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15.9.2016 Thursday

15.00-18.00  Registration

18.00  Official opening by the InASEA president, Evgenija Krăsteva-Blagoeva

Welcome address by Margarita Popova, Vice President of the Republic of Bulgaria

Welcome address by Kiril Avramov, Vice-Rector of New Bulgarian University

Room: Aula

18.30-19.30  Plenary Session I

Room: Aula
Chair: Evgenija Krăsteva-Blagoeva

Karl Kaser, Family research in and on Southeast Europe: achievements - controversies - challenges

20.00  Reception: Artes Restaurant

16.9.2016 Friday

9.15-10.00  Plenary Session II

Chair: Jasna Čapo
Room: Aula

Tatjana Thelen. More than kinship: Political belonging through parenting and elder care

10.00-10.30  Coffee break

10.30-11.45  Session 1

1.1  From data to narrative and back again: Digital Humanities approaches to the family in the Balkans
1.2. Rites of Passage

Chair: Danijela Birt Katić
Room: 212

Fetaj-Berisha, Vlore. *The Diversity of Family Rituals in the Albanian Tradition*

Musa, Leontina. *From rites of passage to celebrations*

Lelaj, Olsi. *Rites of passage and the state*

1.3 Family, History, Memory

Chair: Christian Giordano
Room: 213

Velaj, Olimbi. *Albanians, experience of war and perception of identity based on analysis of narratives*

Varelaki, Falia. *When Cancer Becomes Family History: Concepts and Attitudes through an Ethnographic Approach*

Yancheva, Yana. *Memory for the youth in the 1990s*

1.4 Representations of Children

Chair: Klaus Roth
Room: 207

Kuzova, Margarita. *Staging of the Age. The Image of Children in Bulgarian and Western European Postcards of the early 20th century*

Halimi, Zalita. *Family photography: Intergenerational connections and memories from childhood perspective*
Vukanović, Maša. *Children, cultural policy and collaborative ethnography in Serbia*

**12.00 - 13.30**

**Session 2**

### 2.1. Family, Migration, Transformations I

**Chair:** Ulf Brunnbauer  
**Room:** 217

Kostova, Viktoria. *Changing the Social Pattern - Relations between Migrants and Relatives*

Tollkuci, Eli. *The impact of factors related to internal migration on violence against wives among migrant families from northern Albania, have settled in Tirana and its surrounding areas*

Maeva, Mila. *Bulgarian elderly migration to the United Kingdom*

### 2.2. Family: Images and Usages

**Chair:** Asker Kartari  
**Room:** 212

Luleva, Ana. *Family caregiving in post-socialist Bulgaria: participating in the global care chains*

Margaroni, Mary. *Social representations of the modern Greek family in popular comic TV series in Greece during the last twenty years*

Petrova, Ivanka. *Family and Enterprise: Cultural encounters of Family Life World and Market Economy*

### 2.3. Housing and Living

**Chair:** Christian Giordano  
**Room:** 213

Habit, Daniel. *Searching for the “good life”. Housing, family and urban ethics in Bucharest*

Bardhoshi, Nebi. *New Trajectories of Building and Sharing the House among Albanians*
Mateoniu, Maria. *Transitory accommodation. From student housing to rental flats*

2.4 Parenthood

**Chair:** Evgenia Krasteva-Blagoeva  
**Room:** 207

Tountasaki, Eirini. *From Shared Genes to Corporal Affinity: The Post-Narrative of Motherhood (Greece in the Era of Biotechnology)*

Pascu, Ana-Michaela. *Games Learning during Childhood. Difficulties Encountered and Adults’ Supportive Role*

Triantafyllidis, Savvas. “Is love what makes a family?”: An anthropological analysis on gay fatherhood in Greece

14.45-16.30  
**Session 3**

3.1. Transnational Families

**Chair:** Vesna Vučinić Nešković  
**Room** 217

Kartari, Asker. *Mixed Marriages in Istanbul*

Kurtenbach, Sebastian. *Causes and consequences of transnational family life*

Kadriu, Lumnije. *Transnational family - between preserving old and acquiring new way of life*

Pileva, Desislava. *Cultural Markers of (Self-) Identification of Mixed Families’ Offspring*

3.2 Religion, Ideology, Identity

**Chair:** Evgenija Krăstevă-Blagoeva  
**Room:** 212

Stahl, Irina. *The Impact of Communism on Contemporary Religious Practices and Beliefs in Romania*

Nazarska, Georgeta, Svetla Shapkalova. *Generational Views on the Creation of Human Life in Present-Day Bulgaria*
Tsitsirkou, Dimitra. *The social and cultural aspects of children’s play in a Greek community*

### 3.3 Inheritance and Mobility

**Chair:** Klaus Roth  
**Room:** 213

Birt Katić, Danijela. *Inheritance and/after mobility*

Dobre, Claudia F. *Women’s Memories and Family Heritage: “Passing on” Communist Experiences in Romania*

