

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)

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

Vitalij Fastovskij (Gießen)
*White Terror, Red Terrorism? Socialist Perspectives on State and Rightwing
Violence in the Late Tsarist Empire*

10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.
Coffee break

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

Béla Bodó (Bonn)
*The Saviors of Hungary or the Destroyers of Bourgeois Society? The Social
Background and Motivational Structure of Right-Wing Militias During the Civil
War in Hungary, 1918–1921*

Wojciech Pieniazek (Magdeburg/Gießen)
*“War in the Dark” – Clandestine Acts of Violence in Upper Silesia 1920/21:
The Last Drop in the Brutalization of Right-Wing Terrorism in the Weimar
Republic?*

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

12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Lunch break

2:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.
Section *Political Assassinations by the Far Right in the Interwar Period*
Chair: Julia Obertreis (Erlangen)

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

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 Potential Right-Wing Offenders: The Automatic Arrest
Policy in Occupied Germany After 1945 Revisited*

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: N.N.

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

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

11:45 a.m. – 1:15 a.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 Koehler (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