



Tracing Informality in Southeast and Northeast Europe: Anthropological Perspectives

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Day 1: Thursday, 18 October 2018 at 18:00

Venue: National Library of Latvia, Conference Center Section A (Level -1), Mūkusalas iela 3, Riga

Conference keynote:

Dr. Carna Brkovic

Informality, Clientelism, Patronage, Favors: Anthropological Theories on Getting Things Done

Day 2: Friday, 19 October 2018

Venue: EU House Riga, Conversation Room (1st floor), Aspazijas bulvāris 28, Riga

10:30-10:50 Registration

10:50-11:00 Introductory remarks

11:00-12:30 Session I: **Sites and (Infra)structures of (In)formality**

Francisco Martínez, University of Helsinki

“Urban Sutures in the ‘Hot’ Railway Street Market of Tallinn”

Andre Thiemann, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology

“On the Road to Self-government: A Rhythmanalysis of Boundary Work, Infrastructures, and the State in Central Serbia”

Kārlis Lakševics, University of Latvia

“In Search of Home: Tracing Formality at the Margins of Riga”

Klāvs Sedlenieks, Rīga Stradiņš University

“(Not) Protected by the Law: Informal Care for Historic Monuments in Njeguši, Montenegro”

12:30-13:00 Coffee break



13:00-14:30 Session II: **Formalizing the Informal – and Vice Versa?**

Katre Koppel, University of Tartu

“Not Even All Physicians Know Chinese medicine!’: How Chinese Medicine Seeks Acceptance by the Estonian Healthcare System”

Ieva Puzo, Rīga Stradiņš University

“Seeking the Good Life: Transnational Academic Mobility from Montenegro”

Maria Vivod, Rīga Stradiņš University

“From an Informal to a Formal Practice: The Case of the Serbian *Slava*”

Rasa Pranskevičiūtė-Amoson, Vilnius University

“The Field of Individual Religiosity in the East-Central Europe: Anastasian Nature-based Spirituality and Environmental Communalism”

14:30-15:20 Lunch/Coffee break

15:20-16:50 Session III: **Practicing Ambiguities**

Aimar Ventsel, University of Tartu

“Punk Frontier: Estonia in the Global DIY Network”

Kristina Šliavaitė, Vytautas Magnus University

“We Just Wish to Spread Christmas spirit’: Notions of Help, Respect and Corruption in the Context of Gift Giving to Teachers at Public Schools in Lithuania”

Elza Ungure, Independent Researcher

“Constructing the Categories and Concepts of ‘Formal’ and ‘Informal’ Practices: The Case of Home Winemaking in Latvia”

Diana Kiscenko, Rīga Stradiņš University

“Everyone Wants to Have Good Relations with the Doctor’: Women’s Reproductive Goals and Relations with Gynecologists in Montenegro”

16:50-17:00 Concluding remarks