Kera, Gentiana. *Women and property transmission in interwar Albania*

Zlatkova, Meglena. *Mobile people and heritage across the border*

### 3.4 Old Age I

**Chair:** Karl Kaser  
**Room:** 207

Kouzas, Georgios. *“Working until the end of their lives”: Older people, who are working as itinerant peddlers in the center of Athens*

Rubić, Tihana. *Practices, representations and discourses of “active aging” in/of contemporary Croatian society*

#### 16.30-17.00 Coffee break

#### 17.00 - 18.45

**Session 4**

### 4.1 Gender Roles

**Chair:** Konstantina Bada  
**Room:** 217

Dimova, Nevena. *Girls will be Girls, Boys will be Boys: Constructing Gender among 9 year olds in Sofia, Bulgaria*

Gavrilova, Rayna. *Coming of age in a shifting world: Bulgarian young women’s choices and constraints in the decades preceding and following WW II*
Efeoglu, Elena. Women in concentration camps during the Greek Civil War (1946-1949). A content analysis of a photo book

Petkova-Antonova, Elena. How Socialist Emancipation Changed Bulgarian Muslim Women and What Happens Next?

4.2 Cross-border marriages: Rethinking the impact of gender, family and (nation-) state(s)

Chair: Ulf Brunnbauer
Room: 212

Pichler, Robert. Migration, Village Endogamy and Social Networks. A Case Study among Albanians from Macedonia

Hysa, Armanda. Theorizing ethnically mixed intimate relations in the Balkans: the case of Albanian - Serbian mixed marriages

Leutloff-Grandits, Carolin. Cross-border marriages between Kosovo and Germany/Austria: Discourses, aspirations and realities

Dahinden, Janine, Joëlle Moret, Shpresa Jashari. Cross-border marriages of 2nd generation migrants in Switzerland

4.3 Marriage: Laws and Rituals

Chair: Asker Kartari
Room: 213

Avdikos, Evangelos. From the matchmaker to the marriage agency: traditionalism and modernity in the urban space

Hamzallari, Blerina. Engagement as a social institution in Albanian culture and its transformation during the post-communist period: A qualitative study with university students who are engaged

Alushi, Besmir. Changes in the family law after the fall of the communist system in Albania, and its social consequences

Bogdanova, Zlatina. Family, Kinship and State in Contemporary Bulgaria: A Study on Social Security after Socialism
Old Age II

Chair: Ana Luleva
Room: 207

Barbulescu, Constantin. *The Refusal to Grow Old*

Iliev, Ilia. *Eldercare in Rural Bulgaria: Distant Families and Close Strangers*

Jakimovska, Ilina, Ana Aštalkovska. *Old Age - Ugly Age*”:
*Ethnographic Notes on Childless Elders in the Macedonian Context*

Evtimova, Ivelina. *Aging and retirement in socialist and post-socialist Bulgaria*

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20.00-22.00
InASEA General Assembly

17.09.2016 Saturday

9.15 - 10.00
Plenary session III

Chair: Carolin Leutloff-Grandits
Room: Aula

Koleva. Daniela. *Seeing like a state, seeing like a woman: policies and practices of gender and life course.*

10.00-10.30 Coffee break

10.30-11.45
Session 5

5.1 Family, Migration, Transformations II

Chair: Vesna Vučinić Nešković
Room: 217

Mišković, Nataša. *A Sequence of Exits: Growing Up as a Half-Orphan in an Extended Dalmatian Refugee Family, 1945 to 1963*
Zenelaga, Brunilda. How international migration is reshaping families? The case of new transnational (Albanian) families

Dimitrov, Nacho. Family life in the life-world of labour migrants: the example of the Karakachans in Bulgaria in post-socialism

5.2 Roma Marriages
Chair: Vassiliki Chrysanthopoulou
Room: 212

Pamporov, Alexei. Recent transformations on the Romani bride market in Bulgaria

Musca, Madalina. Childhood, agency and early marriages: the case of a Roma kalderash community

Hoxhallari, Itena. Roma family and kinship in the contemporary social and cultural developments in Albania

5.3 Death Rituals
Chair: Klaus Roth
Room: 213

Fruntelata, Ioana. “Carols” for the Dead: Instances of a Dissolving Ritual Sequence in Contemporary Romanian Villages

Delić, Vesna. Until death bring us together

Popescu-Simion, Florența. When death turns into funeral business - changes in the funeral practices and rituals in contemporary Romania

12.00-13.30
Session 6

6.1 Family, Migration, Transformations III
Chair: Christian Giordano
Room 217

Matsumae, Moyuru. Bulgarian Migrant Women and their Life Courses
Borosanu, Adriana, Kristiana Glavce, Richard David-Rus. *Lifestyle changes in left behind children of migrant workers*

Mateoc, Raluca. *Narratives on deportations as imagined family memories*

### 6.2 Youth Culture I

**Chair:** Konstantina Bada  
**Room:** 212

Savu, Alin. *Urban Childhoods*

Vučinić Nešković, Vesna. *Youth Culture in Everyday Life of the Balkan Cities: Transformations of the Corso in Serbia and Montenegro*

