

- 16:11:07 From Konrad Pędziwiatr : Our own PostCEE Network - Postdependence Geographies in Central & Eastern Europe. Check out our website: <https://postcee.com/> & follow us on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/PostCee>
- 16:11:38 From Konrad Pędziwiatr : The Regional Studies Association is the global and interdisciplinary network for urban and regional research, development and policy. The RSA supports its members with latest research, funding schemes, networking and publishing opportunities and spaces to grow research and careers. <https://www.regionalstudies.org/>
- 16:13:17 From Konrad Pędziwiatr : The 'Dialoguing Posts' Network, which aims to enhance the dialogue between postsocialist and post-/decolonial theory and practice: <https://dialoguingposts.wordpress.com/>
- 16:14:08 From Konrad Pędziwiatr : Worth following on twitter: The Decolonial/Balkan account: <https://twitter.com/DecolonialBlkns>
- 16:14:26 From Konrad Pędziwiatr : The excellent Decolonial/Balkan reading list: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1nmER4-FJ6INDdtAgtVGc_gm0g-Sl57hRnqYsvku1JRA/edit
- 16:14:39 From Konrad Pędziwiatr : We're compiling our own reading list on postdependence geographies in Central & Eastern Europe: <https://postcee.com/resources/> It's not exhaustive - please, feel free to send us more reading suggestions.
- 16:15:08 From Simona Alexandra Cotofana : Twitter link doesn't work for decolonize balkans
- 16:15:38 From Alexandra Oanca : I think now it is <https://twitter.com/RedBalkans>
- 16:16:36 From Simona Alexandra Cotofana : sărumâna!
- 16:17:44 From Konrad Pędziwiatr : Check out also the new Multiculturalism & Migration Observatory at the Cracow University of Economics, Poland inspired and coordinated by one of the founders of the PostCEE network Konrad Pedziwiatr. Excellent for locally-generated knowledge on diversity in Polish cities. <https://owim.uek.krakow.pl/index.php/en/>
- 16:20:27 From Mithilesh Kumar : Link to the first "Dialoguing between the posts" event in India:
- 16:20:32 From Mithilesh Kumar : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GyF1aaRqmO4>
- 16:21:17 From Mithilesh Kumar : The series of events with Professor Madina Tlostanova in India as part of the "Dialoguing Between the Posts" event <https://www.tiss.edu/view/5/mumbai-campus/centre-for-development-practice-and-research/series-of-dialogue-on-dialoguing-between-postcolon/>
- 16:22:33 From Kasia Narkowicz : Please find some of Hana's publications here: <https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/people/hana-cervinkova#3>
- 16:26:10 From Kasia Narkowicz : If anyone wants to ask a question please indicate in the chat and we will put your name on the list

16:27:01 From Konrad Pędziwiatr : Thank you @Alexandra Oanca and @Mithilesh Kumar for update and information

16:34:28 From Kasia Narkowicz : Some of Piro's publications can be found here:
<https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=icIFM3UAAAAJ&hl=en>

16:36:16 From Lejla : That was amazing Piro! Thank you for that

16:37:09 From Paul Stubbs : Brilliant, Piro - thanks — More on Selma Selman here -
<https://www.selmanselma.com/about>

16:37:57 From Kasia Narkowicz : Thanks Paul I was going to ask about the Selma reference!

16:38:34 From Piro Rexhepi : <https://www.selmanselma.com/nospace>

16:39:20 From Piro Rexhepi : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T8KWcCUrFDQ>

16:39:32 From Piro Rexhepi : Selma Selman, "Self Portrait I, II i III"

16:39:54 From Kasia Narkowicz : Claudia's most recent article concerning this issue can be found here:
https://www.researchgate.net/publication/343102983_Exercises_in_expansion_Colonial_threads_in_the_National_Democracy's_turn_toward_discipline

16:43:52 From nela : love that question if I heard it clearly - why are decolonial tropes so sexy?

16:44:16 From Zoltán Ginelli : My answer to how to approach coloniality in the region, and why the right has successfully appropriated a "colonial rhetoric" in Hungary:
<https://kritikaifoldrajz.hu/2020/04/02/postcolonial-hungary-eastern-european-semiperipheral-positioning-in-global-colonialism>

16:44:54 From Kasia Narkowicz : Yes Nela, Why are anti-colonial frames so sexy for the right-wing and un-sexy for the left/liberals?

16:45:27 From Kasia Narkowicz : Thanks Zoltan, please feel free to share your other work as well!

