The objective of this workshop is to conduct a comparative analysis of at least five distinct localities in Southeastern and Eastern Europe renowned for their remarkable diversity. These regions include Istria, Vojvodina, Banat, Galicia, and Bosnia, all of which share interconnected historical trajectories. The focus is on exploring the generation of knowledge about cultural, ethnic, and religious diversity in these areas and the ways in which belonging is formed.

The question at hand pertains to the methods and individuals responsible for shaping the concept of belonging. It examines the processes through which belonging is either solidified, disrupted, forcefully altered, or suppressed. A common thread that runs through all the regions under scrutiny is the frequent reconfiguration of multicultural narratives within the realms of science, politics, and literature following significant socio-political shifts. This phenomenon often persists even in the midst of national and ethnic conflicts.

The workshop will explore respective "models of diversity" by focusing on the complex social and political changes of the 20th century and in particular by examining their transregional character. It will address how diversity and belonging are generated across regional borders through transfers and adaptations in ideas, perceptions and practices. The workshop offers a multidisciplinary perspective drawing on the fields of sociology, history, literature and cultural studies.
Thursday, November 9th 2023

18:00 Opening

18:15 – 19:00 Introduction

Social Organization of Diversity. An Introduction to the Microcosm of Southeast Europe
PD Dr. Daniela Simon, Tübingen
Dr. Olivia Spiridon, Tübingen

19:15 Reception

Friday, November 10th 2023

I. Banat
Moderation: Dr. Cristian Cercel, Tübingen
9:15 – 10:15
Dealing with Diversity across Temporal Breaks. The Example of Hans Diplich and his Contexts
Dr. Olivia Spiridon

The Revolution in Timișoara in December 1989 from the Perspective of Interculturality
Prof. Dr. Miroljub Milin, Temeswar

10:15 – 10:35 Break

II. Bosnien und Vojvodina
Moderation: Luka Babić, Tübingen
10:35 – 11:35
Culture as Theater. The Dramatic Cultural Model of Đezad Karahasan
Prof. Dr. Naser Šečerović, Sarajevo

Coexistence in Diversity: The Example of Vojvodina
Prof. Dr. Žolt Lazar, Novi Sad

11:35 – 13:30 Lunch break

III. Galicia
Moderation: Dr. Alexa von Winning, Tübingen
13:30 – 14:50
Dressing Like the People: Sartorial Manifestations of Ethnicity in the Emerging Public Sphere in Austrian Galicia in the Late Nineteenth Century
Prof. Dr. Ostap Sereda, Lviv/Berlin

Homogeneity or Diversity? Choices and Impositions in Galicia in the Age of the Two World Wars
Prof. Dr. Christoph Mick, Warwick

Galician Diversity: Silenced and Re-Imagined
Prof. Dr. Viktoriya Sereda, Berlin

14:50 – 15:10 Break

IV. Istria
Moderation: Lorena Popović, Tübingen
15:10 – 16:10
Liquid Lands, Solid Sea. Transnationalism, Multiculturalism and Sense of Place in the North Adriatic and the Andaman Sea
Prof. Dr. Emilio Cocco, Teramo
Dr. Emanuela Diodati, Teramo

16:10 – 16:30 Concluding Discussion

18:00 Dinner

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