

In German public discussions since the autumn of 2015, the hundreds of thousands of asylumseekers who arrived to the country mainly from South Eastern Europe and the Middle East were perceived as a sudden reminder of the ongoing intertwinement between Central and South Eastern Europe and the Middle East. Evocative terms such as 'refugees' and 'Balkan route' quickly became the symbols of this development and 'integration' emerged as a key issue in the current debate on immigration and the so-called 'refugee crisis', stressing the ethno-religious and social backgrounds of the immigrants. Seen from a historical perspective, substantial parts of the discussions and arguments followed patterns about homogeneity and diversity similar to those developed in the multicultural societies of Central and South Eastern Europe and the Middle East during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

This international conference seeks to historicize some core notions of the present debates on refugees and minorities. Through transnational and diachronic comparisons, it will try to shed light on the histories of multi-directional migration and integration processes between South Eastern Europe, Central Europe and the (post) Ottoman Middle East since the 19th century. To this end, the five conference panels will compare cases of (forced) migration, integration, conflict management and minority politics along the so-called 'Balkan route', but they will also look at entangled histories, shared spaces, cultural transfer and mutual collective images.

No registration required.



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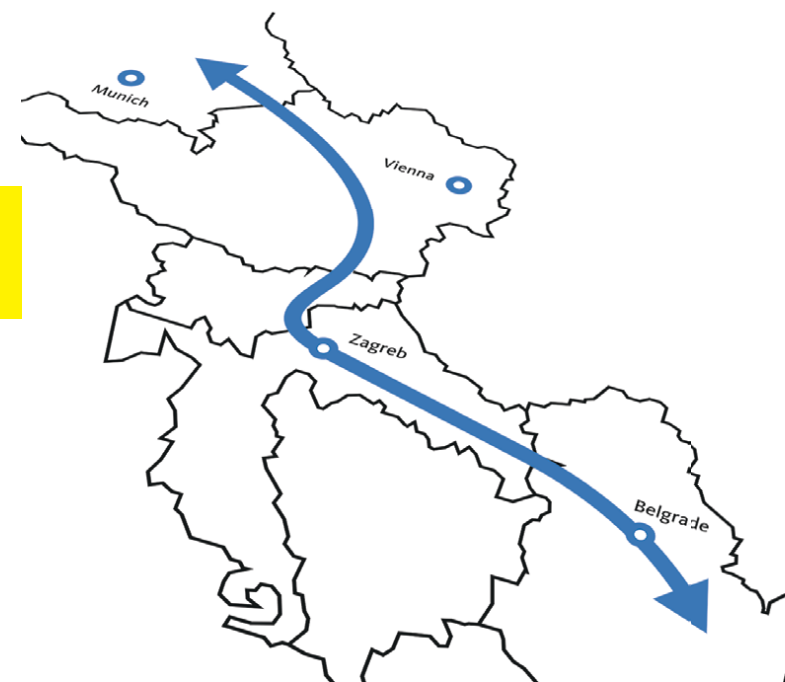


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**ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

# Along <sup>the</sup> Balkan Route

**Refugees and Minorities in  
South Eastern Europe and  
the Middle East**



## Thursday, 20 October

16.00h

### Welcome Speech

Prof. Dr. Reinhard Johler, Director of the IDGL

### Keynote Speech

Carl Bethke and Johann Büssow (Tuebingen)

16.45h – 19.15h

Panel 1

### Histories of Migration and Integration along the Balkan Route

**Mathias Beer (Tuebingen):** Flight and Expulsion of Germans from South Eastern Europe — A Facet of the Balkan Route at the End of World War II

**Dino Mujadžević (Zagreb):** Bosnia — Immigrations and Emigrations (1878 – 1995)

**Florian Bieber (Graz):** Fleeing the Balkans — Yugoslav and Greek Refugees in the Middle East (1943 – 1946)

Reception

## Friday, 21 October

08.30h Coffee

9.00h – 11.30h

Panel 2

### Forced Migration: Cases of Flight and Expulsion in Comparison

**Michael Schwartz (Munich/Berlin):** 'Resettlements' and Forced Migrations in Central Europe and the Balkans — Transfers of Concepts and Practices

**Mehmet Arisan (Istanbul):** Borderlands and Violence during the Late Ottoman Period

**M. Hakan Yavuz (Salt Lake City):** Patterns of Ethnic Cleansing in the Late Ottoman Period (1821 – 1921)

**Anisa Hasanhodžić and Rifet Rustemović (Vienna):** Memory Work — Jewish Refugees in Bosnia and Herzegovina

11.30h – 13.30h Lunch Break

13.30h – 16.00h

Panel 3

### Encounter Studies: Transfer and Entanglement

**Yuval Ben-Bassat (Haifa):** The Ottoman View on Jewish Immigration to the Empire since the 1880s

**Constantin Iordachi (Budapest):** Encounters and Diversity in Times of Conflict — Life and Experiences of Germans, Turks, Romanians, Bulgarians and others in Dobrudja

**Thomas Schad (Berlin):** The Case of a Bosniak-Turkish Figuration between Migration (muhacirlik), Mutual (Be)longings, and Turkey's New Role in the Balkans

**Armina Omerika (Frankfurt on the Main):** Conceptions of History — Transfer of Ideas between Central Europe, Middle East and Muslim Discourses in the Balkans

16.00h – 16.30h Coffee Break

16.30h – 19.00h

Panel 4

### Conflict Management and Regulatory Politics

**Sarah Büssow-Schmitz (Tuebingen):** 'Conflict Management' in German Consular Records from Late Ottoman Palestine (1868 – 1917)

**Tamara Scheer (Vienna):** The Habsburg Empire and Muslim Refugees in South Eastern Europe (1878 – 1918)

**Carl Bethke (Tuebingen):** The 'Minority Question' and the League of Nations

## Saturday, 22 October

09.00h Coffee

09.30h – 12.30h

Panel 5

### Collective Images: Occidentalisms, Orientalisms, Friendship

**Ruža Fotiadis (Berlin):** 'Historical Ties', 'Traditional Bonds' and 'Common Destinies' — The Making of the Greek-Serbian Friendship in the 1990s

**Fruma Zachs (Haifa):** Occidentalism and the Woman Question as Viewed by Nahda Intellectuals (1826 – 1912)

**Gaëlle Fisher (Augsburg):** Friendship, Hostility or Indifference? The Relationship between Bukovina Germans and Bukovina Jews during the Cold War (1950 – 1980)

**Maurus Reinkowski (Basle):** The Return of the Near East? The Arab World, Turkey and Southeast Europe: Old and New Interactions

12.30h – 13.30h Lunch Break

13.30h – 16.00h

### Conclusion and Final Discussion

**Jannis Panagiotidis (Osnabrück):** Migration and Integration Histories — A Comparative Perspective