16:46:52 From Ruxandra Trandafoiu : Question: how can white middle class E European academics deal with the contradiction between fighting colonialism and discrimination and being privileged?

16:47:06 From nela : but they are sexy for both parties as anti-colonialisation is now a strong discourse

16:47:46 From Špela Drnovšek Zorko : More on Ivan's work here:
<http://projects.chass.utoronto.ca/kalmar/>

16:50:49 From nela : not becoming, East Europeans have always been less European and so less white (Dzenovska)

16:51:01 From Ovidiu Tichindeleanu : we have to be careful with labeling though. anti-colonialism is "strong" only in limited environments and some discourses not in the historical reality of institutions.

16:51:40 From Lukasz Szulc : Alina Rzepnikowska writes about 'racialization' of CEE migrants in the UK in the context of Brexit:

<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/1369183X.2018.1451308>

16:52:22 From Denny Pencheva : Not always - the original divide in European thought was between the 'barbaric' North and the 'civilized' South.

16:53:05 From nela : and we need to be careful about the difference between anti and de-colonialisation

16:53:25 From Zoltán Ginelli : To Ivan Kalmar: Being “not that white” was not peculiar to the Cold War, as it was there before. Poles were often regarded as North American Indians, already in the 18th century, in Hungary there was Turanism, racial brotherhood with Central Asian peoples, also a fascination with being the “white negro” in relation to 1930s négritude (often ones in a Jewish position), and this was interestingly mobilized by dissidents who later became very conservative “whites” (and supporters of Fidesz politics). These changes and appropriations, whilst identifying not as “white” might be interesting to explore.

16:53:33 From Kasia Narkowicz : Nela, yes important point!

16:54:08 From Anita Starosta : thank you for this critique, Dr. Kalmar.

16:54:49 From Mirna Solic : Travel writing tradition suggests that racialisation of CE existed prior to the Cold War

16:56:25 From Ruxandra Trandafioiu : Zoltán Ginelli, yes, I think it started earlier than Ivan describes.

16:56:25 From Ovidiu Tichindeleanu : racialization of EE was also clearly articulated but different in early modernity as opposed to later - as well as in-between wars and in the socialist times and in post-socialism

16:56:52 From Simina Dragos (she/her) : Racialisation of Romani people in EE (by Eastern Europeans or non-Eastern Europeans) exists since 14th c - depends whom we define as Eastern European

16:57:34 From Ovidiu Tichindeleanu : yes - and there is the internal racialization that Simina refers to also. there's a lot of work to be done.

16:57:41 From Špela Drnovšek Zorko : Good points - thanks all. Arguably the Cold War gave rise to a particular form of the "Eastern European" global white subject, but there are definitely contextual histories of racialization that both predate (and succeed?) it.

16:59:12 From blanka.nyklova : I. Švihlíková's book is mostly based her book on the volume by Myant and Drahoukoupil, Transition Economies: Political Economy in Russia, Eastern Europe and Central Asia

17:02:28 From Kasia Narkowicz : People who have questions please indicate in the chat and we will put you on the list!

- 17:02:56 From Denny Pencheva : It might also be useful to think of the Cold War era racialisation of EEs within the context of ideological, political, and military rivalry, not merely as a result of perceived/imposed racial inferiority.
- 17:03:26 From Bolaji Balogun : I've comment and question pls. thx
- 17:04:28 From Anna.Gawlewicz@glasgow.ac.uk : Thx Bolaji, noted!
- 17:06:32 From Špela Drnovšek Zorko : Hana's comment reminded me of this 2015 article by Ana Croegaert exploring the possibility for solidarity between US Bosnian (im)migrants and BLM protesters: <https://anthrosource.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/nad.12030>
- 17:06:49 From Eray Çaylı (he/him) : Many thanks for these insightful interventions. The conversation today has tended to couple the prefix post- with socialism and colonialism. I am wondering if and how we might bring these insights into a relationship with another posteriority which relates to the region but of which we have not heard much today: that of post-Ottoman. In asking this, I have in mind not only the growing and often troubling trend among some scholars to use the category of post-Ottoman as something of a way out of the predicaments associated with (post)colonialism and (post)socialism but also the growing relations in recent years between the rightwing governments of countries like Hungary, Serbia and Turkey. Thank you.
- 17:09:24 From nela : huge question Eray and I wonder in extension of it how long is post...?
- 17:09:44 From Eray Çaylı (he/him) : it'd be great if you could read it as I'm tuning in on the go. apologies for delegating the task to you but I did not want to miss this fascinating discussion despite being away from my desk! thank you.
- 17:10:07 From Catherine Baker : Eray, I've wondered about the post-Ottoman frame when trying to think through how south-east Europe (especially now Bosnia) and the element of the 'global refugee crisis' that takes in Iraq and Syria are connected - they seem like separate regions in almost all understandings of the 'Balkan Route', and yet with a longer perspective they're two parts of the same historical afterlife of the Ottoman Empire...
- 17:12:34 From nela : and can we think of this in relation to Russian empire, not only Ottoman?
- 17:14:23 From Raul Carstocea : @nela: Why leave out the Habsburgs? :) And can't we then think of CEE as post-imperial rather than post-colonial (which is quite problematic in my view)?
- 17:17:00 From Kasia Narkowicz : But has it replaced Islamophobia? Or is it just temporal focus shift?
- 17:20:52 From Adriana Mihaela Soaita : I do not feel privileged at all, just the opposite
- 17:21:54 From Rita Béres-Deák : depends in relation to whom. The very possibility to have studied is a privilege (in Hungary, the Roma are put into 'special' classes for the mentally disabled so they can't even get to secondary Education)
- 17:22:04 From nela : @Raul if you would ask my students, you would include Chinese and Japanese empire too when mentioning post-colonial, so how far wide and back in history is one to go?
- 17:22:08 From Konrad Pędziwiatr : To all persons asking the questions please clearly indicate to whom your question is addressed

