

WORKSHOP PROGRAM

DAY 1 - THURSDAY, 27 AUGUST 2026

Národní 3, Prague, room no. 108

Opening and Introduction, 09:30-10:00

Welcoming remarks by the Oriental Institute of the Czech Academy of Sciences (OI CAS), the Max Weber Network Eastern Europe (MWNO) and representatives of the BridgeBSR Working Group

Panel 1. 10:00-11:45.

Imperial Frontiers in Practice: Intelligence, Patronage, and Brokerage

Chair: **Hakan Kırımlı** *Bilkent University, Ankara*

Discussant: **Vladyslav Hrybovs'kyi** *Hrushevsky Institute of Ukrainian Archaeography and Source Studies, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, Kyiv (HIUASS NASU)*

Kahraman Şakul *Istanbul Medeniyet University.* Ottoman Intelligence Gathering along the Northern Frontiers, the 1500s-1830s

Alexandr Osipian *Leibniz Institute for the History and Culture of Eastern Europe (GWZO), Leipzig.* Merchants, Diplomats, Intermediaries: Armenian Trans-Imperial Agency in the Black Sea Region, 1500-1700

Oleksandr Sereda *Ushynsky University, Odesa.* Khodzhabeys at the Crossroads of Intercultural Relations between the Cossacks, Nogais and Ottomans

Alper Başer *Afyon Kocatepe University.* The Emergence of the Nekrasov Cossack Community under the Patronage of the Ottoman Empire and the Crimean Khanate

Coffee break, 11:45-12:00

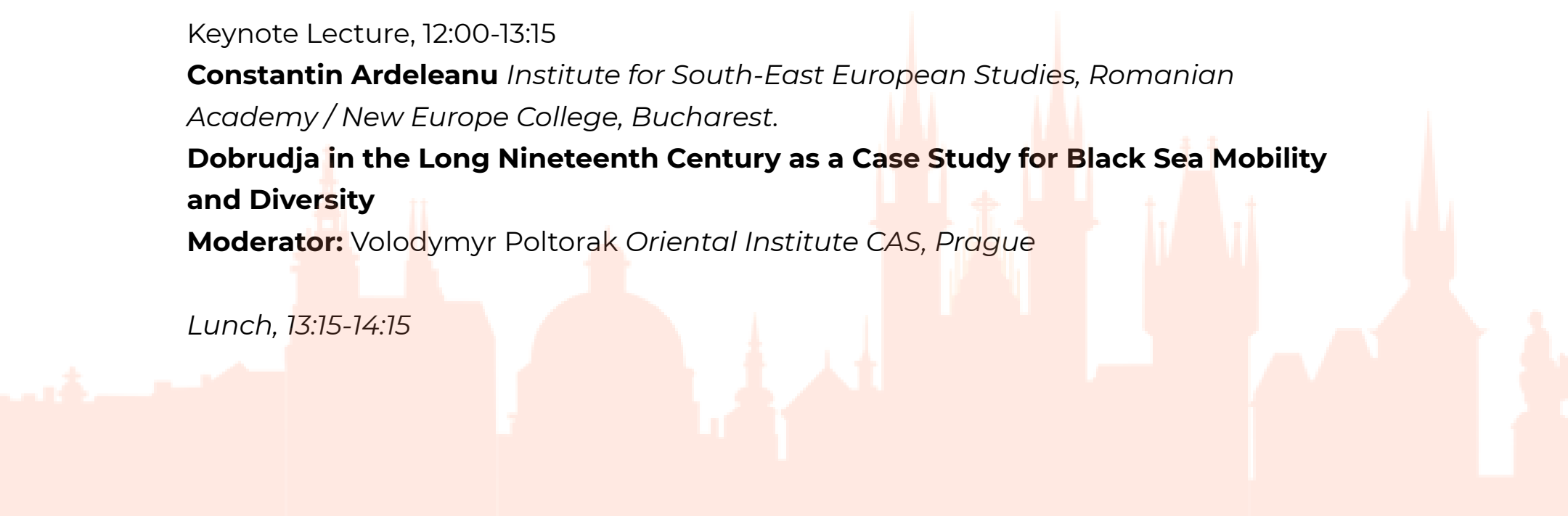
Keynote Lecture, 12:00-13:15

Constantin Ardeleanu *Institute for South-East European Studies, Romanian Academy / New Europe College, Bucharest.*

Dobrudja in the Long Nineteenth Century as a Case Study for Black Sea Mobility and Diversity

Moderator: Volodymyr Poltorak *Oriental Institute CAS, Prague*

Lunch, 13:15-14:15



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*Panel 2. 14:15-15:45. **Bureaucracy, Status, and the Classification of Borderland Communities***

Chair: **Alexandr Osipian** *GWZO, Leipzig*

Discussant: **Nataliya Sureva** *independent researcher*

Olena Bachynska *Ushynsky University, Odesa.* Ukrainians of Budjak in the Late 18th and Early 19th Centuries: Imperial Approaches to the Identification of Native Residents and Migrants

Oleksandr Kravchuk *University of Bristol / Gerda Henkel Stiftung Fellow*

Russian Imperial Bureaucracy in Southern Ukraine, Georgia, and Bessarabia: Social and Ethnic Composition, Late 18th - Mid-19th Cent.

