

International conference

SOLIDARITY AND VOLUNTARISM IN STATE-SOCIALIST SOCIETIES

University of Graz, 12-13 September 2023

**TUESDAY,
12 September 2023**

13:30 – 13:45
Opening remarks

13:45 – 15:15
**PANEL 1: BLURRING LINES BETWEEN
STATE AND CIVIL SOCIETY (Chair:
Florian Bieber)**

Siobhán Hearne, Socialist Solidarities
and the Soviet Red Cross in the Post-
Stalin USSR

Henrike Rudolph, Voluntarism in
China's United Front Framework since
1949

Jelena Đureinović, The Anti-Colonial
Moment: Practices and Socio-Political
Ecosystems of International Solidarity
in Yugoslavia

15:45 – 17:15
**PANEL 2: NON-IDEOLOGICAL
VOLUNTEERING? (Chair: Heidrun
Zettelbauer)**

Ana Kladnik, Solidarity Contested?
Women in Volunteer Fire Departments
in Central Europe after 1945

Pavle Antonijević, The Socialist
Concept of Solidarity: the Case of the
Red Cross in Yugoslavia during the
1960s and 1970s

Ciprian Nitu, Mountaineering as
Liberty and Solidarity. Mountain
Volunteering Associations and
Movements in Socialist Romania

17:45 – 19:15
**PANEL 3: Socialist Humanitarianism
and Medical Internationalism (Chair:
Maximilian Lakitsch)**

Severyan Dyakonov, Socialist
Humanitarianism: the Soviet Red
Cross in India in the 1960s

Helen Yaffe, Cuban Medical
Internationalism

Dora Tot, Between Propaganda and
Solidarity: Yugoslav Humanitarian
Assistance to the Algerian National
Liberation Front (1958 – 1962)



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**WEDNESDAY,
13 September 2023**

9:00 – 10:30

**PANEL 4: MUNICIPAL AND
COMMUNITY VOLUNTARISM (Chair:
Katharina Scherke)**

Kathrin Meißner, With or Without you?
Looking for Solidarity within Everyday
Voluntarism in Solving Local Housing
Problems in GDR Socialism

Maja Kaninska, The Jewish
Municipality of Belgrade, Joint
Activities in Socialist Yugoslavia

Kathy Dodworth, Community Health:
From Socialist Utopia to Neoliberal
Governmentality

11:00 – 12:30

**PANEL 5: MOBILISING SOCIALIST
CITIZENS: TRADE UNIONS AND
COOPERATIVES (Chair: Nina
Vodopivec)**

Carolyn Taratko, Voluntary Self-
Mobilization in the Cooperative
Movement in Ghana, 1957-1966

George Bodie, Arisen from Ruins:
Exploring the Roots of the GDR's
International Solidarity Movement

Elena Kiesel, „Der Mangel hat uns
geint“ – Voluntarism and Solidarity
in the GDR's Neuererbewegung
as Reflected in Interviews with
Contemporaries

12:30 – 13:00

Concluding remarks

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