17:22:23 From Ruxandra Trandafoiu : I don't feel privileged either, not in the UK at this moment, but there are degrees of privilege. Black people see Eastern Europeans as privileged.

17:22:46 From Špela Drnovšek Zorko : It's also fine to pose a general question to all the speakers, but yes, please do specify!

17:23:33 From Centrala Space : Nobody 'feels' privileged. That's the essence of privilege.

17:23:55 From Adriana Mihaela Soaita : I disagree with that, actually

17:24:30 From Adriana Mihaela Soaita : I made research with the privileged and they do recognise their privileges

17:24:34 From Centrala Space : White privilege doesn't mean we get extras from life, it means whatever disadvantages we experience don't come from being white. How can you 'feel' that?

17:24:54 From nela : but privilege and victimisation are connected

17:25:23 From Thijs Korsten : Isn't this a basic point of intersectionality?
You can be under/privileged on many axes, e.g. Eastern Europe vs. Black, but not on the class/classist axis or any other

17:25:38 From Thijs Korsten : Which then gives infinite possibilities on all those axes in differing degrees

17:25:59 From Thijs Korsten : Many of those possibilities having different affective manifestations for different individuals

17:26:18 From nela : @Thijs absolutely

17:27:51 From Centrala Space : Yes, agreed Thijs. It's what it should be, but in everyday life it's rarely recognised.
Adriana, I don't agree that most people recognise their privilege. Especially economically underprivileged white people deny they still have white privilege.

17:29:14 From nela : there is conditionality for that @Centrala Space. In the UK, that has its own history of class

17:29:41 From Adriana Mihaela Soaita : Centrala Space: I liked Ivan's 'less white' and 'degree of whiteness'

17:30:01 From nela : the same exists in any race

17:30:16 From Centrala Space : Agreed, Adriana

17:30:18 From Adriana Mihaela Soaita : indeed, Nela

17:31:34 From Centrala Space : Indeed, the force is strong with the UK working class :)

17:33:46 From Zoltán Ginelli : So an example: competition between EE migrant workers and Afro-Asian postcolonial networks and even elite positions in the UK, contributing to Brexit: keeping out EE migrants. The postcolonial victimization from political actors addresses this issue when producing the "keep out the migrants" discourse

17:33:51 From Hana Cervinkova : I can say something shortly to this question

17:35:27 From Anna.Gawlewicz@glasgow.ac.uk : Yes, sure Hana, thanks!

17:35:34 From Zoltán Ginelli : I would argue that a perhaps exclusive focus on Romas and Jews in the region might become a reductive approach, which has also been facilitated by post-1989 Westcentric memory politics (e.g. a way to EE actors could integrate into Western frameworks), but kept out any global historical re-evaluation of race, racism, including the various geographical or transnational experiences of positioning EE racially. Of course, Roma and Jews were integrated into a global colonial system of racism, but even more widely.

