

Making Refuge: Place and Space in Refugee History

Programme

Prague, 11-12 April 2024

Venue: Vila Lanna, V Sadech 1/1, 160 00 Prague 6, Czech Republic

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Thursday, 11 April 2024

09:30–10:00 **Introductory remarks (Michal Frankl, Kamil Ruszała)**

10:00–11:00 **Panel 1: Microhistory of child refugeedom**

Chair: Michal Frankl

Nikola Tohma, “We were like princes...”? Socialist Czechoslovak children’s homes as refugee spaces

Lorraine McEvoy, ‘There was a Dutch camp named “BROOMLEE”, whose leaders were all very comely’: Temporary reception centres as places of meaning in post-WWII humanitarian hospitality schemes for children

11:00–11:30 **Coffee break**

11:30–13:00 **Panel 2: Resettlement and imagined community spaces**

Chair: Martin Klečacký

Pauli Aro, “Out of the barracks ... and back to agriculture”! Ethnic German expellees as farmers and settlers in post-1945 Austria

Cristian Cercel, From refugees to settlers: Danube Swabians in southern Brazil

Fabio Santos, The coloniality of migration in the Caribbean: Offshoring Haitian refugee detention to Puerto Rico, 1981-1982

13:00–14:30 **Lunch (Vila Lanna)**

14:30–15:30 **Panel 3: Refugee trajectories and mapping of refuge**

Chair: Elisabeth Czerniak

Na'ama Seri-Levi, Mapping wandering routes: Exile and nomadism among Polish-Jewish refugees during World War II

Konstantin Schischka, Researching displacement, refuge and resettlement between time, space and administration

15:30–16:00 **Coffee break**

16:00–17:30 **Panel 4: Liminal and in-between spaces of refuge**

Chair: Lidia Zessin-Jurek

Irial Glynn, Using the sea as a space and place of analysis for refugee history

Ines Koeltzsch and Michala Lônčíková, Coping with space scarcity: Space management and refugees’ experiences on the Danube steamer Pentcho (1940)

Michal Frankl, Beyond the nation-state: No man’s land and Jewish refugees at the end of the 1930s

19:00 **Dinner (Vila Lanna)**

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9:30–10:30 Panel 5: Child Displacement and Resettlement

Chair: Kateřina Králová

Julia Reinke, A Refugee Town in the “Polish Wild West” – Zgorzelec as Place of Refuge for Greek Civil War Refugees in early Postwar Poland

Raphaela Monika Bolwein, “Those difficult to resettle [...]” – Making space for the “residual cases” within displaced children in specialised installations in the post-WWII period

10:30–11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 12:30 Panel 6: Camps as refugee spaces

Chair: Anca Cretu

Kamil Ruszała, The First World War Refugee Camps Experience in Austria-Hungary – Disparate Perspectives from Below

Benjamin Thomas White, European refugees in Egypt (1944–48) and the stuff of the refugee camp

Catrina Langenegger, More than a Map: Swiss military refugee camps during the Second World War

12:30–14:00 Lunch (Vila Lanna)

14:00–15:30 Panel 7: Refugees in the urban space

Chair: Petra Svoljšak

Saeed Ahmad, A tale of two temples: Producing refugee spaces in postcolonial Delhi

Giota Tourgeli, Negotiating the urban space: The Asia Minor refugee associations and their resettlement strategies (1922-1932)

Dimitra Glenti, Shifting spaces: Exploring refugee housing arrangements and urban transformation in interwar Lesbos

15:30–16:00 Coffee break

16:00–17:00 Panel 8: Making refuge in the context of borders and nation-states

Chair: Keely Stauter-Halsted

Ana Guardiño, Refuge within contested (post)imperial spaces: Refugee movements of the Kenyan, Algerian and Angolan independence wars (1951-1961)

Arnab Dutta, The spatial scale of displacement and refugee political thought: Jewish exiles between Central Europe and British Bengal, 1930s-40s

17:00 Closing remarks: Peter Gatrell

Comments: Michal Frankl, Kamil Ruszała