Vladyslav Hrybovs'kyi *HIUASS NASU.* Daniel Schlatter and the Nogais in the 1820s: Missionary Knowledge and Mediation

Coffee break, 15:45-16:00

*Panel 3. 16:00-17:45. **Households, Bodies, Care, and Regimes of Dependency***

Chair: **Julia Malitska** *Södertörn University, Stockholm*

Discussant: **Yurii Zazuliak** *Leipzig University*

Turkana Allahverdiyeva *University of Bonn, Bonn Center for Dependency and Slavery Studies.* Violence, Patronage, and Household Slavery in the Early Modern Crimean Khanate

Olena Uvarova *Centre for Advanced Study Sofia / Odesa National Medical University.* "My family and I are naked, barefoot, and cold": The Daily Hardships of Greek Refugees in Odesa in the 1820s

Cansu Çakır *Södertörn University, The Baltic and East European Graduate School.* Imperial Regulation and the Making of Midwifery in the Late Ottoman Empire

Volodymyr Poltorak *Oriental Institute CAS.* Making a Home in the Imperial Capital: Lower Danubian Cossack Households and Networks in Nineteenth-Century Istanbul

Dinner, 18:30



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*Panel 4. 09:00-10:45. **Everyday Multiculturalism, Local Communities, and Informal Networks of Survival***

Chair: **Stefano Taglia** *Oriental Institute CAS*

Discussant: **Volodymyr Poltorak** *Oriental Institute CAS*

Svitlana Kaiuk *Oles Honchar Dnipro National University, Ukraine*. Translating the Frontier: Local Intermediaries and Imperial Knowledge-Making in the Northern Black Sea Borderlands, 1780s–1820s

Polina Trifonova *Institute of Ethnology and Folklore Studies with Ethnographic Museum, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences*. Cross-Cultural Dynamics in a Local Context: The Case of the Crimean Tatar Community of Tsarev Brod Village, Bulgaria

Murat Hatip *Bolu Abant İzzet Baysal University*. Negotiating the “Noah’s Ark”: Local Agency and Inter-Communal Local Dynamics in Düzce, 1860-1920

Hakan Kırımlı *Bilkent University, Ankara*

Remarks on the Kitchen of the Court of the Crimean Khans

Coffee break, 10:45-11:00

Roundtable in cooperation with the Max Weber Network Eastern Europe (MWNO): Black Sea Archives, Archival Infrastructures, and Knowledge Production, 11:00-12:30

Moderator: **Maïke Lehmann** *Max Weber Network Eastern Europe (MWNO), Helsinki*.

Participants:

Dmitri Frolov *Aleksanteri Institute, University of Helsinki*

Yurii Zazuliak *Leipzig University*

Alexandr Osipian *GWZO, Leipzig*

Stefan Rohdewald *Leipzig University*

Lunch, 12:30-13:30



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Panel 5. 13:30-15:00. **Commercial Infrastructures and Urban Transformation across the Black Sea**

Chair: **Olena Uvarova** *Centre for Advanced Study Sofia / Odesa National Medical University*

Discussant: **Constantin Ardeleanu** *Institute for South-East European Studies, Romanian Academy / New Europe College, Bucharest*

Svitlana Arabadzhy *University of Oslo / Mariupol State University.* Mariupol as a Starting Point: Trade Development and Transnational Network Expansion

Irina Seits *Södertörn University, Stockholm.* From Caspian to Black Sea: Oil Infrastructure and the Transformation of Batumi in the Late Imperial Era

Irakli Iremadze *Ilia State University.* "California" in the Caucasus: Migration and Multiethnic Labor in Batumi, 1880s-1900s

Coffee break, 15:00-15:15

Panel 6. 15:15-17:00. **War, Imperial Collapse and Post-Imperial Networks**

Chair: **Moritz Florin** *Max Weber Network Eastern Europe (MWNO), Tbilisi*

Discussant: **Stefano Taglia** *Oriental Institute CAS*

Gülnur Demirci *Malmö University / University of Groningen*

The Colonial and Anti-Colonial Visions of Migration: North Caucasian Voices across the Russian and Ottoman Empires

Malvin Grippon *EHESS / CERCEC.* Trading to Survive: Transimperial Smuggling Networks of Essential Goods in the Caucasian Borderlands, 1914-1920

Azat Bilalutdinov *Max Weber Network Eastern Europe (MWNO), Tbilisi / Columbia University.* Post-Imperial Diplomacy on the Bosphorus: Ukrainian Diplomats and Organizations in the Wartime and Armistice-Era Ottoman Empire, 1914-1923

Stanislav Tumis and Radomyr Mokryk *Charles University, Prague.* Ukraine and the Caucasus: Efforts at Cooperation and a Common Struggle against Russian Imperialism, 1918-1921

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Concluding Discussion

17:00-17:30

“Oriental” Prague Walk, 17:30

The walk through Prague’s Old Town tells the story of the city’s changing encounters with the East - from medieval curiosity and Rudolfine diplomacy, which reached as far as the Black Sea region, to the colourful Baroque imagination of the Orient. It concludes with the rise of Oriental studies in Prague, showing how centuries of fascination, travel, and political contact gradually evolved into a field of modern scholarship.

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