



**THE EUROPEAN SPA**  
AS A TRANSNATIONAL PUBLIC  
SPACE AND SOCIAL METAPHOR

## **The European Spa as a Transnational Public Space and Social Metaphor**

Final project meeting / conference, 2-3 June 2022

Brijuni Islands, Croatia

### **Thursday 2 June**

9.30 **Conference Opening**

9.45 **Welcome Note**

Valter Boljunčić (Juraj Dobrila University of Pula)

10.00 **Welcome Note**

Mario Crecente (EHTTA)

10.15 **Opening Keynote**

Oliver Sukrow (Vienna):

*From Saratoga Springs to Nauheim and back*

11.15 Coffee break

11.30 **Panel one: Spas as Social, Cultural or Political laboratory**

Christian Noack (Amsterdam, Chair)

Dean Vuletić (Vienna):

*The Cold War Politics of Popular Music Contests in Eastern European Spa Towns*

Cosmin-Ștefan Dogaru (Bucharest):

*Spa-Tourism, Leisure and Sociability in Interwar-Romania:*

*Encounters between Old and New Elites*

Milan Balaban, Irena Balaban-Cakirpaloglu (Zlin):

*Yugoslav Tourists in Czechoslovak Spas during the Interwar Period*

13.30 Lunch break

15.00 **Panel two: The Ugly Spa**

Wiebke Kolbe (Lund, Chair)

Jonathan Voges (Hannover):

*Bad Pyrmont's Ugly History. Writing the History of a Spa Town under National-Socialism*

Kelly Hignett (Leeds):

*Jáchymov: A Small Bohemian Spa Town with a Big History.*

Katrin Sippel (Vienna):

*"Unwanted Holidays". Portuguese Spas as Places of Abode for Refugees during WW II*

17.00 **Guided tour through poster exhibition** (Mirjana Kos Nalis, Croatian Tourism Museum; Juraj Dobrila University of Pula)

19.00 Dinner

**Friday 3 June****10.00 Panel three (pt 1): The Transnational Literary Spa Text**

Bill Bell (Cardiff, Chair)

Olga Kulishkina & Larisa Poluboyarinova (St Petersburg): *online*

*Literary Spa Narratives of the long 19th Century as Map and Network*

Yana Lyapova (Insbruck):

*Primal Scenes of the "Sanatorial text": Decoding the Spa Workers Gaze in the*

*Swimming Pool Scenes of Bohumil Hrabal and Milan Kundera*

11.15 Coffee break

**11.30 Panel three (pt 2): The Transnational Literary Spa Text**

Barbara Schaff (Göttingen):

*"Bad" behaviour: Emancipation and Female Regulation in Spa Literature around 1900.*

Karolina Watroba (Oxford):

*Gore Verbinski's "A cure for Wellness": A modern Magic Mountain?*

13.00 Lunch

**14.00 Panel four: Current Concerns in and for Spas**

Henrike Schmidt (Berlin, Chair)

Kristina Afrić Rakitovac (Pula):

*Implementation of Sustainability Issues in European Spas*

Nataša Urošević (Pula):

*The Great Spas of Europe. Revitalization Models for Croatian Historic Spas*

Séan Williams (Sheffield):

*Wellness for Locals? The Case of Switzerland*

Susan Ingram (Toronto):

*Reviving the Magic Mountains: Wellness and Kultur in the Austrian Alps*

16.30 Coffee break

**17.00 Round table:** The HERA European Spas project, with Associated Partners Bad Oeynhausen (GER), Harrogate (UK), Pula (HR), Astrid Köhler (London, Chair)

**18.00 Closing Keynote:**

Sara Bédard-Goulet (Tartu) & Bruno Goosse (Bruxelles)

*Sanatorium Atmosphere: An Artistic Approach to Tracing Changes in Spa Uses*

20.00 Dinner



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