plenary sessions were recorded and videos are available on CKPIS Facebook page and Youtube channel.



CONFERENCES AND CFP

Special issue "Post-communism (post-socialism) as the defining feature of welfare states and social policies in Central and Eastern Europe?", Problemy Polityki Społecznej. Social Policy Issues

The planned special issue will feature articles devoted to contemporary theoretical and empirical (comparative and single case) explorations of why and how post-communism (post-socialism) still matters in welfare state research. We invite scholars representing different disciplinary and methodological perspectives to submit original research papers, review articles and critical essays related to this theme. Sample questions and topics for possible consideration could include: What are the most salient and persistent characteristics of post-communism (post-socialism) and how do they differ from features that are less relevant or impactful? What is the current rationale or justification for the continuous use of the term post-communism (post-socialism) in comparative research on welfare states and social policies? (Read more)

Application deadline: end of February 2022

Fifth International Conference on Strikes and Social Conflicts in the 21st Century, Rotterdam, 22-24 June 2022

The Fifth International Conference on Strikes and Social Conflicts will take place in Rotterdam at the headquarter of the Dutch Trade Union Confederation (FNV). Its objective is to discuss and assess the changing character of strikes and social conflict over the course of capitalist history. Among the specific questions to be addressed are the following: What have been the responses of the working class to change under globalisation? What has the impact been on the capacity of social movements to conduct struggles and what are the key observations and lessons learnt? How have trade unions responded to the changing environment? Have they made suitable adaptations to labour organisation and strike methods to assist in representing the interests of workers? What are the trends of global and national struggles over the short and long term and what are the prospects for future struggles? What have been the convergences and divergences of social struggles during the 20th and 21st centuries? (Read more)

Application deadline: 31 January 2022







POSITIONS, GRANTS AND STIPENDS

Researcher in Economics, Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (IOS) Regensburg

We invite applications from researchers with their main research area in labor economics, who have done or are willing to do research on labor markets in Eastern and Southeastern Europe. Applicants are expected to have a Ph.D. in economics, research experience and strong econometric skills. Prior experience with survey design is desirable. A publication record in internationally peer-reviewed journals is an asset, as is an interest in multidisciplinary cooperation. The successful candidate will present research results at conferences and publish articles in international peer-reviewed journals. IOS encourages and supports habilitations at the University of Regensburg. The successful candidate is also expected to contribute to the further acquisition of third-party projects by designing, implementing, and leading projects in her/his area of research. (read more)

Application deadline: 15 October 2021

Visiting Fellows Program, Centre for Southeast European Studies of the University of Graz

The Centre for Southeast European Studies of the University of Graz is currently accepting applications for Visiting Fellows for the academic year 2021-22. The Centre provides research facilities for fellows, including a working place, access to the library and full participation in the activities of the centre for a period of one semester (4 months, either October-January or March-June). Visiting Fellows will receive a small budget to organise a public event or lecture. Visiting fellows are expected to present their work in a research seminar, discuss their research informally with members of the centre and contribute a working paper to the centre's working paper series and write a contribution to the research blog of the centre. Visiting fellows are also encouraged to contribute to seminars, classes and other teaching and research activities of the centre. (read more) Application deadline: 17 December 2021

Research Fellowships in Global History, Ludwig-Maximilians-Univ. Munich

The university is committed to the highest international standards of excellence in research and teaching. Fellows will be based at the interdisciplinary Munich Centre for Global History. During their stay, they will work on a research project of their own choice. While the programme is open to all topics in global history or its neighbouring fields, we are particularly interested in proposals that engage with a new research focus on "global dis:connections" that we have recently established in cooperation with the Käte Hamburger Research Centre "Dis:connectivity in Processes of Globalisation". Fellows have no teaching obligation. They are expected to work on their research projects and actively engage with the scholarly community at the university and particularly at the centre. The fellowships are open to postdoctoral researchers from all disciplines. (read more)

Application deadline: 30 November 2021

Scholarships for Postgraduate university study programme Literature and Cultural Identity, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Osijek

The Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of the Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek, Croatia (hereafter: the Faculty) is opening a Call for two scholarships for students enrolling for the first time in the first year of the Postgraduate university study programme Literature and Cultural Identity in the academic field of humanities, academic discipline of philology, academic branch literary theory and history. The scholarship will be awarded in the form of a fee waiver according to the general conditions and criteria explained in the following Call. The fee waivers refer to the scholarship amount for the first academic year of the study programme. In the subsequent years of study, the applicant will receive the fee waiver only if they fulfill their obligations within the doctoral study programme and enroll into the next year of the programme within the given deadline. (read more)

Application deadline: 18 October 2021

3 NOMIS Postdoctoral Fellowships, eikones - Center for the Theory and History of the Image at the University of Basel

The NOMIS Fellowship Program supports groundbreaking research projects related to how images act as models or paradigms in scientific and aesthetic contexts. We are interested in the fundamental ways images serve as instruments for making complex structures visible and accessible to interpretation. In both aesthetic and experimental settings, images often assume an exemplary character, aiding epistemic and learning processes. They fulfill evidential, didactic, and symbolic functions, and thereby produce different forms of knowledge. Relevant topics of research might consider, for example, the history and theory of imaging techniques in the natural sciences; the ideals and stereotypes that shape social contexts and political discussions; or the formation and dissolution of canons, iconographies, character types, and styles in the arts. On the methodological side, the projects should be rooted in a specific research field, and reflect on the relation between their individual discipline and image studies. (read more)

Application deadline: 18 October 2021