

In the present, we are witnessing a new global surge of right-wing extremism and violence. This new wave has also reanimated interest in the history of right-wing terrorism. The international conference at Erlangen aims to offer a venue for an exchange of scholarly perspectives on the history of right-wing extremism and violence in Europe, East and West. We hope to encourage a comparative and transnational debate on topics including the links between the emergence of right-wing extremist ideologies and politically motivated acts of violence, about the role of supportive environments among the security organs and the political elites, and about the reactions of politicians and the broader public to the assassinations.

Academic Conference of the German Association for East European Studies, History Section 21–23 November 2019

Towards a Transnational History of Right-Wing Terrorism

New Perspectives on Political Violence and Assassinations by the Far Right in Eastern and Western Europe since 1900

Organization:

Moritz Florin (Erlangen) & Johannes Dafinger (Klagenfurt)

Conference Program

■ Thursday, 21 November 2019

5:30 p.m.
Registration

6:00 p.m.
Welcome
Julia Obertreis (Erlangen), Gabriele Freitag (Berlin)
Moritz Florin (Erlangen), Johannes Dafinger (Klagenfurt)

6:15 p.m.
Panel Discussion ***Towards a Transnational History of Right-Wing Terrorism***

Chairs: Moritz Florin (Erlangen), Johannes Dafinger (Klagenfurt)

Panelists: Gideon Botsch (Potsdam), Annette Finley-Croswhite (Norfolk, VA),
Constantin Iordachi (Budapest), Nikolay A. Mitrokhin (Bremen)

8:00 p.m.
Dinner

■ Friday, 22 November 2019

9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
Section ***Right-Wing Terror(ism) in Pre-Revolutionary Russia***
Chair: Felicitas Fischer von Weikersthal (Heidelberg)

Moritz Florin (Erlangen)
Russia and the Birth of Right-Wing Terrorism: Autocratic Statehood, the News Media, and Political Violence, 1903–1911

Marina Vituhnovskaja-Kauppala (Helsinki)
Right-Wing Terror in Russia and the Highest Echelons of Authority During the Pre-Revolutionary Decade: On the Materials of the Case of the Assassination of Mikhail Herzenstein

10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.
Coffee break

10:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Section ***Paramilitary Violence and Assassinations in the Aftermath of the First World War***
Chair: Julia Obertreis (Erlangen)

Béla Bodó (Bonn)
Interests and Motives: The Sources of Right-Wing Paramilitary Violence in Hungary During the Counterrevolution, 1919–1921

Paul Brykczynski (Toronto)
From Discourse to Violence: Right Wing Politics of Hatred in Interwar Poland

Roland Clark (Liverpool)
Terror and Antisemitic Student Violence in East-Central Europe, 1919–1923

12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lunch break

2:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.
Section ***Political Assassinations by the Far Right in the Interwar Period***
Chair: Moritz Florin (Erlangen)

Magdalena Gibiec (Wrocław/Warsaw)
Did the Polish Minister of Interior Have to be Killed? Behind the Scenes of the Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists in the 1930s

Mario Jareb (Zagreb)
Marseille 1934: The Death of the King

Annette Finley-Croswhite (Norfolk, VA), Gayle K. Brunelle (Fullerton, CA)
Trading in Arms, Trading in Terror: The Cagoule and Transnational Terrorism in France, 1936–1941

4:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.
Coffee break

4:45 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Section ***Right-Wing Terrorism and Fascism***
Chair: Johannes Dafinger (Klagenfurt)

Werner Anzenberger (Graz)
The Anti-Modern Concept and the Violence: Right-Wing Terror in the First Austrian Republic and in Austrofascism

Frank Golczewski (Hamburg)
The German Connection: Ukrainian Right-Wing Terrorists' Relations with Weimar and Nazi Germany

Constantin Iordachi (Budapest)
Fascism and Terrorism: Iron Guard and Ustasha in Comparison

7:00 p.m.
Conference dinner

■ Saturday, 23 November 2019

9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
Section ***Right-Wing Terrorism as a Legacy of War?***
Chair: Gayle K. Brunelle (Fullerton, CA)

Ákos Bartha (Budapest)
Brothers in Arms or Enemies? Arrow Cross Party Militias, "Ragged Guard" and KISKA Auxiliary Forces in Hungary (1938–1945)

Dominik Rigoll (Potsdam)
A Security Custody for Right-Wing Endangerers: Allied Arrest Policy as Transitional Security, 1944–1950

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Coffee break

10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
Section ***A New Wave of Right-Wing Terrorism in Western Europe? The 1970s and 1980s***
Chair: Philipp Winkler (Erlangen)

Barbara Manthe (Düsseldorf)
Right-Wing Terrorism in the Federal Republic of Germany in the 1970s and 1980s

Tobias Hof (Munich)
"Of Hobbits and Tigers:" Far-Right-Wing Terrorism in Italy Since the Mid-1970s

11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.
Lunch break

1:15 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Section ***Recent Trends in Right-Wing Terrorism. Eastern and Western Europe***
Chair: Philipp Winkler (Erlangen)

Daniel Köhler (Berlin)
Recent Trends in German Right-Wing Violence and Terrorism: Contextual Factors Behind "Hive Terrorism"

Miroslav Mareš/Ina Fujdiak (Brno)
Historical Legacies and Contemporary Right-Wing Extremist Violence in East Central Europe

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Final discussion and concluding remarks

Registration
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Conference Venue
Orangerie, Schlossgarten 1 (via Wasserturmstr. 3), Erlangen