

Wirth Alumni Network, the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (University of Rijeka, Croatia), and the Croatian-Canadian Academic Society, with the support of the Wirth Institute for Austrian and Central-European Studies (University of Alberta, Canada) and Embassy of Canada to Croatia present a program for an international multidisciplinary conference

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 Pinerova, Hannah Arendt Institute for Totalitarianism Studies at the TU Dresden, Germany

Narration as crisis management in Tamas Dobozsy, 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 Kokorz, 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