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International Conference in Memory of the 100th Anniversary of the Birth of Emil Niederhauser

Budapest, September 28–29, 2023
Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE)

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Budapest, Múzeum körút 6-8.
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Budapest, Múzeum körút 4.
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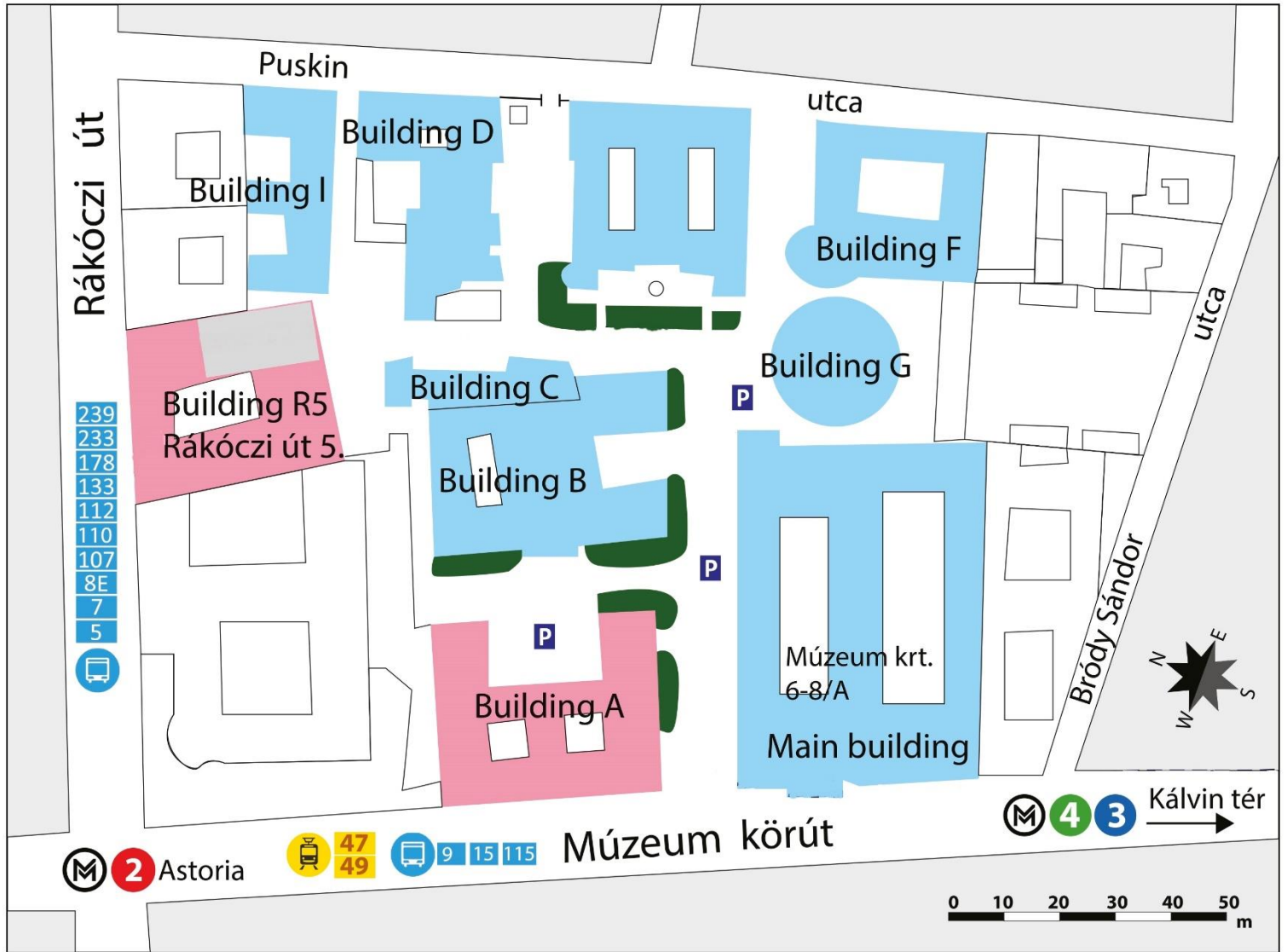


