

The 1st conference of Association of Critical Heritage Studies (ACHS) Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) Chapter:

Ljubljana, Slovenia, 29-30 November 2023

CALL FOR PAPERS:

Heritage on the Margins?

Central and Eastern European Perspectives

The history of Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) has been characterized by the violent changing of borders and routes ever since WW1 and WW2. Post-war events continue to shape everyday local realities, state formations, and displacement of communities. (Self)imposed views on centrality and/or marginality of the region come strongly to the fore when considering these developments, producing inherent diversity. Socialism and post-socialism can be understood as a unifying experience in the region, but it is also highly differentiated, when considered alongside historical events and local political developments. How are all these diverse historical developments affecting heritage related processes in the region? What kind of perspectives can be gained from CEE heritage-making processes?

The conference aims to further discuss identified common themes of the Central and East European heritage studies; marginality vs. centrality, the impact of WW1 and WW2, the interplay of borders and routes, displacement of people, differentiated legacies of (post)socialism and future CEE heritage prospects. Its intention is to stimulate discussion about how various case studies of heritagization in CEE can contribute to the wider critical heritage studies.

The conference will be hosted by the Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts (ZRC SAZU) in Ljubljana (Slovenia) and co-organized by the ZRC SAZU research program Heritage on the Margins, the Institute of Ethnology of the Czech Academy of Sciences research program Strategy AV21 - Anatomy of European Society, History, Tradition, Culture, Identity. The conference is held under the auspices of CEE Chapter of the Association of Critical Heritage Studies.

We kindly invite you to submit a contribution that examines, among others, the following themes:

- Heritage processes and post-socialism
- (De)colonization of heritage
- Balkanisation and orientalised of Central and East European Heritage
- The role of regional museums and heritage institutions
- Heritage-making of borders
- Migration heritage
- Heritage of Yugoslav Socialism
- Future of CEE heritage-making

Please send your proposals up to 300 words and short CV (max. 100 words) to heriskop@zrc-sazu.si

The submission deadline is **5 June 2023**. The applicants will be notified of the selection by **25 June 2023**.

In addition to regular paper-based presentations, we encourage innovative formats that stimulate interaction and dynamism. These may include roundtables, workshops, brainstorm sessions, debates, artistic interventions, exhibition (virtual excursion), documentary film (photo essay/story) screenings with discussion, meet the author sessions, book presentations and so forth. In case of the latter please contact the organisers before submitting your proposal.

About the host:

ZRC SAZU is Slovenia's leading independent research institution in humanities. Its *Heritage on the Margins* multidisciplinary research programme brings to the fore reflections and materials about heritage and heritage-making. That is to say, the processes and practices of selecting and evaluating the past to calibrate the present and future. The focus of observation is on heritage formation and the performative influence of heritage on the margins – in minority, remote, linguistic, migrant, occupational and otherwise marginalized settings. The research programme issues online bulletin [Heriscope](#), containing critical heritage reflections in the context of CEE region and beyond.