

Dropping Out of Socialism: Conference Programme

Thursday, 5 June 2012

University of Bristol, Department of Archaeology and Anthropology, 43 Woodland Road, Bristol BS8 1UU

10-10.30: Arrival, registration, coffee

10.30-12.30: Practice and Belief 1

- **Gabriel Jderu (Bucharest)**: Agency and Liberty. Motorcycle Riding and Freedom Figuration in Romania between 1950 and 1990
- **Madigan Fichter (NYU)**, Islamic identity and practice in Bosnia and Bulgarian student politics and counterculture, 1965-1975.
- **Anita Kurimay (Bryn Mawr) and Judit Takács (Hungarian Academy of Sciences)**, Finding Sex: desire, disease, and the emergence of the Hungarian homosexual movement in late socialism

12.30-1.30: Lunch

1.30-3.30: Practice and Belief 2

- **Ewgeniy Kasakow (Bremen)**, The History of Siberian Punk Underground -- from Antisovietism to Nationalbolshevism
- **Jeff Hayton (Illinois)**, Ignoring Dictatorship? Punk Rock, Alternative Subculture, and Political Challenge in the German Democratic Republic
- **Terje Toomistu (Tartu)**, Cosmic, global and rocking: hippies in Soviet Estonia.

3.30-4.30 Tea and coffee

4.30-6.30: Consumption and Production 1

- **Vlad Strukov (Leeds) and Daria Kostina (Yekaterinburg)**, The Failed Engineer? Alternative Artistic Practices in Late-Socialist Yekaterinburg, USSR
- **Patryk Wasiak (Wroclaw)**, Polish youth, home computers and social identities during the system transition of 1989
- **Josephine von Zitzewitz (Oxford)**, The reading habits of the Leningrad underground

7 pm Conference dinner at [Flinty Red restaurant](#), 34 Cotham Hill, BS6 6LA

Friday June 6

9.00-10.30: Consumption and Production 2

- **Maria Alina Asavei (Central European University)**, Art and "Mental Disability": Weapons of the Marginal during Socialism in Eastern Europe
- **Sara Kurpiers Blaylock (UC Santa Cruz)**, The body as machine: System contact in the art of the Auto-Perforation Artists, Dresden 1985-1991

10.30-11.00 Coffee and tea

11.00-12.30: Consumption and Production 3

- **Irina Costache (Central European University)**, The Biography of a Scandal: yoga experiments during late state socialism in Romania
- **Marta Marciniak (Buffalo)**, Polish punk subcultures, 1978-1991

12.30-1.30: Lunch

1.30-3.00: Alternative Economies 1

- **Mark Keck-Szajbel (European University Viadrina)** Sex, Lies and Videotape: Dropping Out with VHS
- **Roy Kimmey (Chicago)**, "Karl Marx with a Sex Angle": Sex Work and Sex Workers in State Socialist Central and Eastern Europe
- **Anna Kan (Bristol)**, The production and circulation of magnitizdat in Leningrad

3.00-3.30 Tea and coffee

3.30-5.30: Alternative Economies 2

- **Peter Mitchell (Edinburgh)**, Squatting in the German Democratic Republic
- **Dariusz Stola (Polish Academy of Sciences)**, Opting out of the socialist economy: Polish migrants and the second economy in 1980s

5.30 - 6.00 Concluding discussion