



# Political Epistemologies of (Eastern) Europe

Workshop

24. - 25. November 2017

Erfurt, Kleine Synagoge (Fri.) / Max-Weber-Kolleg (Sat.)

An der Stadtmünze 4-5 / Steinplatz 2

## PROGRAMME



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Friday, 24. November 2017  
Kleine Synagoge Erfurt, An der Stadtmünze 4-5

1:00 – 1:45

### **POLITICAL EPISTEMOLOGIES OF EASTERN EUROPE**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Friedrich Cain, Bernhard Kleeberg  
(University of Erfurt, Max Weber Center for  
Advanced Cultural and Social Studies)

1:45 – 3:15

#### **PANEL 1**

##### **SITUATING KNOWLEDGE:**

#### **EARLY APPROACHES FROM LAW AND BIOLOGY**

Chair: Dietlind Hüchtker (Leibniz Institute for the  
History and Culture of Eastern Europe,  
GWZO, Leipzig)  
Commentary: Bernhard Kleeberg

**Political Epistemology of Law: Emancipation  
Through Disciplinary Transgression. Eugen Ehrlich  
and the Emergence of Empirical Sociology of Law**

Marta Bucholc (University of Bonn)

**Emmanuel Rádl (1873-1942) as a  
Historian of Biology**

Tomáš Hermann (Charles University Prague)

3:15 – 3:45  
**Coffee break**

3:45 – 6:00

#### **PANEL 2**

#### **THINKING SCIENCE IN THE INTERWAR I: WESTERN-EASTERN EUROPE**

Chair: Jan Surman (IGITI, Higher School of  
Economics, Moscow / IFK Vienna,  
Kunstuniversität Linz)

Commentary: Peter Haslinger (Commentary: Peter  
Haslinger (Herder Institute for Historical Research  
on East Central Europe - Institute of the Leibniz  
Association, Marburg)

**Karl Mannheim's (1893-1947) Structural Analysis  
in Epistemology and Its Early Reception in  
Germany**

Gábor Gángó (University of Erfurt)

**The Relation of Space, Time and Science: Case  
Studies from Interwar Poland**

Katrin Steffen (Nordost-Institut, Lüneburg)

**The Nomadic Trajectory of "Social Parallelism":  
A Local Example of Political Epistemology  
(Romania)**

Emilia Plosceanu (EHESS Paris)

7:00  
**Dinner, tba**

**Saturday, 25. November 2017**  
**Max-Weber-Kolleg / University of Erfurt, Steinplatz 2**

9:00 – 10:30

**PANEL 3**

**THINKING SCIENCE IN THE INTERWAR II:**

**COMMUNIST APPROACHES**

Chair: Friedrich Cain

Commentary: Jan Surman

**Beyond Boris Hessen: New History and  
Philosophy of Science in Early Soviet Union**

Alexander N. Dmitriev (IGITI, Higher School  
of Economics, Moscow)

**The Forgotten Knowledge: Yugoslav Communists  
and the Epistemology of Natural Sciences, 1930-  
1950**

Vedran Duančić (Croatian Academy of  
Sciences and Arts, Zagreb)

10:30 – 11:00

**Coffee break**

11:00 – 12:30

**PANEL 4**

**TRAVELLING REFLEXIVITY I:**

**TRANSNATIONAL ENRICHMENTS**

Chair: Jan Surman

Commentary: Kornelia Kończal (Technical  
University of Dresden)

**Alternative Sites of Education.**

**Brussels, Illinois, Warsaw**

Friedrich Cain

**Looking to the Promised Land: Transatlantic Social  
Science between Poland and the United States,  
1914-1950**

Katherine Lebow (Oxford University)

12:30 – 2:00

**Lunch**

2:00 – 3:30

**PANEL 5**

**TRAVELLING REFLEXIVITY II:**

**COMPARISONS AND COSMOPOLITISMS**

Chair: Bernhard Kleeberg

Commentary: Dietlind Hüchtker

**Western Africa in Eastern Europe: On a  
Comparative Approach in Polish Sociology**

Joanna Wawrzyniak (University of Warsaw)

**From Geneva to Dubna: How Cosmopolitan Was  
East Bloc Scientific Cooperation?**

Karl Hall (CEU Budapest)

3:30 – 4:00

**Coffee break**

4:00 – 5:00

**ROUNDTABLE**

**POLITICAL EPISTEMOLOGY AND BEYOND:  
HISTORICIZING SCIENCE IN CENTRAL, EASTERN  
AND SOUTH-EASTERN EUROPE**

Chair: Jan Surman

Claudia Kraft (University of Siegen)  
Riccardo Nicolosi (University of Munich)

Monika Wulz (ETH Zürich)

Dietlind Hüchtker

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