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## Programme

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## Thursday, 18 September

17.00h Arrival of participants at Kadir Has University, Cibali Istanbul  
Registration

18.30h  
Plenary session I

Chair: Klaus Roth  
Room: Sinema A

Welcome addresses  
Dean of Communication Faculty, Prof. Dr. Sevda Alankuş  
President of Kadir Has University, Prof. Dr. Mustafa Aydın

Keynote speakers  
Asker Kartarı, *Resistance culture after Gezi Park*  
Christian Giordano, *“Transition” and “crisis”: investigating South east European societies by means of a conceptual expedient*

Reception

## Friday, 19 September



9.00-10.30h  
Plenary session II

Chair: Jasna Čapo Žmegač  
Room: Sinema A

Ștefan Dorondel, *Environmental disasters and other big problems of our time: what place for (Southeast European) anthropology?*

Sabine Strasser, *The crisis effect: global moral obligations, peripheral governors and the figure of the abusing migrant*



11.00-13.00h  
Session 1

Panel 1.1: State and Nation in Crisis

Chair: Carolin Leutloff-Grandits  
Room: D-104

Jasna Čapo Žmegač, *Reign of ideology and the state of permanent crisis*

Srdjan Radović, 'Post-Soc' generations in times of perpetual crisis: attitudes of Belgrade students in the midst of Serbia's transition

Sidonia Grama, Founding event and crisis of legitimacy: counter-cultures of freedom in 1990 Romania

Goran Dokić, Marek Mikuš, "Nobody's stronger than the state"? Crisis, hegemony, and two kinds of civil society in Serbia

Panel 1.2: Class Crisis and Formation

Chair: Tanja Petrović

Room: D-113

Vintilă Mihăilescu, *Work and swindle: pride houses and manele on the post-socialist market of desire*

Dražen Cepić, *The crisis of sociability and the challenges of de-unionisation: the case of the Croatian working class*

Ivanka Petrova, *Work in Bulgaria after 1989: cultural strategies, for economic survival and for coping with crisis in the sphere of work*

Danijela Djukić, *Entrepreneurial initiatives in rural tourism in the time of crisis: a case study from Grbalj, Montenegro*

Panel 1.3: Migrants, Diasporas, Minorities?

Chair: Saša Nedeljković

Room: D-103

Gabriela Fatkova, *Bulgarian Karakachans and the Greek crisis of 2008*

Karolina Bielenin-Lenczowska, *Save Radika: ecological and political activities of the Macedonian diaspora in Italy*

Catalina Tesar, *Building houses and leaving them deserted back home while fantasising about home. Ethnic Romanians and Romanian Roma migrants in Italy: same movement, same stillness?*

Bogdan Neagota, Ileana Benga, *The Rudars from Vâlcea (Romania): an anthropological radiography*

Panel 1.4: Religion in Social and Personal Crisis

Chair: Vesna Vučinić Nešković

Room: D-114

Petko Hristov, *Traditional ritual responses to contemporary misfortunes: "youth kurban" and social life in the post-socialist Bulgarian village*

Maria Mateoni, *The end of the 1950s: the crisis and rebirth of Romanian Orthodox monasticism in the memory of the Romanian monastery „Sfântul Nicolae”*

Tünde Komaromi, *Crisis management and contradictions: the case of a Catholic clerk*

Marija Ilić, *What does the Kosovo conflict have to do with the Belgrade mosque: functional merging of the Other in Serbian public discourse*

Panel 1.5: Change and Stability through Ritual, Performance, and Time

Chair: Jennifer Cash

Room: D-119

Stefánia Toma, *Fusion or fission? The everyday politics of alterity in multi-ethnic communities in Romania*

Carol Silverman, *Balkan Gypsy music: negotiating exclusions and appropriations*

Virgiliu Birladeanu, *From parades to spectacles and ... again to parades in post-Soviet Moldova*

Bianka Botea Coulaud, *Experiencing change and time in the context of "ending" crisis: the case of Jimbolia, Romania*



14.30-16.30h

Session 2

Panel 2.1: The Anthropology of Natural Disasters 1

Chair: Ștefan Dorondel

Room: D-104

Meglena Zlatkova, *The river and the city: crisis, memory, heritage*

Petăr Petrov, *What do floods tell us about society? A Bulgarian case study*

Stelu Șerban, *Past and present in life on the banks of the Danube*

Elya Tzaneva, *The 2012 earthquake in the town of Pernik and the coping strategies of affected social groups*

Panel 2.2: Crises of Labour

Chair: Carolin Leutloff-Grandits

Room: D-113

Sanja Potkonjak, *"Retroutopia" - on the idea of work and progress in (post) socialist society*

