

Workshop schedule

Hunger, Nutrition and Systems of Rationing under State Socialism (1917-2006)

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Place of the Workshop
Institute for East Asian Studies / Sinology
University of Vienna / Campus
Spitalgasse 2, Court 2, Door 2.3 Room SIN I
1090 Vienna

February 23 2008 (Saturday)

2 p.m.

Welcome and Introduction

Matthias Middell (University of Leipzig): Hunger and Famine in Global History

2.30 p.m.-5.00 p.m.

Panel 1 „Hunger, Terror and Resistance“

Chair and Commentator: Thomas Bernstein (Columbia University)

I. Wendy Goldman (Carnegie Mellon University / USA): Hunger and Politics: The Prelude to the Great Terror

II. Robert Kindler (Humboldt University / Berlin): Hunger and Escape. Kazakhstan, 1930-1934.

III. Donna Harsch (Carnegie Mellon University): Popular Resistance to Communist Food Policies in eastern Germany, 1945-1948

IV. Klaus Mühlhahn (University of Indiana)

Hunger, Starvation and State Violence in the PRC, 1949-1979

Coffee Break

5.30 p.m.-7.30 p.m.

Panel 2: “Trauma and Memory”

Chair and Commentator: Felix Wemheuer

I. Johan Dietsch (Lund University): Politics of Misery: The 1932-1933 famine in Ukrainian Historical Culture

II. Sandra Fahy: Speaking of Hunger (London): Survivor Testimony from the North Korean Famine 1992

III. Susanne Weigelin-Schwiedrzik (University of Vienna): Hunger in Socialist China in the Novels of Mo Yan

8 p.m. Dinner

February 24 2008 (Sunday)

10 a.m.-11.30 a.m.

Panel 3 “Comparisons”

Chair and Commentator: Steve Smith (Essex University)

I. Stephen G. Wheatcroft (University of Melbourne): Famines in Russia and China in historical perspective.

II. Felix Wemheuer (University of Vienna): Dining in Utopia: An Intellectual History of the Origins of the Chinese Public Dining Halls

Coffee Break

12.00 p.m.-13.30 p.m.

Panel 4 “Systems of Rationing”

Chair and Commentator: Stephen Wheatcroft (University of Melbourne)

I. Mariusz Jastrzab (Polen): Rationing in Stalinist Poland

II. Martin Franc: Rationing system again? Food and food supply at the time of the economic crisis in Czechoslovakia at the beginning of the 1960s.

Lunch break

15.00 p.m.-17 p.m.

Panel 5 “Nutrition under State Socialism”

Chair and Commentator: ? (University of South Carolina)

I. Marius Stan (The Institute for the Investigation of Communist Crimes in III. Romania): Scientifically and Rational Nourishment Programme in the Socialist Romania

II. Olaf Mertelsmann (University of Tartu): Creating Malnutrition in an Agricultural Surplus Area: Stalinist Food Policy in Newly Acquired Territory

III. Alice Weinreb (University of Michigan): You Are How You Eat:

School Feeding Programs and the Creation of the Socialist Family in the Early GDR

20.00 Dinner

Invitation by the Mayor of Vienna Dr. Michael Häupl

Restaurant:

“Grünspan”

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February 25 2008 (Monday)

10 a.m.-12 a.m.

Panel 6 “New Perspectives on the Soviet Famine”

Chair and Commentator: Wendy Goldman (Carnegie Mellon University / USA)

I. Olga Velikanova (University of North Texas, USA): Revelations from the Archives - Hunger in Russia in 1923.

II. Donald Filtzer (University of East London): The Impact of the 1947 Soviet Famine on Industrial Workers

III. Wilfried Jilge (GWZO / Leipzig): Great Famine Politics and Society in Post Soviet Ukraine

Lunch Break

14 p.m. - 15 p.m. Roundtable: New findings and tasks regarding “Hunger, Nutrition and Systems of Rationing under State Socialism”

15 p.m. – 15.30 p.m.

Discussion on the German and English Publication of the conference volume