

Midterm Conference of ESA RN36
“In search of new dimensions of social transformations”
March 26–27, 2021

PROGRAMME

26 March, Friday

9:00–10:00 Keynote lecture

Marju Lauristin (University of Tartu, Estonia)

Looking at social transformations through the morphogenetic lense: could pandemic become a generative mechanism of social morphogenesis?

10:00–11:25

Session 1: New dimensions of political and social transformations

- Frane Adam, Maruša Gorišek | *Meritocracy between myth, norm and reality*
- Triin Vihalemm | *“Hierarchies of listening” in the social transformations. The media reflection of the “green turn” on Estonian post-Soviet mining area*
- Izabela Desperak | *Counterreaction movement against gender equality and LGBT rights – undervalued dimension of transition in CEE*

11:35–13:00

Session 2: Analyzing culture, history and memory

- Zenonas Norkus | *On the Ultimate and Actual Success of Modern Social Restorations*
- Igor Bahovec | *Pope Francis social thought and action: crisis, integral approach, inclusion, identity and culture of encounter, Europe and the world*
- Piotr Binder | *Re-shaping the Past: Transformations of the 1990s in the Narrations of Historical Park “Russia – My History” and the Boris Yeltsin Presidential Center*

13:00–14:00 Lunch break

14.00–15.00 Keynote lecture

Mike Savage (London School of Economics and Political Sciences, U.K.)

Rethinking social class in a time of escalating inequality

15:00–16:25

Session 3: Changes in labour and work

- Anna Gromada | *Getting a Job in the Arts. Transformation of Labour in Precarious and Taste-Based Markets*
- Oksana Žabko | *Typologies of occupational mobility: diversity of classifications and a model proposal based on the Latvian case*
- Inga Vanaga, Anda Grinfelde, Liga Paula | *Social dialogue for flexicurity in the education sector in Latvia during the Covid-19 pandemic*
- Svitlana Buko, Eithne Knappitsch | *Experiential learning in virtual intercultural teams: case of Austrian-Slovenian cross-border COIL laboratory*

16:30–18:00

Session 4: Social interaction, activism and social responsibility

- Ieva Strode | *Being a citizen in the digital world*
- Tea Golob, Matej Makarovic | *Towards the factors of responsible behaviour: Socio-environmental responsibility in the case of Slovenia*
- Elena Tykanova, Anisya Khokhlova | *Unwelcome post-soviet transformations of city territories: grassroots activism and the social construction of the outcomes of local urban conflicts*

18:00 'Virtual dinner' socializing

27 March, Saturday

9:00–10:00 Keynote lecture

Petra Guasti (Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main, Germany)

On Illiberal turn in Central Europe or Understanding the autocratic roots of technocratic populism

10:00–11:25

Session 5: Experiencing pandemic and its social consequences

- Diana Janusauskiene | *Subjective Security in a Time of Pandemic*
- Urban Vehovar | *Slovenia in the Second Wave of COVID-19 – In Search for an Explanation of High Infection Rates*
- Vladimir Kozlovskiy | *Local community's adaptation of a Russian small town in a pandemic: a potential of civilizational identity*
- Maja Dolinar | *Importance of open social science research data on Covid-19*

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Session 6: Experiencing pandemic and its social consequences

- Weronika Felcis, Elgars Felcis | *Female response to pandemic and environmental transformations of living in rural Latvia*
- Katarzyna Andrejuk | *Pandemic social transformations in migrant communities: migrant entrepreneurship between new precarity and digitalization*
- Romāne-Meiere Aiga | *Digitalization and resilience in grandparent families*
- Mihaela Gotea | *The Dynamics of Perception on Marital Partner in Different Stages of the Family Life Cycle*

Additional information:

The conference will be held on Zoom platform. The link is provided via e-mail.

Keynote lecture: 40 min. lecture + 20 min. discussion

Regular session: 15–20 min. each contribution + 25 min. discussion