Tanja Petrović, *The mining archives: subjectivity, affect, and political economies of liminality*

Tanya Chavdarova, *Legality vs. legitimacy: dual labour arrangements as a coping strategy*

Valter Cvijić, *Privatisation, the crisis of work and labouring selves in Zrenjanin, Serbia*

Panel 2.3: Dynamics of Ethnicity, Identity, and Culture Change

Chair: Şule Toktaş

Room: D-103

Yana Yancheva Georgieva, *The Bulgarian diaspora in Moldova and Ukraine in the context of agricultural de-collectivisation: social and economic consequences on everyday life*

Michal Pavlásek, *Migration from the Czech lands to south eastern Europe: a case of a “culture of coping”*

Tomislav Oroz, Sandra Urem, *Rhythm of the island: crises, migration and the reshaping of identity on the Dalmatian island of Olib*

Panel 2.4: Religious Revivals in Times of Crisis

Chair: Volkan Yeniaras

Room: D-114

Violeta Periklieva, *“Dreaming” saints and building chapels in times of crisis: the case of Angelci, Macedonia*

Vesna Vučinić Nešković, *The revival of religious festivities in the Bay of Kotor: applying the concept of social drama to the time of post-socialism*

Lehel Peti, *Crisis and conversion: coping with crisis in new religious communities in the contact zones of Catholicism and Orthodoxy in Romania*

Irina Stahl, *Miracles in times of crisis: contemporary Romanian testimonies on Saint Nektarios the Wonderworker*

Panel 2.5: Discourses, Memories, and Narratives on Crisis

Chair: Jasna Čapo Žmegač

Room: D-119

Mila Maeva, *Crisis in Bulgarian emigrants’ stories*

Dagnosław Demski, *Narratives of migrating and of living abroad as a symbolic form of invention and destruction*

Jakab Albert Zsolt, *Remembering crises: the memory of social conflicts and political changes in Cluj-Napoca, Romania*

Elife Krasniqi, *“Everything has changed after Albania”: the perception of change in post-war Opoja, Kosovo*



17.00-18.30h

Session 3

Panel 3.1: The Anthropology of Natural Disasters 2

Chair: Petăr Petrov

Room: D-104

Eckehard Pistrick, *“Turning pain into strength”: earthquakes, communism, and the crisis of development*

Aleksandra Pavićević, *Two earthquakes: ideological influences on media reporting of natural disasters*

Olivier Givre, *Fever at the border: about an outbreak of FMD (Foot and Mouth Disease) in Strandzha (Bulgaria/Turkey)*

Panel 3.2: Effects of Economic Crisis

Chair: Milena Benovska-Săbkova

Room: D-113

Slobodan Naumović, Dragan Stojmenović, *Neoliberalism as a civilisation: economic crisis, urban renewal initiatives, hopes concerning industrial heritage tourism and ecological activism in the copper mining and processing town of Bor, Serbia*

Jutta Lauth Bacas, *The prospects of clientelism in a debt-ridden state: an anthropological case study on austerity measures and party politics in twenty-first century Greece*

Saša Nedeljković, *National crisis and economic nationalism: the National Bank of Serbia as a framework for studying ethnic and national relations during World War II*

Panel 3.3: Gender and Crisis

Chair: Evgenija Krăsteva-Blagoeva

Room: D-103

Armanda Hysa, *Coping with marginality: the case of Albanian-Serbian mixed marriages in Sandjak, Raska region*

Orjona Shegaj, Ermela Broci, *Women migrants coping with crisis: the case of Albanian women immigrants in Konitsa*

İnce Şengül, Burcu Şimşek, *Gender identity crisis in the urban kitchen*

### Panel 3.4: Long-term and Short-term Forms of Coping

Chair: Vesna Vučinić Nešković

Room: D-114

Gerda Dalipaj, *Potential homes for uncertain futures: a micro-level reading of home-making trajectories as a replication of crises in post-communist Albania.*

Konstantina Bada, *Cultural reactions to crisis and actions in small places: the case of the mountain villages of Tzoumerka, Greece*

Elisa Satjukow, *Belgrade in a state of exception: everyday life in the Serbian capital during the NATO bombing of March -- June 1999*

### Panel 3.5: Visual Representations and Heritage in Crisis

Chair: Jennifer Cash

Room: D-119

Ana Luleva, *Contested world heritage: the ancient city of Nessebar. An ethnographic study of conflict*

Georgeta Nazarska, Svetla Shapkalova, *Intangible religious heritage at risk: a study of religious values in modern Bulgaria*

Ana Popović, *The daily life of a displaced museum: activities at the Museum of Perast following the 1979 earthquake in Montenegro*



