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Final Program of the Hungarian Studies Association of Canada (HSAC)

At the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences

Brock University, May 24-26th, 2014

Saturday, May 24th Location: Student Alumni Centre, Skybar

18:00 - 18:15 Welcome and introduction by Agatha Schwartz, President of HSAC

18:15 - 19:30 *Conference Opening Session:*

“The Mingling of Borders: a Dialogue with Tamás Dobozy”

A reading and discussion with the award-winning Hungarian - Canadian author and professor of English at Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario.

19:30 – 20:30 *Welcome reception*

Sunday, May 25th Location: International Centre 107

9:00 – 10:00 *Session 1: Borders and Identities*

Chair: Nándor Dreisziger

Georg Michels (U of California, Riverside): Dangerous Border Crossers: Hungarians Accused of Turkishness (Törökösség) During the Seventeenth Century

Judit Pál (Babes Bolyai U, Cluj-Napoca): A közigazgatási határok és az elitek a 19. századi Erdélyben [Elites and Borders in Public Administration in 19th century Transylvania]

10:00 – 10:30 *Break and Refreshments*

10:30 – 12:00 **Session 2: Hungarians in Europe: Cross Border Initiatives**

Chair: Steve Jobbitt

Izabella Barati Stec (Budapest Business School): Administrative centralization in Hungary in an EU context

Tamás Gémes (CTP Youth Business Program, Budapest): Entrepreneurship education across borders in Central Europe

Magdolna Velki (Kanadai Magyar Műhely, Montreal): A magyar mint idegen nyelv oktatása a közös európai referenciakeret szintjei szerint [Teaching Hungarian as a Foreign Language According to the Levels of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)]

12:00 - 13:30 *Lunch Break*

13:30 – 14:30 **Session 3: Historical Memory and the Birth of Environmentalism in the 19th Century**

Chair: Andor Tari

Roman Holec (Institute of History of Slovak Academy of Sciences, Bratislava, Slovakia): Nature knows no boundaries: „Discovering“ the Tatra Mountains and the birth of environmental protection in the 19th century

Albert Zsolt Jakab (Romanian Institute for Research on National Minorities, Cluj-Napoca, Romania): Epoch, Boundary and Historical Consciousness. The Effects of the Austro–Hungarian Compromise of 1867 on the Commemorations in Cluj/Kolozsvár

14:30 – 15:15 **Session 4: A Fine Line between Art and Technology**

Chair: Judy Young Drache

Oliver Botár (U of Manitoba, Winnipeg)

"Training for Modernity: How László Moholy-Nagy Proposed to Help us Live with Technological Change."

15:15 – 15:30 *Break and Refreshments*

15:30 – 16:45 **HSAC Annual General Meeting**

17:00 – 19:00 **Brock U President’s Reception.** Location: Congress Centre (Walker Complex)

19:00 **HSAC Dinner** (Location: “Alphie’s Bistro” - the Faculty Club).

Monday, May 26th Location: International Centre 104

9:00 – 10:30 *Session 5: Hungarian Jews Before, During, and After the Holocaust*

Chair: Elizabeth Vlossak

Attila Gidó (Romanian Institute for Research on National Minorities, Cluj-Napoca, Romania):
Boundaries and Ties: Changing Hungarian-Jewish Relations in 20th Century Transylvania

Agatha Schwartz (University of Ottawa): Éva Heyman, the Hungarian Anne Frank: Writing against
Persecution and Trauma

Christopher Adam (Carleton U, Ottawa): Memories of the Holocaust in Canada's Hungarian Diaspora

10:30 – 11:00 *Break and refreshments*

11:00 – 12.30 *Session 6: Hungary's Foreign Relations from WWI to after WWII*

Chair: Oliver Botar

Joseph Imre (Policy Analyst, Government of Ontario, Toronto): Counter-Revolutionary Hungary,
Burgenland and the Banat Leitha Republic

