Floods, State, Dams and Dykes in Modern Times: Ecological and Socio-economic Transformations of the Rural World

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INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM

Organizing institutions: Francisc I. Rainer Institute of Anthropology Bucharest, New Europe College-Institute for Advanced Study and the Center of Risk Studies, Faculty of Geography, University of Bucharest

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THURSDAY, JUNE 18

9:30-11:30 Session 1
Moderator: Ștefan DORONDEL

James C. SCOTT (Yale University, USA): The State and the History of Rivers: In Praise of Floods

Michael M. CERNEA (Member of the Romanian Academy and Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution, Washington DC): Bangladesh: The State, Shifting Rivers, Floods, and Impoverishment Risks - Is Population Resettlement the Solution?

Discussions

11:30-12:00 Coffee break

Parallel session of posters: Bucharest – a Vulnerable City

12:00-14:00 Session 2
Moderator: Tanya RICHARDSON

Dirk NOWACKI and Jürgen WUNDERLICH (Department of Physical Geography, Goethe-University Frankfurt am Main, Germany): Palaeolake Sediments in the Lower Danube Valley Reflecting Palaeoecological Changes and Human Impact during the Holocene

Eckehard PISTRICK (Martin-Luther University Halle, Germany): *Rhetorics and Practices of Modernization - Albania's Hydropower Stations as Symbolic Constructions of Multiple Modernities*

Fillippo MENGA (Tallinn University, Estonia): *Big Is Better, Or How Governments Learned to Stop Worrying and Love Megaprojects*

**Discussions**

**14:00-15:15 Lunch**

**15:15-17:15 Session 3**

**Moderator: Oana Ivan**

Tanya RICHARDSON (Wilfried Laurier University, Canada): *Challenges to Soviet-Era Water Infrastructures in Ukraine: Restoring Ecologies between the Danube and the Black Sea*

Stelu ŞERBAN (Institute for South-East European Studies, Bucharest, Romania): *Communal Ecology and Natural Restoration on the Danube*

Cristian TETELEA (WWF Romania): *Programs of Nature Restoration Programs along the Lower Danube*

Heliodoro OCHOA-GARCIA and Stephan RIST (Center for Development and Environment, University of Bern, Switzerland): *Hydraulic Projects, State And Society: Water Conflicts And Sustainable Governance In Western Mexico*

**Discussions**

**18:15 Dinner**

**FRIDAY JUNE 19**

**9:30-11:30 Session 1**

**Moderator: Oana MATEESCU**

Sue TAPSELL (Middlesex University, London): *Taking Control: Empowering Communities for Local Flood Risk Management in the UK*

Heinz GUTSCHER (University of Zurich, Switzerland): *The Role of Affect in Communicating Flood Risks in Switzerland*

Iuliana ARMAŞ, R. IONESCU, and Cristina POSNER (Faculty of Geography, University of Bucharest): *Flood Risk Perception along the Lower Danube River*
Discussions

11:30-12:00 Coffee Break

Parallel session of posters: Bucharest – a Vulnerable City

12:00-14:00 Session 2

Moderator: Iuliana ARMAȘ

Catherine ASHCRAFT (Department of Natural Resources and the Environment University of New Hampshire, SUA): Negotiating Tradeoffs in Adaptive and Integrated Approaches to Flood Risk Management

 Predrag MILJKOVIC, Mirjana TODOSIJEVIĆ, Jelena BELOICA, Dragan ČAKMAK, Vukašin MILČANOVIĆ, Ratko KADOVIĆ, Snežana BELANOVIĆ SIMIĆ (Faculty of Forestry, University of Belgrade, Serbia): Floods Impacts On Soil Properties And Local Community In River Kolubara Catchment

Mariana NIKOLOV and Valentin NIKOLOV (National Institute of Geophysics, Geodesy and Geography and Geological Institute “St. Dimitrov”, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences): Flood Risk from Small Dams in Bulgaria: Case Studies from Catastrophic Dam Abruption in Municipalities Tsar Kaloyan and Harmanli

Eeva SINERJOKI (University of Turku, Finland): Kokemäenjoki-River is the Most Challenging Flood Area in Finland - The Effects of Flood Protection on the Population, Building Instructions and the Leisure Use of The River

Discussions

14:00-15:15 Lunch

15:15-17:15 Session 3

Moderator: Stelu ŞERBAN

Ştefan DORONDEL and Oana IVAN (Francisc I. Rainer Institute of Anthropology Bucharest, Romania): The History and the Ethnography of a Flood: Power and Environmental (In)Justice in Romania

Ali NOBIL AHMAD (Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin, Germany): Flood-Causality and Post-Colonial States: The 2010 Disaster In Pakistan’s Southern Punjab

Töhötöm Árpád SZABÓ (Babeș–Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania): Floods, Dikes, Ethnic Groups And States: The Political Anthropology of a Natural Disaster

Oana MATEESCU (Faculty of Sociology, University of Bucharest, Romania): Flooding After Deforestation: Evidentiary and Causal Textures in Vrancea’s Forest Commons

Discussions
17:15-18:00

Discussions concerning a future publication

19:00 Dinner

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

9:00-17:00

Field Trip in Kalimok-Brashlen, Northern Bulgaria, to visit a site along the Danube which was recently ecologically reconstructed. Presentation of the site by experts of the Rusenski Lom Nature Park