



## Neuankommende IWM Visiting Fellows im Jänner 2024

Das Institut für die Wissenschaften vom Menschen heißt diesen Monat acht neue Gastwissenschaftler:innen willkommen. In ihren Projekten forschen sie unter anderem zur Sprache der Dissidenz, dem Verhältnis von Gender und sozialistischer Architektur, der Geschichtsphilosophie der Katastrophe oder Geburtenpolitik in Osteuropa.



### Holly Case

Brown University, USA

*January - June 2024*

#### **Tracing Taint: Four Case Studies with Implications for Historical Methodology**

The war in Ukraine has raised a matter of crucial importance: the question of taint. The day Russia invaded Ukraine, President Vladimir Putin predicted that Ukraine and its supporters in the West would “kill innocent people just as members of the punitive units of Ukrainian nationalists and Hitler’s accomplices did during the Great Patriotic War.” His prognosis assumed that the historical trajectory of Ukrainian independence was tainted by nationalist collaboration with Nazi Germany during the Second World War and could never come clean.



### Kristijan Fidanovski

University of Oxford, UK

*January - March 2024*

#### **Making Them Make Babies: Policy Design, Discursive Representation, and Socioeconomic Implications of (Pronatalist) Child Benefits in (Eastern) Europe**

During his fellowship, Kristijan Fidanovski will be finalizing his PhD research on pronatalist policy and politics in Eastern Europe, which sits at the intersection of social policy, demography, and political science. His research examines what profiles of children are typically prioritized by pronatalist child benefits, what sets of concerns pronatalist policymakers tend to express regarding low fertility (e.g., socioeconomic, patriotic, or moral), and to what extent pronatalist policy interventions can increase birth rates.



**Petra Hlaváčková**

Academy of Arts, Architecture and Design in Prague

*January - June 2024*

**Architecture and Emancipation: Specifics and Paradoxes of Socialist Women's Emancipation Using the Example of Women Architects**

This project raises the question of how the category of gender and Western feminist theoretical approaches can be used to examine the socialist architectural environment and its inequalities.

Through a narrative analysis of interviews with women architects, Petra Hlaváčková examines the specifics of their emancipatory strategies and "wounding identities."



**Marek Kettner**

Charles University, Prague

*January - June 2024*

**From Crisis to Catastrophe: Czech Philosophy of History between Patočka and Petříček**

Czech philosophy of history has seemed to be stagnant ever since Patočka's Heretical Essays (1975), which consider history to be stuck in times of crisis. However, important elements of a new theory of history can be found in Miroslav Petříček's Philosophy

en noir, which no longer views crisis as a defining feature of the history of the twentieth century. According to Petříček, modern history should be understood as "catastrophic." To comprehend the twentieth century, one must comprehend the idea of catastrophe, not the idea of crisis.



**Michal Kopeček**

Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague

*January - February 2024*

**How Liberal are Human Rights? Dissident Political Languages in East Central Europe on the Eve of 1989**

The peaceful revolutions of 1989 in Central and Eastern Europe have been perceived, for good reason, as revolutions of human rights, which strengthened the legitimacy of Western-type liberal democracy and global neoliberal capitalism. Eastern European

dissidents were often seen, if not mythologized, as central to this triumph of liberalism. Michal Kopeček's research challenges these assumptions. He argues that the liberal discourse of human rights was only marginal among dissidents before 1989. Instead, he emphasizes the fundamental plurality of political and cultural languages (socialist, liberal, republican, Christian, nationalist) of human rights opposition.



**Marlene Laruelle**

Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies (IERES),  
USA

*January – June 2024*

**Ideology as a Market: Ideological Engineering in Today's Russia**

In her latest work, currently in the writing stage, Marlene Laruelle explores what she calls "Russia's ideological grammars"; that is, the overarching frameworks of legitimacy through which one apprehends the world. Laruelle argues that the Russian state has developed several repertoires—or grammars—of power whose articulations remain in constant flux, even in the context of Russia's war against Ukraine, which has seen a rigidification of ideological production.



**John Palatella**

The Point / The Nation

*January – June 2024*

**Editorial Roundtable 2024**

John Palatella will be involved as an organizer in IWM's annual Editorial Roundtable and the Vienna Humanities Festival. He will also work on translations of essays by the poet Nico Bleutge and offer editorial advice to fellows at IWM.



**Anna Schubertová**

Charles University, Prague

*January – March 2024*

**Problematic Totality: Literary Realism in Twentieth-Century Theory**

Throughout the twentieth century, realism was the subject of heated and politically charged discussions. In this project, Anna Schubertová revisits these discussions and examines their implications for the history of thinking about literature. To partially delimit the vast field opened by this line of questioning, Schubertová centers her project around Georgy Lukács' theory of realism that, however controversial, constitutes a crucial contribution to twentieth-century debates.

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