Andras Becker (PhD candidate, U of Southampton, UK): A Step too far: The implications of the
German 'military passage' through Hungary on the Anglo-Hungarian relationship, April 1940

Margit Balogh (Research Centre for the Humanities, Hungarian Academy of Sciences): „Isten szabad
ege alatt”: Állami egyházpolitika és katolikus egyház a szovjet érdekszférába kerülve (1945–1948)
[“Out into God's sweet air”: Church policy and the Catholic Church in the Soviet sphere of influence,
(1945-1948)]

12:30 – 14:30 *Lunch break*

14:30 – 16:00 *Session 7: The Challenges of Globalization*

Chair: Agatha Schwartz

Steve Jobbitt (Lakehead U, Thunder Bay, Ontario): *Jobbik* Nation: Reimagining Community in the
Shadow of Globalization and European Integration

Krisztina Rácz (PhD candidate, U of Ljubljana and Visiting Fellow, U of Belgrade): Discourses and
Practices of Multiculturalism: Hungarian Youth in Vojvodina

Natalya Timoshkina (Lakehead U, Orillia Campus, Ontario): Human Trafficking and Smuggling from
Hungary to Canada

16:00 Closing Remarks by Agatha Schwartz current President of HSAC

16:00 – 17:00 Wine and Cheese Reception by the Federation for Humanities and Social Sciences.
Location: Expo Event Space.

With thanks to the members of the Conference Program committee:

Chair: Judith Szapor, McGill University; Oliver Botár, University of Manitoba; Katherine Magyarody,
University of Toronto;

To our Local Arrangements Coordinator at Brock U: Elizabeth Vlossak;

And to Katherine Magyarody for assembling the abstracts

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More information on the conference

For those of you who keep copies of our Newsletters, we provided a fair amount of preliminary information on Congress and our own conference in Issue No 92, sent out in February 2014. We are pleased once again to bring a varied and (we hope) interesting program to members and friends of HSAC. As you recall, the overall theme of Congress this year is “Border Without Boundaries” and you will find this theme as a ‘red thread’ through many of the presentations starting with the opening of the conference with award-winning Hungarian- Canadian author and Professor of English, Tamas Dobozy of Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo.

“The Mingling of Borders: a Dialogue with Tamas Dobozy” will start at 6 pm on Saturday, May 24th in the Skybar of the Student Alumni Centre of Brock. (All locations for our conference are noted in the program and can be found on the campus map of the Congress website at <http://congress2014.ca/> which is the source of all other useful information about Congress events and facilities.)

This event is open to all Congress delegates and the general public and is being advertised on the Calendar of Congress Events at: <http://congress2014.ca/program/events/mingling-borders-dialogue-tamas-dobozy> and in the Delegates’ Handbook. We hope to have copies of some of Tamás’s books available for sale at the reading; they will also be available at the Publishers’ display. The reading/discussion will be followed by a reception for conference participants. We hope to see all conference participants at the reading and reception which should offer an enjoyable start and an opportunity to meet each other. We are pleased to welcome back some of our participants from last year and also several new presenters from near and far.

As usual, we will have our annual dinner on the second evening, Sunday May 25th at the Faculty Club, Alphonse’s Bistro. We will have a special anniversary announcement to make at the dinner. And please note: we have added into our program the times and locations of the President’s reception (before our dinner on 25th) and a wine and cheese offered by the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences (at the end of the day on 26th).

