

**Migration to/from/within Central and Eastern Europe:  
Decolonial perspectives on race, gender, sexuality and class**

**WORKSHOP PROGRAMME**

**Aim of the workshop:** To explore recent developments in decolonial thinking on Central and Eastern Europe with a focus on migration, particularly across race, gender, sexuality and class.

**Location:** Online via Zoom - joining instructions to be circulated among registered participants.  
Register: [HERE](#)

**Organisers:** Kasia Narkowicz (Middlesex University, England), Anna Gawlewicz (University of Glasgow, Scotland) and Konrad Pędzwiatr (Cracow University of Economics, Poland)

**Thursday, 25 November 2021**

START: **3pm** Brighton/Edinburgh, **4pm** Warsaw/Munich/Rotterdam, **5pm** Bucharest/Vilnius/Helsinki, **7am** San Francisco, **9am** Chicago

Time (UK, GMT)	Description
15:00 - 15:20	Welcome: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Hello from workshop organisers</li><li>- Hello from the RSA</li></ul>
15:20 - 16:50	<b>SESSION 1</b> Chair: Anna Gawlewicz Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Aleksandra Lewicki (University of Sussex, England): <i>The racialization of 'Eastern Europeans': The (re)making of a category and structural inequalities in EUrope</i></li><li>- Daria Krivosos (University of Helsinki, Finland): <i>Racialisation and value on the eastern slope of Europe</i></li><li>- Tereza Hendl (University of Augsburg &amp; Ludwig Maximilians University in Munich, Germany): <i>Theorising western dimensions of white 'privilege' and supremacy: On the need for an intersectional theory of whiteness</i></li><li>- Taulant Guma (Edinburgh Napier University, Scotland): <i>Methodological nationalism and ethnic lens in CEE migration research: A critical reflection</i></li></ul>
16:50 - 17:05	Break
17:05 - 18:50	<i>Olha's Italian Diary</i> (2020) <b>Film screening + Q&amp;A with the director Olena Fedjuk</b>  Synopsis: Olha is a migrant woman whose life is packed with turning points enough to fill up a few telenovelas and yet, it is so similar to the lives of many women of such background – Ukrainian care workers in Italy. She believes in



	love and thinks it is possible to find a beautiful romantic relationship even at the age of 57. The short film is an intimate sneak-peek into one of the contemporary taboo topics: intimate lives of the female migrants away from home. Will Olha be able to give Naples a chance and find a true feeling among the condemnation and suspicion?
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## Friday, 26 November 2021

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15:00 - 16:30	<p><b>SESSION 2</b></p> <p>Chair: Konrad Pędziwiatr</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Milena Błahuta (University of Warsaw, Poland): <i>Trans-(semi)peripherality? Contemporary migrations from Poland to post-socialist EU</i></li> <li>- Aija Lulle (Loughborough University, England): <i>Clandestine border crossing from Belarus to EU: geopolitical modernity and mobilisation of de/colonisation discourses</i></li> <li>- Julius-Cesar MacQuarie (New Europe College, Romania): <i>Inequality in siliconised Romanian cities</i></li> <li>- Irma Budginaite-Mackine (Vilnius University, Lithuania): <i>"I should be middle class... but they would probably say that I'm not": Young Lithuanian migrants' class positionality in the 'Brexit Britain'</i></li> </ul>
16:30 - 16:45	Break
16:45 - 18:15	<p><b>SESSION 3</b></p> <p>Chair: Kasia Narkowicz</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Arne van Lienden (Erasmus University Rotterdam, Netherlands): <i>Sport media and the construction of race/ethnicity in Poland: an audience reception study</i></li> <li>- Anna Piela (Northwestern University, US) &amp; Joanna Krotofil (Jagiellonian University, Poland): <i>Whiteness and strategic identity performances of Polish White female converts to Islam</i></li> <li>- Stepha Velednitsky (University of Wisconsin-Madison, US): <i>"Our rights are at the bottom of the sea": post-Soviet migrant caregivers in Palestine/Israel</i></li> <li>- Sophia Sobko (UC Berkeley, US): <i>The weaponization of Soviet Jewish immigration, a decolonial perspective</i></li> </ul>
18:15 - 18:20	Thanks & end of workshop