

# MAINSTREAM AND DISSIDENT SCIENTIFIC NETWORKS

Between the Balkans and Germany

The conference deals with the social and political role of scientific networks between Germany and the Balkans (especially Albania, Bulgaria, Greece, Romania and the current Republics of the former Yugoslavia). The period under consideration stretches from the establishment of the national states in the Balkans up to the two first decades of the Cold War. Both humanities and sciences are taken under consideration.

The point of departure is the idea of scientific networks. While placing emphasis on networking, we intend to challenge the widespread consideration of the Balkan scientific elites as bare recipients of Western European discourses. The conference therefore suggests re-examining the transfer of knowledge between the Balkans and Germany, placing it in the national and transnational context of the relationship between power and science.

A further point of departure is the approach to scientific communities as internally diverse in terms of professional and political/ideological interests. On the grounds of this internal heterogeneity, the conference will address the diverse strategies pursued by the scientific agents who acted between the Balkans and Germany. We suggest making a distinction between state-conform (in terms of scientists affiliated to state institutions in particular), mainstream and alternative and/or dissident scientists.

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Unter den Linden 6 (Main Building)  
Room 3119

Morning Session (9:30–12:30)

Opening and Keynote address  
SEVASTI TRUBETA and CHRISTIAN VOß  
Science “in between”:  
Conceptual questions on scientific networks

Chair: Hannes Grandits

DIANA MISHKOVA (Sofia),  
Balkan-German Scholarly Networks  
and the Making of Balkan Studies,  
late 19th – mid 20th cc  
Discussion

Coffee Break

GEORGETA NAZARSKA (Sofia),  
Transferring Knowledge:  
Bulgarian Women Scientists in Bulgarian-German  
Scientific Networks (1920–1950s)

JOVICA LUKOVIC (Berlin),  
Networking for the New Order?  
Affinity and differences between  
Yugoslavian and German economists  
in the interwar period  
Discussion

Lunch

Afternoon Session (15.30–18.30)

## Humanities to serve the nation(s)

Chair: Michael Wedekind

MILTOS PECHLIVANOS (Berlin),  
Scholars in Hellenic Studies during  
the Cold War: Johannes Irmscher  
and German-Greek academic networks

ALBERT DOJA (Lille), From the German point of view:  
a critical view of cultural particularism in Albanian studies

KURT GOSTENTSCHNIGG (Graz), German-speaking  
Albanology between Science and Politics  
Discussion

## Medical Networking

Morning Session (9.30–12.30)

Chair: Rozita Dimova

MARIA ZARIFI (Athens/Regensburg),  
Civilizing through medicine:  
knowledge transfer and scientific networks between  
Greece and Germany in the long 19th century

CHRISTIAN PROMITZER (Graz),  
Cultures of Defeat:  
the adoption of German racial hygiene  
and racial anthropology in Bulgaria (1918–1941)  
Discussion

Coffee Break (10.45–11.00)

CORINA DODOS (London/Bucarest),  
Experimental psychology and delinquency  
in interwar Romania: Wundt and Kretschmer reinterpreted

SEVASTI TRUBETA (Mytilene),  
Greek Doctors with German Conscience:  
The case of gynecologist Nikolaos Louros  
and his German ambitions  
Discussion

Lunch

Afternoon Session (15.30–18.30)

Chair: Stratos Georgoulas

URSULA FERDINAND (Münster/Berlin),  
Medical Network between Prague and Muenster

MICHAEL WEDEKIND (Vienna),  
Restructuring Space and Society:  
German Scholars and Nazi Occupation of Slovenia  
Discussion

Dinner

Morning Session (9.30–12.30)

## Scholars and Politicians

Chair: Christian Voß

STRATOS GEORGOULAS (Mytilene),  
Konstantinos Gardikas:  
German connections of a Greek criminologist  
and liberal politician in the interwar period

SPYROS MARCHETOS (Thessaloniki),  
Interwar Scientific Reviews in Greece and the  
Rise of Nazism  
Discussion

Coffee Break (10.45-11.00)

NENAD STEFANOV (Berlin),  
From Contact to Entanglement.  
A comparison of the relationship between critical  
and conventional intelligencia in Yugoslavia/Serbia  
to Western German intellectuals after 1945

IOANNIS ZELEPOS (Vienna),  
A German Connection in Greek Orthodox  
Fundamentalism?  
The Cases of Christos Giannaras and  
Georgios Metallinos  
Discussion

Concluding Discussion

## Mainstream and Dissident Scientific Networks Between the Balkans and Germany