17:35:36 From Zoltán Ginelli : To take a very contested but forgotten example, the ways in which Eastern European Jewish intellectuals sought a “new homeland” in the global colonial world , the fact that they were considered white colonists (in Madagascar, Angola, Uganda, Peru, Tasmania), just as they were considered a “white bastion” later in Palestine by Western powers against the Arabs). But also it’s important to look at the geographical contexts silenced by an Eurocentric focus on Holocaust experiences, like in North Africa, from where Jews came to Israel in post-WWII to find themselves being racialized by Eastern European Jews.

17:35:45 From Zoltán Ginelli : Boum, A., Stein, S. A. (eds.)(2018): The Holocaust and North Africa.

Rovner, A. (2014): In the Shadow of Zion: Promised Lands Before Israel.

Kaplan, M. A. (2008): Dominican Haven: The Jewish Refugee Settlement in Sousa, 1940–45.

Wells, A. (2008): Tropical Zion: General Trujillo, FDR, and the Jews of Sosúa.

17:40:16 From Adriana Mihaela Soaita : I would like to ask a question if there is time, particularly to Ivan

17:41:42 From Anna.Gawlewicz@glasgow.ac.uk : Thx Adriana, noted! There are already a few questions on our list, but added you :-)

17:41:42 From nela : that is interesting Zoltan. I wonder what would your views of multidirectional memory (Rothberg) be...

17:45:01 From Thijs Korsten : @Mithilesh, just wanted to say this is a fantastic question/conundrum

17:45:22 From Zoltán Ginelli : My argument wa that Orbán based his arguments on existing, historically specific positionings of race, which cannot be understood solely by focusing on “whiteness”. Asian roots, Turanism, “being American Indian” etc. Being the “white negro” and identifying with colonially subjugated “races” was a popular anti-communist dissident trope, in fact, some who are now important spokespersons of Fidesz in Hungary also resorted to this positioning. So perhaps a focus on the heteronormative, Christian whiteness should be contextualized historically and also globally, what it means for EE regimes in relation to various geographical contexts? How they build on existing experiences of “semiperipheral” coloniality and racial positions globally?

17:45:34 From Mari Moura : Very interesting and important intervetion @Mithilesh

17:45:54 From Kasia Narkowicz : Great point Mithilesh!

17:45:57 From Lejla : really appreciating Mithilesh’s questions

- 17:46:09 From Ivan Kalmar : Yes, I think I tried to say what you said, Zoltan
- 17:47:18 From Kasia Narkowicz : Claudia's recent paper on Dmowski and the national democratic movement is excellent:
[https://www.researchgate.net/publication/343102983 Exercises in expansion Colonial threads in the National Democracy's turn toward discipline](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/343102983_Exercises_in_expansion_Colonial_threads_in_the_National_Democracy's_turn_toward_discipline)
- 17:48:25 From Raul Carstocea : Yes, completely agree with Claudia on this. The late 19th century radical right (and later, fascism) were by no means anti-modern, but modern and modernist (see Roger Griffin on this for fascism)
- 17:48:25 From nela : great view Zoltan, thank you
- 17:49:36 From Raul Carstocea : And that article looks fantastic, thanks for sharing Kasia!
- 17:51:08 From Ruxandra Trandafoiu : Hi Catherine Baker, good to see you.
- 17:51:20 From Lejla : Can anyone drop the link to the piece Piro is discussing?
- 17:51:26 From Kasia Narkowicz : Piro or anyone can you repeat the reference please?
- 17:53:23 From Raul Carstocea : perhaps this could help?
<http://www.ottomanhistorypodcast.com/2015/08/bosnia-ottoman-empire-austria.html>
- 17:53:41 From Piro Rexhepi : Alternative Muslim Modernities: Bosnian Intellectuals in the Ottoman and Habsburg Empires
- Leyla Amzi-Erdogdular
- 17:53:52 From Piro Rexhepi : <https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/comparative-studies-in-society-and-history/article/alternative-muslim-modernities-bosnian-intellectuals-in-the-ottoman-and-habsburg-empires/8B49545EFDE11ADF848147CD5D96F75E>
- 17:53:57 From Lejla : many thanks!
- 17:54:09 From Špela Drnovšek Zorko : Thanks Raul, thanks Piro!
- 17:54:11 From Eray Çaylı (he/him) : thank you!!!
- 17:54:38 From Piro Rexhepi : The Importance of Being a Hajji: Muhamed Krpo and the Wonders of Pilgrimage
- Dzenita Karic
- 17:54:45 From Piro Rexhepi :
[https://www.academia.edu/43051113/The Importance of Being a Hajji Muhamed Krpo and the Wonders of Pilgrimage](https://www.academia.edu/43051113/The_Importance_of_Being_a_Hajji_Muhamed_Krpo_and_the_Wonders_of_Pilgrimage)
- 17:55:28 From Catherine Baker : The references I mentioned - Dušan Bjelić's work on Bulgarian Zionists in Palestine
<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/pdf/10.1080/1369801X.2016.1142886> and Darryl Li's translation and commentary of Nina Seferović's article on Herzegovinan Muslims in Caesarea (the 'special document file' at this link: <https://online.ucpress.edu/jps/issue/45/1>)