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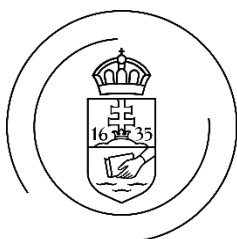
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Thursday, September 28, 2023

08.30–09.00: Registration of conference participants

09.00: Opening ceremony

09.30: Commemoration of [Professor Emil Niederhauser](#) (1923–2010), late Full Member of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences

Speeches by **Professor Emeritus Tamás Krausz** (Head of the Doctoral Programme of Eastern European Studies of Eötvös Loránd University), **Professor Emerita Márta Font** (University of Pécs, Faculty of Humanities, Department of Medieval and Early Modern History), **Professor Emeritus Sándor Gebei** (Eszterházy Károly Catholic University, Faculty of Humanities and Arts, Department of Ancient, Medieval and Early Modern History), and **Professor Penka Peykovska** (Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Institute for Historical Studies).

Eastern and Southeast Europe in Historiography

Plenary section

Chair: Hieronim Grala (University of Warsaw)

10.00–12.00

Location: Szekfű Gyula Library

10.00: Tamás, Krausz (ELTE, Budapest): Дополнения к научному наследию Эмиля Нидерхаузера. Восточная Европа: концепция и метод [*Additions to the Scientific Legacy of Emil Niederhauser. Eastern Europe: Concept and Method*]

10.15: Gyula, Szvák (ELTE, Budapest): Периодизации Русской истории [*Periodizations of Russian History*]

10.30: Gábor, Gyóni (ELTE, Budapest): Российская имперскость в работах академика Эмиля Нидерхаузера [*The Russian Empire in the Works of Academician Emil Niederhauser*]

10.45: Beáta, Varga (University of Szeged): Украина: страна «от государства к нации»? [*Ukraine: The “State to Nation” Country?*]

11.00: László, Bíró (Eötvös Loránd Research Network, Budapest): Одна история – много интерпретаций. Пост-югославская историография о Югославии [*One Story – Several Interpretations. Post-Yugoslav Historiography on Yugoslavia*]

11.15: Discussion

11.30: Presentation of books, and a peer review periodical ([New publications of the Russian Studies Centre in Budapest](#); [RussianStudiesHu](#) – Issue 2023/1)

12.00: Lunch



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Central and Eastern Europe in the Middle Ages

Plenary section

Chair: Endre, Sashalmi (University of Pécs)

12.45–14.45

Location: Szekfű Gyula Library

12.45: Maya Petrova (Institute of World History of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow): Осмысление западноевропейской историографии о Макробии (V в.) и его сочинениях в российской исторической науке XX – начала XXI веков [*Comprehension of Western European Historiography on Macrobius (5th Century) and his Writings in Russian Historical Science of the 20th – early 21st Centuries*]

13.00: Márta, Font (University of Pécs): Galicia between the Mongols, Poland, and Lithuania in the Last Decades of 13th Century

13.15: Judit, Gál (Eötvös Loránd Research Network, Budapest): The King and the Towns: The Place of the Dalmatian Towns in the Angevin-Era Kingdom of Hungary

13.30: Dániel, Bagi (ELTE, Budapest): The So-Called “Theory of the Medieval East-Central European State”. Historiographical Overview and Critical Remarks

13.45: Léna, Igari (ELTE, Budapest): The History and Significance of Slavic Bible Translations

14.00: Discussion

14.15: Presentation of books (Dániel Bagi: [*Divisio Regni. The Territorial Divisions, Power Struggles, and Dynastic Historiography of the Árpáds of 11th-and Early 12th-Century Hungary, with Comparative Studies of the Piasts of Poland and the Přemyslids of Bohemia*](#). Budapest, Research Centre for the Humanities, Eötvös Loránd Research Network, 2021; Ottokar aus der Gaal: [*Stájer rímes krónika*](#) [*Steirische Reimchronik / Styrian Rhyming Chronicle*]. Translated, and the introductory study written by Dániel Bagi. Budapest, Research Centre for the Humanities, Eötvös Loránd Research Network, 2023)

