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# CRISIS, JUNCTURES, AND BREAKING POINTS: UNDERSTANDING, CONTEXTUALIZING, AND OVERCOMING CRISIS AS DISCOURSE

Taking place on **Thursday, 13 June 2024** at the **Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences**,  
University of Rijeka, in Rijeka, Croatia.

## 09:00–09:15 | REGISTRATION

## 09:15–09:30 | WELCOMING REMARKS | Room 206 (2nd floor)

**Dr. Antonija Primorac**, Chair of the English Department, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (University of Rijeka)

**Dr. Aleksandar Mijatović**, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (University of Rijeka)

**Dr. Snježana Prlić-Samaržija**, Rector of the University of Rijeka

**Ms. Nathalie Niedoba**, Deputy Head and Consul of Embassy of Canada

## 09:30–11:00 | PANEL 1A | Room 207: Migration Policies and Politics

*Dichotomous Rhetoric and Purposeful Silencing: Contradictions of Czech and Polish post-2015 Migration Policy vis-à-vis Immigration from South Asia*

**Zbyněk Mucha**, Charles University, Czechia

*Time for Independence (?) – Future of European Defence and Security*

**Ágnes Vass**, Hungarian Institute for International Affairs, Hungary

*Migrations in antiquity and today, and their literary embodiments*

**Kristof Jacek Kozak**, University of Primorska, Slovenia

## 09:30–11:00 | PANEL 1B | Room 206: Staging Crises Through the Ages

*Elfriede Jelinek/Nicolas Stemann's Wut: Rage and Crisis on Stage.*

**Piet Defraye**, University of Alberta, Canada

*Crisis Management in Theatre during Pandemic: Discourses and Practices in Budapest and New York, 1918–2020*

**Gyöngyi Heltai**, VNU University of Social Sciences and Humanities, Vietnam

*Exploitation in the Anthropocene: Crises from the Windswept Peaks of the Mountains to the Darkness of the Mines*

**Helga Mitterbauer**, Université libre de Bruxelles, Belgium

## 11:00–11:15 | COFFEE BREAK



## 11:15–12:45 | PANEL 2A | Room 206:

### **Crisis, Imagination, and Narrativity in History**

*... and the Devil was walking among the people. Urban legends and disinformation narratives in times of medical crises*

**Eva Jarošová**, Charles University, Czechia

*"Echoes of Catastrophes: Exploring Disaster Stories and Songs in Hungarian Chapbooks"*

**Emese Ilyefalvi**, Eötvös Loránd University, Hungary

*From Crisis to Confidence: Rebuilding Trust in Science*

**Vito Balorda**, University of Rijeka, Croatia

## 11:15–12:45 | PANEL 2B | Room 207:

### **Central-European Political Systems and Crisis**

*The Crisis of Liberal Democracy in Central European Countries and its Influence on the Interpretation of Constitutional Identity*

**Biljana Kostadinov – Dora Pavković**, University of Zagreb, Croatia

*Political polarisation, liberal democracy, and organisations of political prisoners*

**Klára Pinerová**, Hannah Arendt Institute for Totalitarianism Studies at the TU Dresden, Germany

*Narration as crisis management in Tamas Dobozy, Crosswords*

**Éva Zsizsman**, Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Hungary

## 13:00–14:00 | LUNCH (catered lunch at room 207 lounge)

## 14:00–15:00 | KEYNOTE LECTURE | Room 207

*Uncanny Organization and the Immanence of Crisis: The Public Sector, Neoliberalism, and Covid-19*

**Kevin Orr**, University of St Andrews Business School, Scotland, UK

## 15:00–15:15 | COFFEE BREAK

## 15:15 – 17:15 | PANEL 3 | Room 206: Crisis in Text, Crisis in Memory

*Narrating Complexity: Port Cities as Microcosms of Crisis and Resilience through Literary Lens*

**Petra Sapun Kurtin**, University of Rijeka, Croatia

*Crisis of Poetics: Deconstruction of Identity in Serbian Modernist Novel*

**Aleksandra Matić – Časlav Nikolić**, University of Kragujevac, Serbia

*Marisa Madieri and Fulvio Tomizza. Crisis and its Memories*

**Gregor Kokorž**, University of Innsbruck, Austria

*Crisis and the Fate of Man in The Modern World*

**Filip Martin Svibovec**, University of Zagreb, Croatia

## 19:00 | CONFERENCE DINNER

Venue: **"Konoba Tarsa"**, Josipa Kulfaneka 10, Rijeka