

International Conference, Online, 6-8 May 2021

Ernest Gellner Legacy and Social Theory Today

Programme

Thursday 6 May 2020, 14:00 (CEST = Central European Summer Time)

Chair: Daniel Sosna

Opening

14:00-14:05 Martin Heřmanský (Past President, Czech Association for Social Anthropology)

14:05-14:10 Jérôme Heurtaux (Director, French Centre for Study and Research in Social Sciences)

14.10-14:15 Petr Skalník (Main organiser, Czech Association for Social Anthropology)

Papers and Comments

14:15-14:35 David Shankland: Gellner: right and wrong
Discussant: Lale Yalçın-Heckmann

14:35-14:55 Johann Arnason: Gellner and the Habsburg window on modernity
Discussant: Chris Hann

14:55-15:15 Daniele Conversi: Gellner in the Anthropocene. Modernity, nationalism and climate change
Discussant: Thomas Hylland Eriksen

15:15-15:30 **Break** for refreshment

15:30-15:50 Ian Jarvie: The Persistence of the Individualism Debate Today
Discussant: David Gellner

15:50-16:10 Alan Macfarlane: Ernest Gellner and the Limits of Understanding
Discussants: Adam Horálek and Richard Marshall

16:10-16:30 Adam Horálek: Nation Building in Aging Taiwan: Gellnerian Perspective
Discussant: Alan Macfarlane

16:30-17:00 Discussion

Main discussant: Aleksandar Bošković
General discussion

Friday 7 May 2020, 14:00 (CEST = Central European Summer Time)

Chair: Thomas Hylland Eriksen

Papers and Comments

14:00-14:20 David Gellner: Ernest Gellner and Populism

Discussant: Mihály Sárkány

14:20-14:40 Grażyna Kubica: Gellner's theory of nationalism, and the study of Silesianess

Discussant: Marcin Brocki

14:40-15:00 Guido Franzinetti: Gellner and the Historians

Discussant: David Shankland

15:00-15:20 Chris Hann: A Critique of Gellner's Neo-Liberalism: Economy, Equality, Epistemology

Discussant: Johann Arnason

15:20-15:35 **Break** for refreshment

15:35-15:55 Ralph Schroeder: The Ghost in the Machine: Gellner and Beyond with Data-Driven and Formalized Social Theory

Discussant: Siniša Malešević

15:55-16:15 Vytis Čiubrinskas: Politics of ethnification: political subjectivity of nation-states vis-à-vis Polish minority in Eastern Europe

Discussant: Zdeněk Uherek

16:15-16:35 Zdeněk Uherek: Conceptualizations of Nations and Nationalisms and their Developments: The Czech Reflection

Discussant: Vytis Čiubrinskas

16:35-17:00 **Discussion**

Main discussant: Nikola Balaš

General discussion

Saturday 8 May 2021, 14:00 (CEST = Central European Summer Time)

Chair: David Shankland:

14:00-14:20 Thomas Hylland Eriksen: Postcolonialism as a possibility: A dialogue that never happened

Discussant: Grażyna Kubica

14:20-14:40 Siniša Malešević: War and Group Solidarity: from Ibn Khaldun to Ernest Gellner and beyond

Discussant: Guido Franzinetti

14:40-15:00 Nikolay Kradin: Ernest Gellner and Debates about World History Periodization

Discussant: Anatoly Khazanov

15:00-15:20 Anatoly Khazanov: After Ernest Gellner: Nationalism and Nation-States Today

Discussant: John Hall

15:20-15:35 **Break** for refreshment

15:35-15:55 Andre Gingrich : The Importance of Reading Ernest: Historical Methodologies as Hidden Resources for Anthropology

Discussant: Daniele Conversi

15:55-16:15 John Hall: The Philosopher of Anthropology: Ernest Gellner (1925-1995)

Discussant: Ian Jarvie

16:15-16:35 Lahouari Addi: L'islam, Platon et le protestantisme:Gellner et la société maghrébine

Andre Gingrich will introduce Lahouari Addi's paper and comment on it as well

16:35-17:00 **Discussion**

Main discussant: Petr Skalník

General discussion

Closing