

12:45 – 13:45 | Lunch break

13:45 – 15:15 | Panel 6 | Transgressive Masculinities: Desire, Alterity, and Non-Normativity in Central Europe (II).

Panel chair: **Marcin Bogucki** (*University of Warsaw*)

- **Slaven Crnić** | (*University of Rijeka, Croatia*) A Peculiar Undoing: Male (Non)Normativity and Cultural (Non)Belonging in Ivo Andrić's Omer Pasha Latas
- **Josef Šebek** | (*Charles University*) Topography of Masculine Desire: Queering the Metropolis in Czech Literature of the 1980s and early 1990s
- **Šimon Čižmár** | (*Institute of Slovak Literature SAS, Bratislava*) Queer Masculinity in Slovak Literature

15:15 – 15:30 | Coffee break

15:30 – 17:30 | Panel 7 | Forging Modern Masculinities: Dissent and Liminal Spaces in 20th Century Central Europe

Panel chair: **Wojciech Śmieja** (*University of Silesia in Katowice*)

- **Richard Müller** | (*Institute of Czech Literature CAS, Prague*) The Condemned Men's Ominous Bonds in Kafka, Nabokov (and beyond)
- **Jan Matonoha** | (*Institute of Czech Literature CAS, Prague*) Central European Masculinities in Extreme Liminal Topoi: from the Critique of Václav Havel to Appraisal of Bruno Schulz and Miron Białoszewski
- **Judit Acsády** | (*HUN-REN Centre for Social Sciences*) De-heroizing Masculinities: Narratives of Male Dominance in Dissident Circles under Kádárism in Hungary
- **Martin Pavlov** | (*Institute of Slovak Literature SAS, Bratislava*) Nature as a Space of Masculinity Formation in Ivan Laučik's Poetry

19:00 | Dinner

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2025**

09:30 – 11:30 | Panel 8 | Central European Masculinities in Transition and Contemporary Global Challenges

Panel chair: **Ivana Taranenková** (*Institute of Slovak Literature SAS, Bratislava*)

- **Ludmiła Janion** | (*University of Warsaw*) Responsibilization of Masculinity in Poland the Transition Era: Sexuality, Pregnancy, Violence
- **Rafał Majerek** | (*Jagiellonian University, Poland*) Wounded Masculinity in Contemporary Slovak Prose (Based on Selected Texts by Márius Kopcsay)
- **Andrija Golubović** | (*University of Belgrade*) Masculinity hidden in plain sight: dominant social-scientific and media portrayals of the first two mass shootings in Serbia
- **Ruslana Kozienko** | (*Central European University / CEFRES*) Masculinities at the Home Front: Ukrainian Civilian Men and (Im)Mobility under Martial Law

11:30 | Farewell

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September 29 – October 1, 2025

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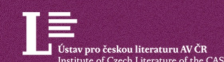
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## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2025

8:30 | Registration

8:50 | Opening

9:00 – 10:00 | **Panel 1 | Constructing National Man**

Panel chair: **Martin Braxatoris** (*Institute of Slovak Literature SAS, Bratislava*)

- **Filip Mazurkiewicz** | (*University of Silesia in Katowice*) Does the Concept of Hegemony Still Explain Anything?
- **Václav Smyčka** | (*Institute of Czech Literature CAS, Prague*) Crying men
- **Ivana Taranenková** | (*Institute of Slovak Literature SAS, Bratislava*) Male Bonding in 19th Century Slovak Literature

10:00 – 10:10 | **Coffee break**

- **Irena Bilińska** | (*Institute of Slovak Literature SAS, Bratislava*) Jánošík as a Transgressive Realization of the Topos of the Social and National Defender
- **Ľubica Schmarcová** | (*Institute of Slovak Literature SAS, Bratislava*) The Masculine Ideal of the Cultural Saint in Romantic Biography

11:40 – 13:00 | **Lunch break**

13:00 – 14:30 | **Panel 2 | Jewish Masculinities in Central Europe in the Age of Nationalism and Modernization**

Panel chair: **Filip Mazurkiewicz** (*University of Silesia in Katowice*)

- **Gergely Kunt** | (*University of Miskolc*) Narrating Coming-of-Age Heterosexuality in the Diary of a Jewish Young Man in Budapest
- **Miklós Konrád** | (*HUN-REN, Budapest*) Duelling Jews. Male Code of Honour, Assimilation and Jewish Identity in Hungary during the Dualist Period
- **Galia Hasharoni** | (*University of Haifa*) Aging Masculinity in Migration: From Central Europe to Palestine in the 1930s

14:30 – 14:40 | **Coffee break**

14:40 – 15:40 | **Keynote | Anne Tomiche** (*Sorbonne University*) **Dandyism as Gender Norm/Transgression in the Early Twentieth Century Avant-Gardes**

15:40 – 15:50 | **Coffee break**

15:50 – 17:50 | **Panel 3 | The Male Body in Central European Turn of Century: Beauty, Health, Disease, Crisis**

Panel chair: **Josef Šebek** (*Charles University, Prague*)

- **Jan Pezda** | (*University of Ostrava*) Apollo versus Hercules. Sport Stars, Physical Culture and Hegemonic Masculinity in Bohemian Lands around 1918
- **Michał Narożniak** | (*European University Institute*) Galician Men between Moral Panic and Fantasies of Delight: Negotiating Masculinity in the Prostitution Discourse
- **Darko Ilin** | (*University of Nova Gorica*) Contagious Desires: Medico-Literary Discourses of Masculinity and Sexuality in Lojz Kraigher's Young Love (1917–18)
- **Gergely Magos** | (*Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest*) Masculinity and the Degeneration of the Hungarian Nation. Male Mental Disorders in the Late 19th and Early 20th Century

19:30 | **Dinner**

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

9:00 – 11:00 | **Panel 4 | Forging Modern Masculinities: Work, Culture, and Identity in 20th Century Central Europe**

Panel chair: **Richard Müller** (*Institute of Czech Literature CAS, Prague*)

- **Marcin Szymczyński** | (*University of Silesia in Katowice*) Mining Work as an Experience of Masculinity in Upper Silesia: A Literary Perspective
- **Tereza Jiroutová-Kyčlová** | (*Charles University*) Messy Democracy: Boyhood, Masculinity, and Leadership in The Minor Theater's staging of Jaroslav Foglar's Canonical Work
- **Wojciech Smieja** | (*University of Silesia in Katowice*) Krzysztof Varga and his Hungarian Histories
- **Elisa-Maria Hiemer** | (*Freie Universität Berlin*) Constructing Fatherhood in Court: Divorce, Law, and Gender Norms in Socialist Europe

11:00 – 11:15 | **Coffee break**

11:15 – 12:45 | **Panel 5 | Transgressive Masculinities: Desire, Alterity, and Non-Normativity in Central Europe (I).**

Panel chair: **Mateusz Chmurski** (*Sorbonne University / CEFRES*)

- **Agnieszka Sobolewska Alsberg** | (*University of Illinois at Chicago / CEFRES*) Wild Masculinities and Psychoanalytic Heterodoxies: From Vienna and Paris to Prague and Back
- **Nicolas Aude** | (*Sorbonne University*) Men Under the Whip: Deleuze, Sacher-Masoch and the Galician Context
- **Luca Baruffa** | (*Sapienza, University of Rome*) Forests of Desire. Discipline and Dissent in Twentieth-Century Homoerotic Naturecultures: from Hans Blüher to Heinz Rutha