19.00-20.00h

InASEA General Assembly

Room: Sinema A

## Saturday, 20 September



9.00-11.00h

Session 4

### Panel 4.1: Protest, Revolution, Quiescence?

Chair: Asker Kartari

Room: D-104

Gabriel Stoiciu, *Occupy the cyberspace. The sophistication of protest movements and the efforts of virtual communities - a France-Romania comparison*

Cristina-Georgiana Voicu, *The crisis as a political tool in Cyprus: the anthropological turn*

Cornel Micu, *Revolution in the countryside: the collapse of Communism in a Romanian village*

Sonia Catrina, *Roma people's responses to the actions and practices of territorial social control: empirical evidence from Romania*



Panel 4.2: Too Little or Too Much? Crises of Consumption

Chair: Ayşe Binay Kurultay

Room: D-113

Miglena Dimitrova Ivanova, *“The Black Famine”*: life histories of Bulgarians and Gagauz who survived the 1947-1948 famine in Bessarabia

Jennifer Cash, *Between starvation and security: food and poverty in rural Moldova*

Nevena Dimova, *Living slow in times of economic crisis: anti-capitalist attitudes and labour practices in two Bulgarian eco-communities*

Evgenia Krăsteva-Blagoeva, *Clothing and fashion in a time of crisis*

Panel 4.3: Family in Crisis

Chair: Remus Anghel

Room: D-103

Tahir Latifi, *Poverty and social security in the perspective of post-war political, societal, and family transformations in Kosovo*

Danijela Birt Katić, *Family structure in change: examples from Usora and Brčko in Bosnia and Herzegovina*

Raluca Mateoc, *The shifting family identities within two Romanian rural Gypsy groups*

Ludmila Cojocaru, *Spiritual kinship in the Republic of Moldova: dynamics and dilemmas of modernisation*

Panel 4.4: Identity in Crisis

Chair: Jutta Lauth Bacas

Room: D-114

Elena Trifan, *An easy panacea: personal responsibility and personal development in Bucharest*

Ileana Gabriela Szasz, *Coping with retirement: a visual documentation of the first weeks*

Nevena Škrbić Alempijević, *Becoming “Mediterranean” in post-socialist Croatia*

Adriana Cupcea, *Identity construction in the Turkish and Tatar communities in Dobrudja, Romania*

Panel 4.5: Memories of War and Trauma

Chair: Armanda Kodra Hysa

Room: D-119

Anto Knežević, *May 25, 1945 in Odžak, Bosnia: differing views of the last WWII battle in Europe*

Dobrinka Parusheva, *From Chorlu to Alepo and back: the experience of a young Armenian in 1914-1918*

Ioana-Ruxandra Fruntelata, *Games of memory: personal narratives of Romanian World War II veterans*

Mina Chavdarova Hristova, *Identity as governmental policy: the traumatic collective memory. The Bulgarian Communist Party and some strokes on Pirin Macedonian history*



11.30-13.00h

Session 5

Panel 5.1: Whose Crisis? Global - Regional - Local

Chair: Christian Giordano

Room: D-104

Valentina Gulin Zrnić, Tihana Rubić, *Global crisis and new transition: community gardens and civic engagement*

Jacqueline Nießer, *Beyond victims' competition? Individual strategies for coping with the Yugoslav wars through a regional endeavour*

Andrea Carolina Schvartz Peres, *Demanding rights: national belonging and statehood in Bosnia and Herzegovina and in the Republika Srpska today*

Panel 5.2: Migration as Crisis and Response 1

Chair: Saša Nedeljković

Room: D-113

Remus Gabriel Anghel, *Migration and social inequality in times of crisis: changing social relations and patterns of inequality in Romania's Gypsy ghettos*

Carolin Leutloff-Grandits, *Between crisis and normalcy: irregular migration from Kosovo to the EU*

Jadranka Djordjević Crnobrnja, *The socioeconomic crisis of the nineties in Serbia and migration: the example of Gorani people leaving the Gora region*

Alina Branda, *Cultures of crisis and recent migration: a few Transylvanian cases*

Panel 5.3: The Social Body in Crisis

Chair: Tanja Petrović

Room: D-103

*Milena Benovska-Săbkova, The complaints of citizens in socialist Bulgaria: personal or social crisis?*

*Vesna Trifunović, Narratives about unconventional medical treatment as an answer to the double crisis of illness and post-socialist transformation*

*Andrei Tudor Mihail, The isolated "heaven": well-being at home in the lepers hospital of Thichilești*

