

PROGRAM

WORKSHOP OF THE CRC 138, A 06

Securitizing Minorities and Majorities in Multi-Ethnic and -Lingual Contexts

Date: June 16-17, 2025

Venue: Cracow, University of the National Education Commission, Instytut Historii i Archiwistyki,
ul. Podchorążych 2, 30-084 Kraków, room 337, 3rd floor

Securitization of the national other was key for nation building processes in multi-ethnic and -lingual contexts and formed thus the frame for nationalizing politics and the reference to other factors like language and religion. Within the discourses on potential security problems due to multilingualism and multi-ethnicity, minority rights in particular played a central role.

The workshop will discuss how the national, denominational and / or lingual "other" was made and perceived as a threat to the own nationality. Own national interests by securitizing politics, practices or "only" discourses to the detriment of another national group.

The workshop ties up the research of the sub-project A 06 during the funding phases 1-3 and discusses the conceptional framework of research on local and regional entities particularly in late Habsburg and Russian Empire. As particular focus is put on multi-ethnic cities and industrial cities.

MONDAY, JUNE 16

10 am – 11 am	KEYNOTE Börries Kuzmany (Vienna): Understanding Non-Territorial Autonomy as an Attempt to Desecuritisation Chair: Heidi Hein-Kircher (Herne / Bochum)
11.15 am – 1 pm	SECTION 1: The „Threatened Bulwark”: Nationally Contested Cities in the Bohemian Lands Chair: Peter Haslinger (Marburg / Gießen) Kajetan Stobiecki (Marburg): "Czech Bastion in the West": the National Conflict in Pilsen, 1860-1914 Lukas Dovern (Kiel): The International Business of National Security. The Škoda Works in Pilsen, 1885-1914 Markéta Sekaninová (České Budějovice): Reaction of the German minority to the establishment of Czechoslovakia in 1918 on the Example of Těšín Silesia Comment: Piotr Majewski (Warsaw)
1.00 pm – 2.00 pm	Lunch Break
2.00 pm – 3.00 pm	SECTION 2: „The Jew” as a Security Related Topic: Galician Cities Chair: Łukasz T. Sroka (Cracow) Aaron Blüm (Marburg): The "Ruthenian Question" as an Antisemitic Discourse Maria Antosik-Piela (Warsaw): Interethnic Relations in the Galician Oil Novel Comment: Łukasz T. Sroka (Cracow)
3.00 pm – 3.15 pm	Break

- 3.15 pm – 4.45 pm **SECTION 3: Nationality Conflicts in Galician Cities in late Habsburg Empire**
 Chair: **Mateusz Drozdowski** (Cracow)
Łukasz Tomasz Sroka (Cracow): Jews in the Municipal Governments of Krakow and Lviv (in the Second half of the 19th Century): From Conflict Through Agreement to Cooperation
Heidi Hein-Kircher (Herne / Bochum): Refusing a Local Compromise. Securitizing Debates on the Election Reform for L'viv's City Council before World War I
Konrad Meus (Cracow): Anti-Jewish Riots in Galicia in 1898 in the Light of Archival Materials from the Central State Historical Archives of Ukraine in Lviv
 Comment: **Mateusz Drozdowski** (Cracow)
- 5.15 pm – 6.30 pm **ROUNDTABLE**
 „Researching Minority-Majority Relations in Poland and East Central Europe: Securitization and Other Research Perspectives”
 Participants: **Hans-Jürgen Bömelburg**, (Gießen), **Peter Haslinger** (Marburg / Gießen), **Börries Kuzmany** (Wien), **Darius Staliunas** (Vilnius)
 Moderation: **Heidi Hein-Kircher** (Herne / Bochum)
- 7.30 pm Dinner: Restauracja Kawaleria, ul. Gołębia 4, Kraków, <https://kawaleria.com.pl/>)

TUESDAY, JUNE 17

- 9.00 am – 10.00 am **KEYNOTE**
Darius Staliunas (Vilnius):
 Claiming and Naming Vilnius: Imperial Policies and Ethnic Contestations in the 19th Century
 Chair: **Hans-Jürgen Bömelburg** (Gießen)
- 10.00 am – 10.15 am Break
- 10.15 am – 11.45 am **SECTION 4: Multi-ethnicity as a Threat in Russian Imperial Borderlands**
 Chair: **Konrad Meus** (Cracow)
Kamil Śmiechowski (Łódź): Moral panic in the Kingdom of Poland, 1905-1914
Lukas Pohl (Gießen): Everyday Dangers and the Failure of the State: Risk, Relief, and Resistance in Łódź (1861-1914)
 Comment: **Konrad Meus**
- 11.45 am – 12.45 pm **FINAL DISCUSSION**
 Chair and moderation: **Hans-Jürgen Bömelburg** und **Heidi Hein-Kircher**
- 12.45 pm Lunch



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