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Tuesday, 2 July

18:30 WELCOME

Elisabeth Röhrlich, Vice Dean

Faculty of Historical and Cultural Studies, University of Vienna

18:40 OPENING KEYNOTE SESSION

Siegfried Beer, Karl-Franzens-University Graz

“Diplomacy, Intelligence and Agency. Researching American Post-War Operatives in Austria”

Wednesday, 3 July

8:45 OPENING REMARKS

Peter Becker, University of Vienna

Michael Burri, Botsiber Institute for Austrian-American Studies

9:00 THE TECHNICAL EXPERT

Chair: Michael Burri, Botsiber Institute for Austrian-American Studies

Franz Adlgasser, Austrian Academy of Sciences

“William B. Causey. Technical Adviser to the Austrian Government, 1919-1923”

Tibor Glant, University of Debrecen

“Quaker Relief Operations in Hungary after the Two World Wars”

Clara-Anna Egger, University of Vienna

“I found I could not escape the impact of my Austrian experiences... I had to work for peace.’ Peacebuilding in Austria after the Great War”

Respondent: Lucile Dreidemy, University of Vienna

10:30 Coffee Break

11:00 STRUCTURAL INTEGRATION AND REBUILDING

Chair: Máté Rigó, Ludwigs-Maximilians University Munich

Andrew Behrendt, Missouri University of Science and Technology
“Red, White, Blue—and Especially Green: Situating American Tourists
in Post-Imperial Austria, 1918-1938”

Gábor Egry, Institute of Political History, Budapest
“Agents of the ‘Irresistible Empire’? American Relief,
State Assessment, and the Transformation of Consumption Culture”

Dagmar Hájková, Masaryk Institute and Archive
“On the request of Alice Masaryk: First American Social Workers
in Czechoslovakia”

Respondent: John Deak, University of Notre Dame

14:30 STATE INITIATIVES

Chair: Matthew Berg, John Carroll University

Sebastian Cody, Open Media
“An Investigation by Army Counterintelligence in Salzburg 1946”

Günter Bischof, University of New Orleans
“Marshall Plan Agents in the Economic Reconstruction
of Post-World War II Austria”

Hans Petschar, Austrian National Library
“Yoichi Okamoto and the US Information Service in Austria, 1945-1954”

Respondent: Philipp Ther, University of Vienna

17:00 KEYNOTE SESSION

Nathan Marcus, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
“Americans as League of Nations Agents in Interwar Austria”

19:00 Conference Dinner

Thursday, 4 July

9:00 CULTURE, DIPLOMACY, AND EXCHANGE

Chair: TBD

Alison Clarke, University of Applied Arts Vienna

“Design Diplomacy: Austrian-American Dialogues and Cold War Strategies”

Lonnie Johnson, Former Executive Director, Fulbright Austria

“U.S. Government 'Exchange of Persons' Programs in Postwar Austria: Smith-Mundt and Fulbright Program Grantees as Agents of American Culture”

James McSpadden, University of Nevada, Reno

“American Librarians in Postwar Vienna: Democrats, Censors, and Entrepreneurs”

Respondent: Eva-Maria Muschik, University of Vienna

11:00 THE TECHNICAL EXPERT II

Chair: **Peter Becker**, University of Vienna

Dagmar Wernitznig, University of Ljubljana

“A Female Agent in Post-WWI Austria: Sarah Wambaugh (1882–1955), Wilsonianism, the League of Nations, and the Second Sex in the First Republic”

Zoltán Peterecz, Eszterházy Károly University

“The American Multidimensional Agent in Hungary: Royall Tyler as Financial Diplomatic, and Intelligence Agent in the Interwar Years”

Franz Lackner, University of Vienna

“The US Postwar Medical Agents in Vienna”

Respondent: Martin Geyer, Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich

13:00 Conference Lunch

The Great War and the breakup of the Habsburg monarchy left its successor states with the challenge of state building under difficult conditions. Co-organized by the Botstiber Institute for Austrian-American Studies, the Department of History, and the Faculty of Historical Studies and Cultural Studies at the University of Vienna, this conference brings together scholars from North America and Europe to discuss the strategies of Austria and the successor states to develop their state capacities and to provide basic public goods with the support of American experts on different levels of administration.