Mančeva, Svetoslava. *Youngsters Learning and Transition to Adulthood (Case Study from the Region of Plovdiv, Bulgaria)*

### 6.3 Caring for Children

**Chair:** Armanda Hysa Kodra  
**Room:** 213

Petrova, Velislava. *Are you giving water?*

Lipan, Stefan. *Caring morally: the case of institutionalized children in Bucharest, Romania*


### 6.4 Family, Migration, Transformations IV

**Chair:** Carolin Leutloff-Grandits  
**Room:** 207

Göktürk, Gülen. *I have lost my beloved: male immigration left behind women and songs*

Hristov, Petko. *Life Cycle and Labour Migrations*

Krasniqi, Elife. *The impact of second generation of migrants in social and cultural life in Kosovo*
7.1  Intergenerational Relations
Chair: Sasha Nedelkovic  
Room 217
Vol’anská, L’ubica. Who cares? Intergenerational relationships in families in Bratislava and Vienna  
Dushi, Arbnora. Intergenerational Memories on the Border History  
Balli, Brikena. LGBT individuals and their parents: “Coming out” to parents and other family members in Albanian society  
Jakoubek, Marek, Lenka Budilová. The old and the young in Voyvodovo. Property transmission and inheritance strategies in a Czech village in Bulgaria

7.2  Family, Migration, Transformations V
Chair: Jasna Čapo  
Room: 212
Brunnbauer, Ulf. Household Dynamics and Emigration. The Trans-Atlantic Balkan Experience  
Branda, Alina. Family in Times of Migration. A Few Case Studies  
Mandić, Marija. Extended Family Networks: Personal Stories of Bosniaks in Berlin  
Markov, Ivajlo. Family and Mobility: Continuities, Shifts and Generational Dynamics among Albanians from the Republic of Macedonia

7.3  Youth Culture II
Chair: Danijela Birt Katic  
Room: 213
Gioti, Stamatia, Konstantina Bada. Adaptive reuses and re-significations in places of alterity, youth culture and identities
Kirova, Aleksandra. *Socialization, integration, and identities in adolescence: the use of social categories by students from Albania, Kosovo, and Turkey studying in a French Republican Middle School in France*

Nejkova, Nija. *Bulgarian youth and global “saviors” - the outsourcing centers. Short term perspective, prestigious alternative or social constraint*

**7.4 Ethnicity and Life Courses**

*Chair: Vesna Vučinić Nešković*

*Room: 207*

Chryssanthopolou, Vassiliki. *Embodied Ways of Forging and Transmitting Identity in Greek-American Diaspora Life Courses: A Case Study of the Tarpon Springs Greek Community, Florida*

Rácz, Krisztina. *Discourses and Practices of Multiculturalism: Hungarian Youth in Vojvodina*

Jankova, Veneta. *Family memory and popular historiography. About the Tatars from Bulgarian Dobrudja*

**16.30-17.00 Coffee break**

**17.00-18.30 Session 8**

**8.1 Kinship Transformations**

*Chair: Armanda Hysa Kodra*

*Room 217*

Botikova, Marta. *Social settings as a research objective of family studies*


Barbulescu, Elena. *Childcare in Exchange for Healthcare. A New Frame for An Old Pattern of Family Care in Rural Transylvania*

Latifi, Tahir. *Kinship in relation to the public and the private sphere in Kosovo.*
8.2  Expressive Culture

Chair: Vassiliki Chrysanthopoulou  
Room: 212

Velioti, Maria. *Puppet Theatre in “Free Greece”* (1943-44)

Ivanova, Miglena. *Graffiti, Street Art and “Ageing”*

Shegaj, Orjona. *Singing to love in a patriarchal context: Eros, sensuality and sexuality in Albanian folksongs in a society ruled by patriarchs.*

Munishi, Visar. *Oda - Receptive Environment of Albanian Traditional Music*

8.3  Albanian Family: Historical Dimensions

Chair: Nebi Bardoshi  
Room: 213

Pandelejmoni, Enriketa. *Household and family structures in Urban Albania approximately 1918*

Reka, Eglantina. *Social life, the position of women in family. Family and tribal relations in the Bosniak community living in Albania*

Broci, Ermela. *Displacement of monuments as a double loss: the reaction of heroes’ families to the displacement of the monument “Five Heroes of Vig” in the city of Shkodra*

8.4  Roma Life Experiences

Chair: Alexei Pamporov  
Room: 207

Preda, Sînziana. *We, as youth, we have to listen to what the elders tell us! Even if we don’t like it*

Plainer, Zsuzsa. *“This is how I abandoned school and began selling sunflower seeds” - work experiences, living conditions and relations to formal education in Roma families in a Romanian town*

Avdžieva, Anelija. *Work-life Courses - about Social and Family Bargain (Case Study)*
Stojanova, Plamena. “Schools for women activists” (or “Schools for mothers”) for women of Gypsy origin in socialist Bulgaria

19.00 - 19.30 Final meeting and discussion