A few reminders for participants

- Please check the time and location of your presentation or of the session if you are a session Chair; there have been some changes since I sent out the draft program in March. Unfortunately one or two of the presenters could not in the end make it to Brock so we had to make some changes in the timing and composition of some sessions. The abstracts and bios of speakers will be sent out to participants before the conference and we will have a couple of copies available there.
- For the Chairs: please ensure that you keep speakers to their time and that you keep question/discussion period to the end, after all session participants have finished their presentations. Since papers are to be no more than 20 minutes each, it is fully expected that speakers may need to summarize some of their points if their papers are longer. Keeping to the 20 minute limit will leave 10 minutes per presenter for questions and discussion which is an important and stimulating aspect of the conference.
- Members and participants who have not yet paid their membership fee for 2014 are kindly reminded to send or bring their dues to our Treasurer Margit Lovrics who will be at the conference looking for you. You cannot vote at our AGM if you have not paid your membership dues. If you are renewing your existing membership you can simply send a cheque to Margit (75 Graydon Hall Drive, Suite 1804, Don Mills, ON., M3A 3M5). Fees have not changed since last year and are listed on the membership application form on this page of the HSAC website: http://www.hungarianstudies.org/APPLICATION_FOR_MEMBERSHIP.pdf . If you are a new member,

you can give your payment to Margit at the conference. Membership fee includes subscription to the *Hungarian Studies Review*, the journal of our association.

- All residence, accommodation, travel, and parking information is on the Congress website. Residence accommodation includes breakfast. There is parking available in designated parking lots on campus though you may have to pay a daily or nightly fee for that – which is not too onerous.
- In our last newsletter we asked that those coming from overseas who need or would like pick-up at Toronto's Pearson international airport should get in touch with me and provide me with their time of arrival and flight number. I will try to see if we can arrange rides with members coming by car. This will probably only work if you arrive during the day on Saturday 24th and wish to get back to Toronto on 26th or 27th. Let me have any requests as soon as you can please.

Elections and Nominations. Please note that this year we will have elections for some members of the Executive. According to our by-laws, the positions of President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary are up for election every two years. The President and Vice-President may be re-elected for two consecutive terms of 2 years; the Treasurer and Secretary may be re-elected for more than two terms. This year the President and Vice- President positions are up for election. Other members of the Executive Committee such as the Chairs of various other Committees, the Members-at-Large, and the AHEA Liaison may be nominated and appointed or re-appointed by the AGM. The Chair of the Nominations Committee is Oliver Botar and members have been encouraged (see Newsletter 92) to send him the names of individuals they would like to nominate for the above positions. He has also been reaching out to the membership and current officers. Nominated individuals must be members of HSAC in good standing and must have agreed to being nominated. In addition, nominations may be made from the floor at the AGM provided the person nominated has agreed to his/her name being put forward. You can see the names and e-mail addresses of the current Executive at the top of this Newsletter, including that of Oliver.

The Agenda for the AGM and the list of Nominees will be sent out to you a week before the AGM. If you have items to suggest for the AGM, please let me have them. Volunteers for the various Committees are always welcome.

I would like to take this opportunity once again to thank our Local Arrangements Coordinator, Elizabeth Vlossak of the Department of History, Brock University for her helpful advice and participation in making arrangements for us. She represented our interests extremely well.



News and Events of Interest to Members

- We have been the lucky recipients of a donation of a couple of hundred copies of an extremely - well researched, fine-looking hard-cover history of Tokaj wines entitled ***Tokaji Wine. Fame, Fate, Tradition.*** Written by Miles Lambert-Gócs, the book provides an extensive historical survey with fascinating details of one of Hungary's most renowned products. The book would make a great gift for friends, family, and wine-lovers. While we cannot sell copies (original retail price is US \$ 27.95), we would be pleased to give away copies at the conference in return for a donation (suggested amount: \$15). The amount collected will be put to good use by HSAC: 30th anniversary projects or contribution to graduate student participation at our next year's conference are among ideas being considered. Margit will bring copies with her to the conference and we hope that many of you will consider taking advantage of such an easy donation opportunity.

