

Peasant Class Struggle?
Rural resistance to states and elites in the era of world wars in Europe

A symposium held at the
Research centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts (ZRC SAZU)
Prešernova dvorana SAZU, Novi Trg 4, Ljubljana
(20.-21. 4. 2023)

Thursday, April 20

9:30-10:00 Arrival, coffee

10:00 Introduction/welcome – Jakub Beneš (University College London)

10:15-12:00 National or social activists?

Chair: Petra Svoljšak

(ZRC SAZU, Milko Kos Historical Institute)

Christian Promitzer *Ethnic division versus class solidarity – the situation of the rural population in Styria during and immediately after the Great War*
(University of Graz)

Jernej Kosi *“Yugoslavia has no bread. But Hungarians give us bread”:
Prekmurje peasants between salvation and starvation*
(University of Ljubljana)

12:00-13:00 Lunch



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13:00-15:15 The state versus the countryside

Chair: **Jakub Beneš**

(University College London)

Irina Marin *Training Your Enemy: The Role of Peasant Military Training during the 1907 Romanian Peasant Uprising*
(Utrecht University)

Vijoleta Herman Kaurić *Against War and Government: The Conditions in Northwest Croatia in the Autumn of 1918*
and Marko Vukičević
(Croatian Institute of History, Zagreb)

Danilo Šarenac *Eastern Serbia as the hotbed of Banditry in the Kingdom of Yugoslavia*
(Institute for Contemporary History, Belgrade)

15:15-15:45 Coffee break

15:45-17:15 Revolution in the village

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Sarah Badcock *Peasant class or rural dwellers? Russia's revolutionary actors in the countryside*
(University of Nottingham)

Tamás Révész *The forgotten parallel revolution(s). Peasant riots in Hungary in 1918-1919*
(Institute of History, Research Centre for the Humanities, Budapest)



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Friday, April 21

9:30-11:45 Expanded political horizons

Chair: Žarko Lazarević

(Institute of Contemporary History, Ljubljana)

Miguel Cabo *Agrarian Parties and the Redefinition of the Peasantry in the Interwar Years*
(University of Santiago de Compostela)

Lucian George *“The peasant class” and “the agricultural estate”: agrarian populism and its social subjects in interwar Galicia and Bohemia*
(Oxford University/Italian Institute for Historical Studies in Naples)

Rosario Forlenza *Peasants and Revolutionary Experiences in Southern Italy, 1943-1945*
(LUISS University, Rome)



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