International Conference

Urban Space and Multilingualism in the Late Habsburg Empire

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This international conference will seek to approach the issue of multilingual and multi-ethnic urban societies of the Habsburg Empire in a larger European context. Multilingualism was one of the fundamental everyday practices of the Habsburg Empire and has attracted much scholarly attention in the past decades. Most of the research, however, concentrated only on a number of the most obvious fields where multilingualism manifested itself clearly and continues to provoke heated political debates today: schooling, education and politics. While politicians and the press during the late Habsburg Empire duly highlighted these important topics, this conference will aim to focus on areas that have hitherto been largely overlooked and that have only recently become the subject of interest for historical analysis.
Programme

Thursday, March, 13, 2014

15.00-15.30 Welcome: Prof. Oliver Schmitt (head of the Institute for East European History, University of Vienna)
Introduction: Markian Prokopovych (University of Vienna), and Tamara Scheer (Ludwig Boltzmann-Institute for Social Science History)

15.30-16.30 Panel 1: The Military in a Multilingual Society (1st part)
Chair: Tamara Scheer (Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Social Science History)
Attila Réfi (Hungarian Academy of Sciences): Linguistic Knowledge and Cultural Transfers in the Habsburg Army from the Late 18th Century to the Middle of the 19th Century. The Antecedents of the Institutionalized Multilingualism of the Imperial and Royal Army
Rok Stergar (University of Ljubljana): The Language Policy and Practice of the Austro-Hungarian Armed Forces in the Era of Ethnic Nationalisms: The Case of Ljubljana

16.30-17.00 Coffee break

17.00-18.00 Panel 1: The Military in a Multilingual Society (2nd part)
Chair: Mitchell G. Ash (University of Vienna)
Laurence Cole (University of Salzburg): Army Veterans in Urban Spaces in the Littoral (Küstenland)
Irina Marin (University of Leicester): K.u.K. Generals of Romanian Nationality and Their Views on the Language Question

18.15 KEYNOTE
Pieter M. Judson (European University Institute Florence)
Encounters on the Urban Frontier: Multilingualism in Late Habsburg Austria

Friday, March, 14, 2014

9.30-11.00 Panel 2: Conflicts in Multilingual Cities
Chair: Gerhard Botz (Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Social Science History)

Joshua Shanes (College of Charleston): The “bloody election” in Drohobycz: Violence, Ethnicity and Urban Politics on the Eve of the First World War
Frank Henschel (University of Leipzig): „Multilingualism“ in Kaschau/Kassa/Košice before WWI
Máté Rigó (Cornell University, Ithaca): Multilingualism Meets the War: The Borderlands of Transylvania Between 1914 and 1918

11-11.30 Coffee Break

11.30-13.00 Panel 3: Languages and Public Space
Chair: Carl Bethke (University of Tübingen)
Stefan Michael Newerkla (University of Vienna): The Surviving Corporate Heritage of the Late Habsburg Monarchy - Linguistic and Cultural Aspects
Michaela Wolf (University of Graz): “The benefit for intellectual life”: Translation Policy and Multilingualism in the Late Habsburg Monarchy
Katalin Straner (Leibniz-Institute for European History, Mainz/Central European University Budapest): Scientific Lecturing and the Urban Public: Languages and Cultures of the Natural Sciences in Late-19th Century Budapest

14.30-16.00 Panel 4: Public Representation
Chair: Paul Miller (MacDaniel College, Maryland)
Sheila Skaff (Columbia University and Barnard College, New York): Film Exhibition in the Late Habsburg Empire
Carl Bethke (University of Tübingen): The Sarajevo Newspaper Bosnische Post, 1884-1896 – German Language, Croat Editors, Bosnian Patriotism
Dekel S. Schory (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev): Jewish Writers Experiencing the Viennese Atmosphere (1900-1914)

16.00-16.30 Coffee Break

16.30-18.00 Panel 5: Music and Urban Space
Chair: Markian Prokopovych (University of Vienna)
Risto Pekka Pennanen (University of Tempere): Multilingualism in Café and Street Music in Sarajevo before the First World War
Philipp Ther (University of Vienna): Multilingualism in Czech and Polish Theatres
Srdjan Atanasovski (Institute of Musicology, SASA, Belgrade): Nation and Homeland Imagery in Multilingual Music Albums of Serbian Families in Late Habsburg Monarchy