THE EUROPEAN SPA
AS A TRANSNATIONAL PUBLIC
SPACE AND SOCIAL METAPHOR

The European Spa as a Transnational Public Space and Social Metaphor

Final project meeting / conference, 2-3 June 2022

Brijuni Islands, Croatia

Preliminary programme

Thursday 2 June

10.00 Conference opening

10.15 **Opening Keynote**

Dr Oliver Sukrow (Vienna):

From Saratoga Springs to Nauheim and back

11.15 Coffee break

11.30 **Panel one: Spas as Social, Cultural or Political laboratory**

Christian Noack (Amsterdam, Chair)

Dean Vuletić (Vienna):

The Cold War Politics of Popular Music Contests in Eastern European Spa Towns

Cosmin-Ştefan Dogaru (Bucharest):

Spa-Tourism, Leisure and Sociability in Interwar-Romania: Encounters between Old and New Elites

Milan Balaban, Irena Balaban-Cakirpaloglu (Zlin):

Yugoslav Tourists in Czechoslovak Spas during the Interwar Period

13.30 Lunch break

15.00 **Panel two: The Ugly Spa**

Prof. Wiebke Kolbe (Lund, Chair)

Jonathan Voges (Hannover):

Bad Pyrmont's Ugly History. Writing the History of a Spa Town under Nation-Socialism

Kelly Hignett (Leeds):

Jáchymov: A Small Bohemian Spa Town with a Big History.

Katrin Sippel (Vienna):

"Unwanted Holidays". Portuguese Spas as Places of Abode for Refugees during WW II

17.00 Guided tour through poster exhibition

19.00 Dinner

Friday 3 June

Prof Bill Bell (Cardiff, Chair)

10.00 **Panel three (pt 1): The Transnational Literary Spa Text**

Olga Kulishkina & Larisa Poluboyarinova (St Petersburg):

Literary Spa Narratives of the long 19th Century as Map and Network

Yana Lyapova (Insbruck):

Primal Scenes of the "Sanatorial text": Decoding the Spa Workers Gaze in the Swimming Pool Scenes of Bohumil Hrabal and Milan Kundera

11.15 Coffee break

11.30 Panel three (pt 2)

Barbara Schaff (Göttingen):

"Bad" behaviour: Emancipation and Female Regulation in Spa Literature around 1900.

Karolina Watroba (Oxford):

Gore Verbinski's "A cure for Wellness": A modern Magic Mountain?

13.00 Lunch

14.00 **Panel four: Current Concerns in and for Spas**

Dr Herike Schmidt (Berlin, Chair)

Kristina Afrić Rakitovac (Pula):

Implementation of Sustainability Issues in European Spas

Nataša Urošević (Pula):

The Great Spas of Europe. Revitalization Models for Croatian Historic Spas

Séan Williams (Sheffield):

Wellness for Locals? The Case of Switzerland

16.00 Coffee break

16.30 Round table: The HERA European Spas project

17.30 **Closing Keynote:**

Sara Bédard-Goulet (Tartu) & Bruno Goosse (Bruxelles)

Sanatorium Atmosphere: An Artistic Approach to Tracing Changes in Spa Uses

19.00 Dinner