Panel 5.4: Localising Morality: Economy, Intimacy, and Sociality in SEE 1

Chair: Sabine Strasser

Room: D-114

Sabine Strasser, Jelena Tošić, *Localising morality: an introduction*

Jelena Tošić, *City of the 'calm': exploring entanglements of urban diversity, mobility and morality in contemporary Southeast Europe*

Sari Wastell, *Iz krize - u razvoj. Intimate violence, solidarity and rights, and the repudi-ation of the moral order of "Transitional Justice" in Bosnia and Herzegovina*

Panel 5.5: Modelling the Urban Space

Chair: Klaus Roth

Room: D-119

Gentiana Kera, *The mosaic and the pyramid: discourses about visual representations of the socialist past in Tirana*

Piotr Majewski, *"New" Macedonian art and the reconstruction of Macedonian national identity: the project "Skopje 2014"*



14.30-16.00h

Session 6

Panel 6.1: Policy Responses: Mobility, Education, and Humanitarian Aid

Chair: Carolin Leutloff-Grandits

Room: D-104

Inis ShkrelI, *Identity politics and economic crisis: a focus on the mobility of Vlachs in Voskopoja and the nationalist programmes of Greece and Romania as mechanisms for assimilating the community*

Zsuzsa Plainer, *The crisis of post-1989 educational policies, the crisis of pre-1989 forced urbanisation and the making of a “Gypsy school” in a Romanian town*

Panel 6.2: Migration as Crisis and Response 2

Chair: Saša Nedeljković

Room: D-113

Yelis Erolova, *Welcome to Europe! The so-called ‘refugee crisis’ in Bulgaria*

Magdalena Elchinova, *A challenged border: refugees and the transformation of the border discourse in Bulgaria at present*

Ceren Ark, *Political behaviour in the shadow of uncertainty: an internal migrant neighbourhood in Istanbul*

Panel 6.3: Subjectivity and Personhood in Crisis

Chair: Evgenija Krăsteva-Blagoeva

Room: D-103

Nataša Mišković, *A lifetime of crisis: the life story of a Dalmatian peasant, first half of the twentieth century*

Chryssa Moissidou, *Crisis’s subjects: people subjected to crisis vs crisis as a subject matter*

Dunja Brozović Rončević, *Changing names: a way to cope with identity issues in times of crisis. The case of Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina*

Panel 6.4: Localising Morality: Economy, Intimacy, and Sociality in SEE 2

Chair: Jelena Tošić

Room: D-114

*Luisa Piart, Adverse entrepreneurs and the moral economy of Istanbul's garment industry*

*Ståle Knudson, Moralities at the interface between CSR and social movements: contests between international capital and environmental activism on the Black Sea coast of Turkey*

*Olaf Zenker (discussant), Localising morality*

Panel 6.5: Art, Culture and Crisis

Chair: Çağrı Yalkın

Room: D-119

*Margarita Ivanova Kuzova, Visual images of natural cataclysms in 20th century Bulgarian and German collections of postcards*

*Magdalena Sztandara, Performative calendar of women: "artivism" as a strategy to cope with "absence"*

*Gergana Panova-Tekath, Folk dance and the crises of identity in Bulgaria after 1989*



16.30-18.00h

Session 7

Panel 7.1: Laws, Land, and Human Geography

Chair: Stefan Dorondel

Room: D-104

*Karl Kaser, Demography of a crisis: Montenegro in the second half of the 19th century*

*Nebi Bardhoshi, Conflicts on land within kinship in a post-dictatorial situation: a short ethnography of law and state.*

*Özgür Dirim Özkan, The perception of Bosnia and Herzegovina's success in participating in the 2014 World Cup by different ethnic groups: an ethnographic study of football fans*

Panel 7.2: Migration as Crisis and Response 3

Chair: Ludmila Cojocar

Room: D-113

Ivelina Eftimova, *Economic crisis, forced migration, and changes in socialisation and gender order among the Muslim population in post-socialist Bulgaria*

Marijeta Rajković Iveta, *Women and migrations in Croatia: from marginal subjects ("White Widows") to contemporary migrants in the EU*

Ivaylo Markov, *Migration, translocality, and social in(ex)clusion: managing the life in-between. The case of Albanian migrants from Macedonia*

Panel 7.3: Sounds of Pain and Pleasure

Chair: Carol Silverman

Room: D-114

Ana Hofman, *SINGing, SOCIALizing, SELForganizing: engaged singing collectivities in the post-Yugoslav space*

Miha Kozorog, *Sevdalinka in exile: coping strategies of young Bosnian refugees in Ljubljana*

Martin Pogačar, *Margita Stefanović: the digital afterlife of a Yugoslav rock'n'roll heroine in (the time of) crisis?*



18.00-19.00h

Final plenary meeting and discussion

End of congress