In the last decade, heritage studies have emerged as a field of cross-disciplinary research covering the topics including the built environment, museums and collections, urban planning, memory, and tourism. This workshop brings together both early career researchers and established researchers for a discussion about the concept of heritage in relation to the Eastern and Central European region. In light of the different traditions in heritage policies and property rights, what notion of heritage do we employ for the study of heritage in socialist and post-socialist societies? Using this question as a point of departure, the presentations seek to critically engage with the field of heritage studies and reflect on core concepts such as authenticity and originality. We discuss the advantages and limitations of these approaches when applied to the (post-)socialist context, while also bringing together alternative approaches from the examples presented during the workshop.

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Wednesday, 23 November 2016

16:00 Registration

17:15-19:00 Keynote Lecture by Astrid Swenson (London): When is Heritage? Temporality and Transnational History
Moderation: Katharina Stornig (Giessen)

Coffee Break

Thursday, 24 November

09:00 Introduction
Eszter Gantner (Marburg), Corinne Geering (Giessen)

09:30-11:00 Panel 1: Socialist Interpretations of Heritage
Chair: Markus Krzoska (Giessen)
Melinda Harlov (Budapest): Vernacular Heritage in Hungary, a Category that Fitted to the Socialist Ideology
Alexandra Urdea (Sussex): The Museum of the Village - the Politics of Patrimony in Ceauşescu’s Romania
Nele-Hendrikje Lehmann (Freiberg): Industrial Heritage in the GDR, 1949-1989

Coffee Break

11:30-13:00 Panel 2: Heritage Actors
Chair: Nicole Immig (Jena/Giessen)
Blanka Trötschel-Daniels (Dortmund): The ‘Heritage Council’ in the GDR
Alicja Gzowska (Warsaw): Socialist Fraternal Assistance or Commercial Success? International Activities of Polish State Workshops for the Conservation of Cultural Heritage
Olga Olikhche (St. Petersburg): “We are the Rare Place Where the ‘Iron Curtain’ Played a Positive Role”: The Conservative Tradition of the State Hermitage Restoration

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Liliana Iuga (Budapest): “Every Town Has a Historical Past, yet not Every Historical Past is Valuable” – Approaches to the Concept and Management of the Historic Town in Socialist Romania
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Panel 3: Heritage and Communist Internationalism
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Chair: Corinne Geering (Giessen)
Kerstin Stamm (Bonn): The New Internationale? East and West at the International Council of Monuments and Sites, ICOMOS
Diána Vonnák (Halle): UNESCO on the Ground in the Restoration of the Golden Rose Synagogue in Lviv

Friday, 25 November 2016

9:15-10:30 Panel 5: The Revalorisation of Socialist Heritage
Chair: Immo Rebtschk (Jena)
Emanuela Grama (Pittsburgh): Heritage-Making and State-Unmaking in Post-socialist Romania

Coffee Break

11:00-12:00 Keynote Lecture by Vladimir Levin (Jerusalem): Jewish Heritage in the Soviet Union
Moderation: Antje Coburger (Marburg)

Lunch at Mensa

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Panel 7: Memory and Heritage
Chair: Paul Vickers (Giessen)
Iryna Sklokina (Lviv): Traveling in the Soviet Ukraine: the Making of the National Memory Canon through Heritage Tourism Practices
Ewa Starczyc (Amsterdam): Transnational Heritage: On the Uses of Jewish Photographs

16:15-17:00 Concluding Discussion