17:57:30 From blanka.nyklova : Of interest might be actor-network-theory study of the destruction of a multi-function site in the north of Czechia: The Importance of Being a Hajji: Muhamed Krpo and the Wonders of Pilgrimage

Dzenita Karic

https://www.academia.edu/43051113/The_Importance_of_Being_a_Hajji_Muhamed_Krpo_and_the_Wonders_of_Pilgrimage

From Catherine Baker to Everyone: 06:55 PM

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17:58:00 From blanka.nyklova : Sorry, wrong link:

https://is.muni.cz/th/ybrsc/diplomova_prace_terezie_loksova.pdf

17:58:36 From Zoltán Ginelli : Take a look at our Facebook group in case you are looking for a space to continue these fascinating discussions:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/257972308642861>

17:59:27 From lela rekhviashvili : I would say that corruption is indeed a great concept to study for the writers inspired by post-/decolonial thought: it (or rather anti-corruption discourses and reforms) has been one of the key tools for othering particular groups, for consolidating anti-communist narratives, and pushing neoliberal reforms in Eastern Europe and Eurasia.

18:00:02 From Zoltán Ginelli : I would like to know more about how and why the left in the region is unable to address critical questions of West/Eurocentrism, race, colonial relations and specifically decolonialism?

18:00:15 From Kasia Narkowicz : Romina does really interesting research on epistemic inequalities: <https://www.soas.ac.uk/staff/staff111528.php>

18:01:28 From Zoltán Ginelli : To Piro: that racism existed in pre-colonial relations? I think this is historically imprecise.

Racism emerged as a part of colonial capitalism. The caste system might be regarded as a ground for later racializing, but racism was a specific and "scientific" European ideology based on specific relations of production. The meaning of "race" is therefore different, even though e.g. Indian capitalists then racialized the caste system to accommodate to British ideologies. But "race" historically did not exist before it emerged as a term, which is important to keep in mind.

18:01:37 From Kasia Narkowicz : Romina's work:

<https://independent.academia.edu/DecolonialSubversions>

18:04:08 From nela : this was fantastic, thank you to organisers, speakers and the audience

18:04:12 From Shazia Akbar Ghilzai : thank you much for inspiring talks

18:04:17 From Aneta Piekut : Thank you for an excellent event to all speakers and the organisers!

18:04:21 From Špela Drnovšek Zorko : Thank you everyone for your links!

18:04:31 From Špela Drnovšek Zorko : And excellent questions and comments

18:04:36 From KarinaG : thank you all!!!

18:04:42 From Lejla : amazing — thank you all!

18:04:43 From Arne Romanowski : Thank you everyone!

18:04:45 From Ana Ivasiuc : Fantastic talks & discussions! Thank you so much! <3

18:04:48 From Raul Carstocea : Thank you, this was great!

18:04:50 From Filip Drlik : Thank you very much, this was incredibly enriching to me!

18:04:53 From Kasia Narkowicz : Thank you everyone, I have taken so many notes! We will be posting future events on our Twitter and website.

18:05:01 From Centrala Space : Thank you!
Magdalena Zielinska, Polish Expats Association
(I can't rename myself on Zoom !)

18:05:06 From Kasia Narkowicz : Thanks to Piro, Ivan. Claudia and Hana!

18:05:10 From Zoltán Ginelli : thanks!!!

18:05:10 From Lukasz Szulc : Super inspirational, thank you everyone!

18:05:12 From Kathy Burrell : Fascinating, thank you everyone!

18:05:17 From blanka.nyklova : Thanks!

18:05:20 From Katarina K : thank you!

18:05:23 From Catherine Baker : Thank you all!

18:05:25 From Hana Cervinkova : Thank you all for participating and thank you organisers for organising such a great and well-attended event.

18:05:28 From Alexandra Oanca : Thank you all!

18:05:30 From Zuzana Terry : Thank you, I am looking forward to more.

18:06:14 From Ruxandra Trandafoiu : Thank you for an inspiring event!

18:06:15 From Klara Sobekova : Thank you for this great event.