

Press Release

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Disciplining (Homo-)Sexuality in State-Socialist Hungary Lecture by Judit Takács

Thursday, October 15th 2020, 6 p.m. via ZOOM

PLEASE NOTE

The lecture will take place as a **Zoom webinar**. By registering for the lecture, participants consent to the recording for internal use.

Despite growing interest in contemporary LGBTQ+ politics in the “Eastern Bloc” (i.e. state-socialist countries in the period between 1945 and 1990) as well as the ongoing historicizing of life under socialism, “homosexual politics” and state-socialism are rarely examined together.

From the 1960s the totalitarian state control in an increasing number of Eastern Bloc countries was replaced by a milder form of authoritarian control that left some space for private life, which was at least not directly controlled. Nevertheless, the particular lived realities of state-socialism including state surveillance, the lack of private space, along with a deep-seated homophobia played a crucial role in shaping the lives of people in East-Central Europe.

In her presentation **Judit Takács** will provide a historical contextualization and some illustrations of queer life behind the Iron Curtain on the basis of mainly Hungarian archive material and in-depth interviews with people who lived through that experience.

SPEAKER

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PARTICIPATION

Participants can register for the lecture via e-mail to Egemen Özbek (egemen.oezbek@kwi-nrw.de) by Tuesday, October 13th. Participants will then receive the Zoom link.

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ORGANISATION

The lecture is organized by the [Academy in Exile](#) in cooperation with the Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities Essen (KWI).

FURTHER INFORMATION

[Event on the KWI website](#)

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