

Sciences, Ideologies, and Religions in 20th Century Central, Eastern and Southeastern Europe

National Hellenic Research Foundation (Vassileos Konstantinou 48, 11635), 6-7 June 2024, Athens, Greece

Thursday, 6 June 2024

9:30-10:00 **Welcome and presentation of the workshop**

10:00-11:00 **Keynote lecture**

Chair: Sandy Sakorrafou

Kostas Gavroglu Sciences and ideologies in the making: Quantifying the unquantifiable

Coffee

11:30-13:30 **Panel I: Re-sacralization** (4 speakers)

Chair: Alexej Lochmatow

Natalia Grabke Where Medicine Ends and Exorcism Begins. The Medicalization of Demonic Possessions in 20th Century Poland.

Karin Reichenbach Neopagan Inspired Practices of History in Poland since the 1990s and Their Relationship to Academic Scholarship

Martin Babička Esotericism in the Postsocialist Czechoslovakia: Media, Politics, Science

Maria Rogińska How Marxism helped to re-enchant science in (post)Soviet Ukraine

Light Lunch and coffee

15:00-17:00 **Panel II: Atheism, “hard science” and religion** (4 speakers)

Chair: Evangelia Chordaki

Elena Schaa Interference Patterns. The Case of Science and Religion in Werner Heisenberg’s Popular Writings

William deJong-Lambert Is Evolution “Good?” Science, Morality, and Theodosius Dobzhansky

Kostas Tampakis Modern St. Basils: Astronomy and anticommunism in 20th century Greece

Sandy Sakorrafou Technology Atheism and Christian Humanism: Emerging ideological patterns within Christian Orthodox journals and books in the Greek 1960s

19:30 Conference dinner

Friday, 7 June 2024

10:00-11:00 **Keynote lecture:**

Chair: Jan Surman

Agata Ignaciuk Contraceptive technologies in Spain and Poland, 1950s-1980s

Coffee

11:30-13:00 **Panel IV: Regimes of health (3 speakers)**

Chair: Friedrich Cain

Zoltán Taschek A Neo-Thomistic Social Engineering Project? Some aspects of the
Hungarian Pension Act 1928

Irina Nastasă-Matei Pharmaceutical manufacturing in Romania under Ceausescu's regime.
Medical, political and ideological use

Corina Doboş Researching (under)development: population dynamics and
economic growth in interwar Central and Eastern Europe and postwar Global South

Light Lunch and coffee

14:30-16:00 **Panel I: Soviet technoscientific ideologies (3 speakers)**

Chair: Dietlind Hüchtker

Dimitris Kilakos Demystifying the impact of "Russian cosmism" in early Soviet Science

Inna Sukhenko Envisioning 'Nuclear Faith' within Narrating Chernobyl Legacy:
Literary Frames of 'Faith-Nuclear Nexus'

Mikhail Zimirev Socialist data ethics: The dispositive of mathematization in Soviet
science and technology policy in the 1960s

16:30 Final Discussion

Saturday, 8 June 2024

10:00-12:00 Organizers' and Editors' meeting