WORKSHOP
NUCLEAR LANDSCAPES IN EASTERN EUROPE AND ASIA: »KNOWLEDGE – PRACTICES – SOCIAL CHANGE«

NOVEMBER 27-28, 2014
Nuclear programs and nuclear accidents have altered the life and environments in vast territories in Eastern Europe and Asia. Nuclear legacies constitute an important factor in co-shaping the historical development and present social change in these territories. Moreover these nuclear landscapes became sites of knowledge production on radiation biology during the second half of the 20th century. While symmetries between the US and USSR nuclear programs have been extensively addressed by Cold War historians, the interrelations in nuclear programs and policies between the USSR and Asia have remained largely understudied. Therefore the multi-disciplinary workshop especially addresses the entangled history of nuclear landscapes in Eastern Europe and Asia, which becomes manifest in nuclear production chains, in circulation of radiation risk knowledge and in research collaborations.

**PROGRAM**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27**

From 14:00  
Welcome Coffee  

15:00 – 17:00  
Introduction (Organizers)  
Chair: Tanja Penter  
Susanne Bauer (IFK Wien/U Frankfurt/Main):  
Semipalatinsk after the Cold War. Perspectives from Science and Technology Studies  
Hiroko Takahashi (Hiroshima Peace Institute):  
The Long-Term Aftermath of the Nuclear Bombs in Hiroshima and Nagasaki  

17:00 – 17:30  
Coffee  

17:30 – 18:15  
Chair: Laura Sembritzki  
Egle Rindzевичюте (Science Po, Paris):  
Virtual Nuclear Landscapes in Cold War Computer Models, the 1980s  

19:00  
Dinner IWH
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28

9:00 – 10:30  Chair: Klaus Gestwa (U Tübingen)
Laura Sembritzki (U Heidelberg): Soviet Radiation Expertise in the Southern Urals in the late 1950s and early 1960s
Olga Nikonova (U Chelyabinsk): Expert Communities and Environmental Policy in the Disaster Area Affected by Radiation (Chelyabinsk) (in Russian)

10:30 – 11:00  Coffee

11:00 – 12:30  Chair: Melanie Arndt (U Regensburg)
Stefan Guth (U Bern): Atomic-Powered Communism on the Southern Soviet Periphery - the Nuclear City of Shevchenko/Aktau, 1959-2019
Magdalena Stawkowski (Stanford U): From Mutant Butterflies to Nuclear Subjectivities: Everyday Survival on the Semipalatinsk Nuclear Test Site

12:30 – 13:30  Lunch

13:30 – 15:00  Chair: Susanne Bauer
Elena Maltseva (U Nazarbayev): Living by a Nuclear Power Plant: Social Disruption and Welfare Response in Post-Soviet States
Tanja Penter (U Heidelberg): Dealing with Victims of Radioactive Contamination: Compensation Laws in Post-Soviet Russia, Ukraine, Belarus and Kazakstan

15:00 – 15:30  Coffee

15:30 – 16:15  Olga Kuchinskaya (U Pittsburgh): Radiation Issues in Belarus after the Chernobyl Accident

16:15 – 16:30  Coffee

16:30 – 18:00  Roundtable: Commentaries (Klaus Gestwa, U Tübingen; Melanie Arndt, U Regensburg) and general discussion

19:00  Closing Dinner

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