14.45: Coffee break

Thursday, September 28, 2023

Power Struggles and Confrontations in Central and Eastern Europe

Since the Dawn of the Modern Era

Chair: Dániel, Bagi (ELTE, Budapest)

15.15–16.45

Location: Szekfű Gyula Library

Parallel with the “Central Europe in Historiography” section

15.15: **Ann Kleimola** (University of Nebraska–Lincoln): On the Sidelines of Diplomacy: Gift Exchanges between the Muscovite Boiar Grigorii Fedorovich Davydov and Mikolaj Radziwill (Radvila), Voivode of Vilnius and Grand Chancellor of Lithuania, c. 1520

15.30: **Hieronim Grala** (University of Warsaw): Династическая традиция как инструмент политики (о родословных сюжетах дипломатических споров меж Польско-литовской монархией и Московским государством в XVI–XVII веках) [*Dynastic Tradition as an Instrument of Politics (On the Genealogical Themes in the Diplomatic Disputes between the Polish-Lithuanian Monarchy and the Muscovite State in the 16th–17th C.)*]

15.45: **Sándor, Gebei** (Eszterházy Károly Catholic University, Eger): Исторические корни польско-русской конфронтации: зарождение (16. век) – углубление (17. век) – непримиримость (18. век) [*The Historical Roots of the Polish-Russian Confrontation: Its Origin (16th Century) – Its Deepening (17th Century) – Its Irreconcilability (18th Century)*]

16.00: **Klára, Radnóti** (Hungarian National Museum, Budapest): Турецко-венгерское братство по оружию в 19 веке [*The Turkish-Hungarian Brotherhood in Arms in the 19th Century*]

16.15: *Discussion*

16.45: *Closing of the first day of the conference*

Thursday, September 28, 2023

Central Europe in Historiography

Chair: Krzysztof Kania (Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń)

15.15–16:45

Location: I. Tóth Zoltán Room

Parallel with the “Power Struggles and Confrontations in Central and Eastern Europe Since the Dawn of the Modern Era” section

15.15: Imre, Tarafás (ELTE, Budapest): Enemies and Friends, Professionals and Dilettantes. Austro–German and Czech Historians Caught between Their Political and Professional Communities in the Late Habsburg Monarchy

15.30: Vilmos, Erős (University of Debrecen): Views/Debates on Hungary’s Place within Europe in the 20th Century Hungarian Agricultural History/Rural Historiography

15.45: Róbert, Barta (University of Debrecen): The Land Between. East Europe in the 20th Century British Historiography

16.00: Szilveszter, Csernus-Lukács (University of Szeged): A Region of Its Own Kind? – The German Historians’ Dispute over the Existence of the Central European Sphere

16.15: Discussion

16.45: Closing of the first day of the conference

Friday, September 29, 2023

**Identity, Ethnicity, Nationalism, and Politics of Memory
in Central and Eastern Europe**

Chair: Krisztián, Csaplár-Degovics (Eötvös Loránd Research Network, Budapest)

9.45–11.00

Location: Szekfű Gyula Library

Parallel with the “The Balkans in the 19th and 20th Centuries” section

9.45: Barna, Ábrahám (ELTE, Budapest): Imagined Frontiers of Imagined Nations. Ethnos and Subethnos in 19th Century Central Europe

10.00: Árpád, Tóth (University of Miskolc): An Ethnic Minority as a Weberian “Stand” in the Period of the Rising National Movement: The Social Strategies of the German Lutheran Burghers in the Kingdom of Hungary, 1750–1850

10.15: László Dávid, Törő (University of Debrecen): Music and Nationalism: Debates about Ferenc Liszt between the Austrian and Hungarian Historical Writings 1918–1945

10.30: Erika, Szívós (ELTE, Budapest): The Uses and Abuses of History. Politics of Memory and the Public Space in East Central European Cities from 1945 to the late 1960s – *Online lecture*

10.45: Discussion

11.00: Coffee break

Friday, September 29, 2023

The Balkans in the 19th and 20th Centuries

Chair: László, Bíró (Eötvös Loránd Research Network, Budapest)

