



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 2022

- 9.30 **Conference Opening**
- 9.45 **Welcome** Valter Boljunčić (Juraj Dobrila University of Pula)
- 10.00 **Welcome** Mario Crecente (EHTTA)
- 10.15 **Opening Keynote**
Oliver Sukrow (Vienna): *From Saratoga Springs to Nauheim and back*
- 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*
- 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 Opatija; Juraj Dobrila University of Pula)



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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*

11.30 **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?*

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 **Round table: The HERA European Spa project** with Associated Partners

Bad Oeynhausen (GER), Harrogate (UK), Pula (HR); Astrid Köhler (London, Chair)

17.30 **Closing Keynote:**

Sara Bédard-Goulet (Tartu) & Bruno Goosse (Bruxelles): *Sanatorium Atmosphere:
An Artistic Approach to Tracing Changes in Spa Uses*