

IKW and HRC Summer School 2025

Habsburg Central Europe in Global History

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Na Florenci, 1420/3, 110 00 Praha

Schedule

Thursday 23 October

13.00 Welcome

13.30–15.00 **Seminar with Markéta Křížová (Prague)**

15.30–17.30 *Animas iuvare et delectare: Jesuit Worldmaking and Central European Consumer Culture in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries* (3x40 minutes, including Q&A)

Ildikó Hajdu, Eötvös Loránd University Budapest (ild.hajdu@gmail.com), *The Jesuit Global Mission in the Poetic and Rhetorical Education of the Schools of the Austrian Jesuit Province in the 17th Century*

Dmitry Zharov, Central European University Vienna/Budapest (Zharov_Dmitry@phd.ceu.edu), *Central European Jesuits as Global Educators, 1551–1670*

Leonhard Engelmaier, European University Institute, Florence (Leonhard.Engelmaier@eui.eu), *Circulation, Coffee Making – and Conflict? The Integration of Tobacco in 17th-Century Central European Agriculture*

Friday 24 October

09.00–10.30 **Seminar with Ulrich Schmid (St. Gallen)**

Break

11.00–13.00 **Nineteenth-Century Frameworks of Habsburg Internationalism: Reassessing Central European Natural Law and Naval Power** (3x40 minutes, including Q&A)

Maksim Demin, University of Bochum (maksim.demin@rub.de), *Civil Rights Translated? Habsburg Legal Philosophy and Its Interpretation by Peter Lodij in Alexander I's Russia*

Stephanie Truskowski, University of Notre Dame, South Bend (struskow@nd.edu), *“A Perfect Internationalism [for] the Commerce, Navigation, and Industry of Austria”: The Imperial Navy and the Austrian Lloyds as International Intermediaries in the Nineteenth-Century Circum-Mediterranean*

Lunch Break

14.30–16.00 **Seminar with Jonathan Singerton (Amsterdam)**

Break

16.30–18.30 **From Plzen to the Foothills of the Citlaltépetl: Informal Empire between South Bohemia and Mexico** (3x40 minutes, including Q&A)

Andreas M. Schurr, European University Institute, Florence
(AndreasMarkus.SCHURR@eui.eu), *An Austrian “Colony for Free”: Overseas Ambitions, Scientific Exploration and the “Habsburg Scramble for Mexico”, 1864-1867*

Lukas Dovern, University of Kiel (dovern@histosem.uni-kiel.de), *Patriotism, Global Trade, and the Making of Austria-Hungary’s Largest Arms Manufacturer: The Škoda Works in Pilsen/Plzen, 1899-1914*

Kajetan Stobiecki, Herder-Institut, Marburg (kajetan.stobiecki@herder-institut.de), *Plzen’s Global Enterprises and their Role in Urban National Segmentation*

Saturday, 25 October

09.00–11.00 **Unfabling the East? Habsburg Encounters with East Asia in the 19th and Early 20th Centuries** (3x40 minutes, including Q&A)

Matúš Mura, Comenius University Bratislava (mura3@uniba.sk), *Habsburg Travelers Encountering Japanese Merchants: Image and Representation*

Chung Hin Mak, Free University of Berlin (gordon489011@gmail.com), *The Austro-Hungarian East Asian Expedition (1868-1871)*

Mátyás Gergely Tóth, Independent Scholar, Budapest (matyiou@yahoo.com), *Breaking Cyclical Narratives: A New Approach to the History of Austro-Hungarian–Japanese Relations (1868-1913)*

Break

11.30–13.00 **Of World Fairs and Crumbling Empires**

Freda Fiala, University of Arts Linz (freda.fiala@kunstuni-linz.at), *Entangled Worlds and the Logistics of Chinese Display in the 1873 Wiener Weltausstellung*

Elene Nabakhteveli, Ilia State University (elene.nabakhteveli.1@iliauni.edu.ge), *Post-Imperial Knowledge in Motion: Scientific Displacement after the Collapse of the Habsburg and Soviet Empires*

13.00 Farewell to the participants of the Summer School

Faculty

Guest Members

Markéta Křížová, Centre for Ibero-American Studies, Charles-University, Prague

Ulrich Schmid, Eastern European Studies, University of St. Gallen

Jonathan Singerton, Global Political History, University of Amsterdam

Jan Jakub Surman, Central and Eastern European History, Masaryk Institute and Archives of the Czech Academy of Sciences

Members of the Host Institutions

Johannes Feichtinger, Institute of Culture Studies, Austrian Academy of Sciences

Franz Fillafer, Institute of Culture Studies, Austrian Academy of Sciences

Steffen Höhne, Johann Gottfried Herder Research Council

Johannes Mattes, Institute of Culture Studies, Austrian Academy of Sciences

Michael Wögerbauer, Institute of Czech Literature, Czech Academy of Sciences

Invited Discussant: Sandra Klos, Institute of Culture Studies, Austrian Academy of Sciences