Struggles over Europe

Postcolonial East/West dynamics of race, gender and sexuality

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Thursday, November 14th

13:00 Kick-off

13:15 Round-table discussion Hadley Rankin (Central European University CEU):
Rethinking post- and neocolonial dynamics: race, gender and sexuality between
Europe’s East and West

14:45 Coffee break

15:00 Session I
Monika Bobako (UAM Poznan): The Jew, the Arab, the Pole. Changing
geometries of otherness and positioning Poland in postcolonial Europe
Dorota Hal (IFiS Polish Academy of Science Warszawa): Changes in living
religion and homosexuality in Poland between the 1970s and recent years

16:30 Coffee break

16:45 Session II
Rafal Smoczynski (IFiS PAN Warszawa) and Randi Gressgard (U. Bergen):
Noble
Polish sexuality and the corrupted European body
Paweł Lewicki (EUV): Polishness and Eurostyle in EU Brussels: Struggles over
Europe in bodily performances among Polish EU civil servants

Friday, November 15th

9:00 Session III
Zsuzsanna Varga (CEU): Hunting and Europeanness in Hungary
Ana Ivasiuc (U. Giessen): Racial Eastern-Europeanization: The Figure of the
‘Gypsy’ and ‘Insecure Europeanism’

10:30 Coffee break

10:45 Session IV
Orlianda Obad (Institute of Ethnology and Folklore Research Zagreb): Gray is the
New White: Intertwining of Race and Class in Workplace Practices of Croatian
Citizens in EU Institutions
Daria Krivonos (CEU): Beyond ‘East and West’ divide: Claims to whiteness and
Europeanness among young post-Soviet migrants in Helsinki, Finland

12:15 Lunch break

13:15 Session V
Monika Baer (U. Wroclaw): Tensions and frictions in/of Europe. The LGBT rights
and non-heteronormative subjects in contemporary Poland
Nadzeya Husakouskaya and Randi Gressgard (U. Bergen): Europeanization as
civilizational transition from East to West: The diffusion of sexual modernity
and racial displacement in Ukraine

14:45 End