10.00–11.00

Location: Eötvös Room

Parallel with the “Identity, Ethnicity, Nationalism, and Politics of Memory in Central and Eastern Europe” section

10.00: Katalin, Schrek (University of Debrecen): The Place and Role of the Balkans in Russian Geopolitical Thinking between 1856 and 1896

10:15: Gábor, Demeter (Eötvös Loránd Research Network, Budapest): Crucial Years in Bulgaria. The Early Activity of István Burián Based on His Unpublished Diary 1886–1895

10.30: Penka Peykovska (Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Institute for Historical Studies, Sofia): Prof. Géza Fehér in Bulgaria (1922–1944). About His Proto-Bulgarian Studies with Regard to the Political Trends in the Hungarian–Bulgarian Relations of the Time

10.45: Discussion

11.00: Coffee break

Friday, September 29, 2023

Jewry in Central and Eastern Europe in the 19th and 20th Centuries

Chair: Eszter, Bartha (ELTE, Budapest)

11.30–13.00

Location: Szekfű Gyula Library

Parallel with the “Concepts and Historical Reality” section

11.30: Krisztina, Kurdi (ELTE, Budapest): Jewish Autonomism in Eastern Europe – Can Jews Be a Nation?

11.45: Kinga Czechowska (Institute of National Remembrance in Bydgoszcz.): Polish Diplomacy and the “Jewish Question” in East- and East-Central Europe in the 1930s

12.00: Tamás, Kovács (Ludovika – National University of Public Service, Budapest): Facing the Memory of Holocaust in Hungary, 1945–1948

12.15: Aron Shneyer (Yad Vashem Institute, Jerusalem): Борьба евреев Латвии в 1945–1980 гг. за сохранение памяти о Холокосте и свое национальное достоинство [*The Struggle of the Jews of Latvia in 1945–1980. Memory of the Holocaust and their National Dignity*]

12.30: Discussion

12.45: Book presentation (Aron Shneyer: [Foglalkozásuk – halál. Az SS „Trawniki” kiképzőtábor. Bűntettek és az értük vett elégtétel](#) [*Профессия – смерть. Учебный галерь СС «Травники». Преступления и возмездие*]. Budapest, Holocaust Dokumentációs Központ és Emlékgűjtemény Közalapítvány, 2020)

13.00: Lunch

Friday, September 29, 2023

Concepts and Historical Reality

Chair: Attila, Kolontári (Committee of National Remembrance, Budapest)

11.30–13.00

Location: Eötvös Room

Parallel with the “Jewry in Central and Eastern Europe in the 19th and 20th Centuries” section

11.30: György, Bebesi (University of Pécs): Ранняя социалистическая модель государства и общества. Утопия Павла Пестеля в 1820-х гг. [*An Early Socialistic State and Society Model. Pavel Pestel's Utopia from the 1820s*]

11.45: Szilvia, Czinege (Eötvös Loránd Research Network, Budapest): Count György Apponyi's Concept of State and Nation in Terms of “Considered Progressive”. Conservatism, Old-Conservatism and Catholic Conservatism

12.00: Krisztián, Csaplár-Degovics (Eötvös Loránd Research Network, Budapest): The Frontier Orientalism-concept of André Gingrich and Hungary

12.15: Discussion

12.30: Book presentation (*De disciplina „Rusistica” II. A magyar ruszisták a nemzetközi történeti ruszisztikáról* [*Writings of Hungarian Scholars of Russian Studies on New Results of International Researches Related to Historical Russistics*]). Edited by György Bebesi, and Dominika Pomázi-Bárdonicsek. Modernkori Oroszország és Szovjetunió Történeti Kutatócsoport, Pécsi Tudományegyetem, 2023)

13.00: Lunch

Friday, September 29, 2023

**Case Studies from Central and Eastern Europe in the 20th Century
(up to 1945)**

Chair: Róbert, Barta (University of Debrecen)

13.45–15.45

Location: Eötvös Room

Parallel with the “Case Studies from Central and Eastern Europe in the 20th Century (from 1945 to the Present Day)” section

