

“Drunt’ im Burgenland”: (Non-)Invented Narratives — True or Forged Identities?

An international round-table discussion in Zoom

The Interdisciplinary Central-European Seminar of the Institute of Slavic Studies at the Russian Academy of Sciences organises an international round-table discussion on the (non-)invented narratives and true vs. forged identities in Burgenland from the late eighteenth century to the present day. In a broader sense, this federal state of the Republic of Austria is a historical region both of eastern Austria and of western Hungary. The toponym is a twentieth-century construct, derived from the German names of the Hungarian counties ending in “-burg”. Burgenland is a polyethnic and multicultural region, where Germans, Croats and Hungarians transmit their historical narratives, vernaculars, memories and identities across generations.

20 April 2023

2 pm (1 pm CET) — 4 pm (3 pm CET)

moderated by Olga Khavanova and Daria Vashchenko

Andrea Seidler (*University of Vienna, Austria*). “Exploring the Archives of the Protestant Church in the Town of Oberwart in Burgenland”

Dávid László Törő (*University of Debrecen, Hungary*) “Border Territory Targeted by Rival National Narratives — The Burgenland-debate between the Austrian and Hungarian Historical Writings (1918/1921–1945)”

We kindly invite you to join the further discussion about a variety of issues such as:

- Burgenland: constructing local identities
- Peculiarities of Burgenland’s linguistic situation
- The Borders of Burgenland: demarcation lines in the twentieth century
- Towns and cities of Burgenland: the creation of urban culture
- Burgenland enclaves: past and present
- Traditional folk culture in Burgenland: vectors of interactions
- Discourse on Burgenland: the image of the region in historical writing, literature and art

The working language is English.

The Zoom-meeting details are to be sent on request to austrian.centre.inslav@gmail.com