

Round Table

Sources and Approaches: (re)thinking knowledge production on the Cold War

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Programme

9:00 Welcome by **Mila Maeva** (Director of the Institute of Ethnology and Folklore Studies with Ethnographic Museum at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences) and **Anelia Kassabova** (PI, Leviathan project)

Session 1: Therapies Crossing Borders in European State Socialism, 1950–1990

Critical reflection on *Medical History*, Volume 69, Special Issue 4, 2025

Featuring in the volume: Alexa Geisthövel, Daniela Koleva, Milena Angelova, Kristina Popova, and Markus Wahl

Chair: **Anelia Kassabova** (Institute of Ethnology and Folklore Studies with Ethnographic Museum at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences)

9:15 – 9:35 **Alexa Geisthövel** (Institute for the History of Medicine and Ethics in Medicine at Charité, Berlin), **Daniela Koleva** (Institute of Ethnology and Folklore Studies with Ethnographic Museum at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences), co-editors of the volume

9:35 – 10:05 **Dora Vargha** (University of Exeter; Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin), **Iliia Iliev** (Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”), commentators

10:05 – 10:35 Remarks by the authors

10:35 – 11:15 Open discussion

11:15 – 11:40 Tea and Coffee Break

Session 2: Engineering of the “New Socialist Man”: Visions and Practices

Critical reflection on *Bulgarian Historical Review*, Volume 53, No. 3, 2025

Featuring in the volume: Kristina Popova, Yana Yancheva, Ekaterina Tsoleva, Maria Kouvari, Silke Langenberg, Nevena Dimitrova, Georgeta Nazarska, and Denitsa Nencheva

Chair: **Mila Maeva** (Institute of Ethnology and Folklore Studies with Ethnographic Museum at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences)

11:40 – 12:00 **Daniela Koleva** (Institute of Ethnology and Folklore Studies with Ethnographic Museum at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences), **Denitsa Nencheva** (Institute of Ethnology and Folklore Studies with Ethnographic Museum at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences), coordinators of the editing process

12:00 – 12:30 **Heike Karge** (University of Graz), **Ina Dimitrova** (Plovdiv University “Paisii Hilendarski”), commentators

12:30 – 13:00 Remarks by the authors

13:00 – 13:40 Open discussion

13:40 – 14:40 Lunch Break

Session 3: *Negotiating Tradition and Innovation: Medical Pluralism and Healthcare Transformations in the 20th and 21st Centuries*

Critical reflection on *Balkanistic Worlds*, Volume 1, Issue 3, 2025

Featuring in the volume: Anelia Kassabova, Denitsa Nencheva, Jakub Střelec, Klejd Këlliçi, Tiago Pires, Inxhi Brisku, Slava Savova, Katarzyna Jarosz, Ina Dimitrova, Ivana Dobrivojević Tomić, Alexandra Barmpouti, Judit Sándor, Mária Éva Földes, Sławomir Łotysz, and Emil Antonov

Chair: **Veronika Stoyanova** (Institute of Ethnology and Folklore Studies with Ethnographic Museum at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences)

14:40 – 15:00 **Anelia Kassabova** (Institute of Ethnology and Folklore Studies with Ethnographic Museum at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences), **Denitsa Nencheva** (Institute of Ethnology and Folklore Studies with Ethnographic Museum at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences), **Jakub Střelec** (Institute for the History of Medicine and Ethics in Medicine at Charité, Berlin), co-editors of the volume

15:00 – 15:30 **Bogdan Iacob** (“Nicolae Iorga” Institute of History), **Gergana Mircheva** (Institute of Philosophy and Sociology at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences), commentators

15:30 – 16:00 Remarks by the authors

16:00 – 16:40 Open discussion

16:40 Closing remarks

17:00 Cocktail