



LatinEast Conference

at the Karl Polanyi Center for Global Social Studies

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Conference for PhD students and young researchers on comparative social studies between Latin America and Eastern Europe

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Language of the conference: English

The LatinEast Conference at the Karl Polanyi Center for Global Social Studies of the Corvinus University of Budapest aims to provide a forum for PhD students and young researchers who work with topics which are relevant and comparable in both of the above mentioned geographical regions: Latin America and Eastern (= post-socialist) Europe.

Based on the notion of a hierarchically built world system in which both regions hold a similar, semi-peripheral position, the presentations will focus on identifying the similar structures within which certain social processes have evolved, either in convergent or divergent directions.

Presentations at the LatinEast conference will have a comparative approach, i.e. making constant references to the relevance and possible linkages of the topic to both Latin America and Eastern Europe.

The objectives of this first conference are the following:

1. To take stock of the existing scholarly interest (manifested in PhD thesis topics, articles etc., already written or to be written by the participants) and establish a network of knowledge,
2. To identify the relevant topics which should be further elaborated, and
3. To evaluate the intellectual challenges, both in terms of conceptual framework and methodology, which are present when comparative analysis of the two regions is undertaken.

After the conference, a joint research plan will be drafted by the participants, i.e. a set of recommendations on what specific areas should be included in the knowledge pool and what specific topics should be further elaborated. Also, participants can join a mailing list in order to facilitate communication.

Ideally, this conference will be followed by many more, once a year, and the circle of participants will be gradually widened by inviting PhD students and young researchers from other countries, on one hand, and by inviting senior researchers and social scientists with an expertise on the chosen topics as keynote speakers, on the other.



Venue: Corvinus University of Budapest

Main building (Fővám tér 9.), Ground floor, Lecture room III.

Session 1.

Moderator: *Attila Melegh (Corvinus University of Budapest, Institute of Sociology and Social Policy)*

- 9:00 Registration
- 9:20 Official opening speech by the Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences
László Csicsmann (Corvinus University of Budapest)
- 9:40 Presentation of the Karl Polanyi Center for Global Social Studies, objectives of the LatinEast conference
Béla Soltész (Corvinus University of Budapest)
- 10:00 The idea of backwardness in Latin America and Eastern Europe
Dávid Zelei (Eötvös Loránd University)

Session 2.

Moderator: *Gábor Vigvári (Corvinus University of Budapest, Department of World Economy)*

- 10:15 Roundtable discussion: Indebtedness and its effects in Latin America and Eastern Europe
Ágnes Solti (Corvinus University of Budapest)
Tamás Gerőcs (Corvinus University of Budapest)
András Pinkasz (Technical University of Budapest)
- 11:00 Anti-IMF political discourses: Argentina and Hungary
Anita Mező (Andrássy University)
Zsófia Bajnay (Central European University)
- 11:15 Nationalism as the narrative for resisting neoliberal globalization: Venezuela and Hungary
András Istvánffy
- 11:30 Questions and answers
- 12:00 Lunch break**



Session 3.

Moderator: *Bernadett Lehoczki (Corvinus University of Budapest, Institute of International Studies)*

- 13:00 Migratory patterns: a typology for Latin America and Eastern Europe
Béla Soltész (Corvinus University of Budapest)
- 13:15 Latin American and Eastern European immigrants in Spain
Emese Zsuzsanna Baranyi (Corvinus University of Budapest)
- 13:30 The integration of migrant children in the school system: Latin Americans in Spain and post-Soviet immigrants in Russia
Dóra Gumhert (University of Pécs)
- 13:45 Brain drain versus brain export. Emigration of Eastern European and Cuban doctors
László Kupi (Hungarian Latin America Society)
- 14:00 Questions and answers
- 14:20 Coffee break

Session 4.

Moderator: *Ágnes Judit Szilágyi (Eötvös Loránd University, Department of Contemporary History)*

- 14:35 Comparative aspects of German-South American, German-East European and Soviet aerial cooperation during the interwar period (1919-1939)
Máté Deák (University of Pécs)
- 14:50 Security challenges and policies in Latin America and Eastern Europe
Dávid Vogel (Latinamerica.hu)
- 15:05 The concept of plurinationality in non-federal states: Latin America and Eastern Europe
András Bakó (Hungarian Latin America Society)
- 15:20 The Chilean student movement: implications for Eastern Europe
Attila Zolcsák (Eötvös Loránd University)
- 15:35 Questions and answers



16:00 Closing of the conference

Wrap-up discussion

17:00 Informal wrap-up discussion on how to proceed with the comparative work
Frisco Café (Mátyás u. 11)

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