13.45: Judit, Hammerstein (Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church in Hungary, Budapest): Hungarian Prisoners of World War I and the Emerging Soviet State

14.00: Andor, Mészáros (ELTE, Budapest): The Hungarian Diaspora in Prague in the Interwar Period: Hungarian Students of the University of Prague

14.15: Krzysztof Kania (Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń): German–Soviet Relations and Its Impact on the Situation in East, and East-Central Europe, with Special Emphasis on Poland (1922–1939)

14.30: Dominika, Pomázi-Bárdonicsek (University of Pécs): Legal and Ideological Background of Forced Labour in Stalinism

14.45: Discussion

15.00: Book presentation ([Szent Adalberttől a Budapest–Varsó vasútig: Közös visegrádi emlékezethelyek](#) [From Adalbert of Prague to the Budapest–Warsaw Railway. Common Sites of Remembrance in the Visegrád Region]. Edited by Csaba Kiss Gy., and Andor Mészáros. Esztergom, Szent Adalbert Közép- és Kelet-Európa Kutatásokért Alapítvány, 2023)

15.45: Coffee break

Friday, September 29, 2023

**Case Studies from Central and Eastern Europe in the 20th Century
(from 1945 to the Present Day)**

Chair: Tamás, Krausz (ELTE, Budapest)

13.45–15.45

Location: Szekfű Gyula Library

Parallel with the “Case Studies from Central and Eastern Europe in the 20th Century (up to 1945)” section

13.45: Eszter, Bartha (ELTE, Budapest): The GDR as a Failed Workers’ State? Some Lessons from the German Historiography and Politics of Memory

14.00: Zsuzsanna, Varga (ELTE, Budapest): Research on Socialist Agriculture in the Post-socialist Period (A Historiographic Overview)

14.15: Attila, Kolontári (Committee of National Remembrance, Budapest): Expulsion of Russian Emigres from Yugoslavia to Hungary during the Soviet–Yugoslav Conflict. The “Simeon Belozеров and Others’ Case” in the Hungarian State Protection Authority

14.30: Bálint, Mezei (ELTE, Budapest): Hungarian–Soviet Relations in Light of a Special Episode. A Forgotten Fruitful Cooperation in the Periphery: Hungarian and Soviet Military Engineers as Technical Lecturers and Teaching Consultants at the “Asad Academy” in Aleppo, between 1974–1983

14.45: Discussion

15.00: Book presentation ([*State Socialism in Eastern Europe. History, Theory, Anti-capitalist Alternatives*](#), Edited by Eszter Bartha, Tamás Krausz, and Bálint Mezei. Cham – Switzerland, Palgrave Macmillan, 2023)

15.45: Coffee break

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Russia in the 17th–19th Centuries

Plenary section

Chair: Dániel, Bagi (ELTE, Budapest)

16.00–17.30

Location: Szekfű Gyula Library

16.00: Dmitry Redin (History and Archeology Institute of Ural Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Yekaterinburg): Второе европейское турне Петра Великого как феномен центральноевропейской политики: спланированный проект или импровизация? [*The Second European Tour of Peter the Great as a Phenomenon of Central European Politics: A Planned Project or Improvisation?*] – **Online lecture**

16.15: Endre, Sashalmi (University of Pécs): Images of a Bad Ruler in the Second Accession Manifesto of Catherine II (1762)

16.30: László, V. Molnár (University of Pécs): «Просвещение» российского абсолютизма на весах успехов и провалов (Наказ, Уложенная комиссия 1767–1768 гг.) [*The “Enlightenment” of Russian Absolutism. Successes and Failures on the Scales (Nakaz, Instruction of Catherine the Great, The Legislative Commission of 1767–1768)*]

16.45: Discussion

17.00: Book presentation (Endre Sashalmi: [*Russian Notions of Power and State in a European Perspective, 1462–1725: Assessing the Significance of Peter’s Reign*](#). Boston MA, Academic Studies Press, 2022)

17.30: Concluding remarks by Professor Dániel Bagi, Head of the Organizing Committee

17.45: Closing of the conference

18.15–19.30: Reception – conference dinner (in the Faculty Council Room, “A” Bulding, ground floor, room 039)

