



INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP

Rural Cooperatives in “Semi-Peripheral” Europe (1850–1950)

Prague, 16th – 18th October 2024

Location

Družstevní asociace České republiky,

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According to contemporary estimates, approximately one-third of Eastern Europeans were members of co-operatives around the mid-1920s. The rise of cooperatives (cooperative associations) since the middle of the 19th century resulted from the fact that they helped the “common people” during the economic transformation of the 19th and early 20th centuries to solve their everyday problems, e.g. by providing cheap loans and high-quality goods or by supporting them in the processing and marketing of agricultural goods. Their democratic nature and preserving the independence of individual economies (household or company) with the simultaneous creation of large-scale business structures increased their attractiveness. They formed the basis for their economic competitiveness. In agrarianist and Christian-social models of society which were conceptualized between the 1890s and the 1930s, the cooperatives became one of the most important institutions of rural modernization and in several cases the main approach in the search for a “third way” between capitalism and socialism in the rural society.

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PROGRAM

Wednesday, 16th October 2024

14:00-14:30 **Registration**
14:30-14:45 **Welcome, Opening Speeches**

I. INTRODUCTION

14:45-15:30 Uwe Müller / Torsten Lorenz / Jan Slaviček:
Rural Cooperatives in "Semi-Peripheral" Europe in a Comparative Perspective
15:30-16:00 **Discussion**

Coffee Break

II. RURAL COOPERATIVES IN CENTRAL EUROPE

16:15-16:45 Uwe Müller: *Rural Cooperatives in Germany*
16:45-17:15 Johann Brazda / Tode Todev: *Rural Cooperatives in Austria*
17:15-17:45 Eduard Kubů / Jan Slaviček: *Rural Cooperatives in the Bohemian Lands*
17:45-18:30 **Discussion**

19:00-23:00 **Evening Program**

Thursday, 17th October 2024

8:30-9:00 **Registration**

III. RURAL COOPERATIVES IN EAST CENTRAL EUROPE

9:00-9:30 Zsombor Bódy: *Rural Cooperatives in Hungary*
9:30-10:00 Dmytro Erdeli / Jan Slaviček: *Rural Cooperatives in Slovakia*
10:00-10:30 Aleksandra Bilewicz / Torsten Lorenz: *Rural Cooperatives in Poland*
10:30-11:15 **Discussion**

Coffee Break

IV. RURAL COOPERATIVES IN SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE

11:30-12:00 Cornel Micu: *Rural Cooperatives in Romania*
12:00-12:30 Catherine Brégianni: *Rural Cooperatives in Greece*
12:30-13:00 **Discussion**

Lunch

V. RURAL COOPERATIVES IN EASTERN EUROPE

14:30-15:00 Stephan Merl: *Rural Cooperatives in Russia and the Soviet Union*
15:00-15:30 Dmytro Erdeli: *Rural Cooperatives in Ukraine*
15:30-16:00 Liisi Veski: *Rural Cooperatives in Estonia*
16:00-16:45 **Discussion**

Friday, 18th October 2024

9:00-9:30 **Registration**

VI. RURAL COOPERATIVES IN SOUTHERN / SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE

9:30-10:00 Žarko Lazarević: *Rural Cooperatives in (former) Yugoslavia*
10:00-10:30 Miguel Cabo Villaverde / Lourenzo Fernandez Prieto: *Rural Cooperatives in Spain*
10:30-11:00 Dulce Freire / Joana Dias Pereira: *Rural Cooperatives in Portugal*
11:00-11:45 **Discussion**

Coffee break

VIII. OUTLOOK AND FINAL REMARKS

12:00-12:45 Nigel Swain: *Rural Cooperatives in Communist Central and Eastern Europe*
12:45-13:30 **Final Discussion, conclusions, and next steps**

Lunch