- The last two issues of *Hungarian Studies Review (HSR)* were mailed to members in December 2013 and January-February 2014. Some overseas members and subscribers may have received an electronic rather than a printed version as mailing costs have risen steeply, and those members living in Hungary may have received their printed version from the Hungarian National Library (OSZK) which has agreed to mail copies for us there. Both these issues are now also available on our own website at http://www.hungarianstudies.org/hung_review.html as well as the website of the OSZK at <http://epa.oszk.hu/00000/00010>
- **Call for Papers for a special issue of Studies in Eastern European Cinema** on the topic “Artists, Amateurs, Alternative Spaces: Experimental Cinema in Eastern Europe, 1960–1990.” (2016) Guest editors: Joanna Raczynska and Ksenya Gurshtein, National Gallery of Art, Washington; Sonja Simonyi, New York University. Those interested in writing a 6,000-7,000 word article should submit a proposal by July 15, 2014 consisting of a title and a 300-500 word abstract, along with the author's (or authors') bio(s) or CV(s). Submissions should be sent to ecee.special.issue@gmail.com. Authors will be notified in mid-August 2014; the deadline for completed manuscripts is January 15, 2015. For more information, please contact Ksenya Gurshtein, Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Curatorial Fellow, Department of Photographs, National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C., T: (202) 789-3054 (work); (347) 567-8425 (home), ksenya@gmail.com
- The Debrecen Summer language and culture programs have a range of courses on offer through the summer with various dates and deadlines. All relevant information can be found on their website: <http://www.nyariegyetem.hu/index.php>
- (Second announcement) **AHEA's annual conference** is taking place as this newsletter is going out: May 8-10th, 2014 at the University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida. The overall theme is “Turning Points in Hungarian Life and History.” Detailed information including submitted papers and a general overview of the conference is provided on the AHEA website: <http://ahea.net/conferences/2014>. Also on the website is the AHEA E-Journal's latest volume, <http://ahea.net/e-journal/volume-6-2013>.
- (Second announcement) **Call for Papers** for a special 2014 cluster issue of the AHEA E-Journal on “Space, Place and the Making of Modern Hungary.” Focusing on the broad but rich analytical categories of space and place, this 2014 Thematic Cluster explores the various—and often contested—ways that modern Hungary has been constructed not just as a physical territory, but also as an interconnected set of social, political, cultural, and even moral ideas. Whether this is understood in terms of landscape, geography, territoriality, or sites of national and regional memory, notions of space and place have played—and continue to play—a central role in the making and re-making of Hungary. Recognizing that an interdisciplinary approach is the most profitable way to explore questions of space and place, this Cluster will bring together the perspectives of scholars working in diverse fields both inside and outside of Hungary, and in so doing will provide a unique opportunity to explore current research across multiple disciplines and scholarly communities. **Deadline for submissions is June 30th 2014.** For guidelines and other details please contact the co-editor Steve Jobbitt (sjobbitt@lakeheadu.ca).
- (Second announcement) **Call for papers:** for publication in a thematic issue entitled “War and Life Writing”. Ed. Louise O. Vasvári and I-Chun Wang. CLCWeb: Comparative Literature and Culture 17.2 (June 2015): <http://docs.lib.purdue.edu/clcweb/> (Purdue University Press ISSN 1481-4374). Throughout history, humans share(d) similar experiences in war: they narrate their experiences and

document suffering, trauma, dislocation, memory, etc. Life writing on war is often about (im)migration, separation, and dreams of return. The guest editors of the thematic issue on War and Life Writing invite studies on life writing in all its forms: auto/biography, memoir, testimony, diaries, letters, works in media other than print, as well as visual representation of war from all periods of human history. The preferred theoretical background of work is comparative literature and (comparative) cultural studies. For the style of the journal consult <http://docs.lib.purdue.edu/clcweblibrary/clcwebstyleguide/> Articles published in the journal are double-blind peer reviewed and indexed. Please submit papers by **31 December 2014** to Louise O. Vasvári (Stony Brook University) at louise.vasvari@stonybrook.edu and to I-Chun Wang (National Sun Yat-sen University) aticwang@faculty.nsysu.edu.tw