

Rethinking Anthropologies in Central Europe for Global Imaginaries

(May 26 – 27, 2014, Vila Lanna, Prague, Czech Republic)

On May 26 - 27, 2014, the Institute of Ethnology of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic organized an international anthropological conference, entitled, *Rethinking Anthropologies in Central Europe for Global Imaginaries* supported by the International Visegrad Fund Standard Project, *Social and Cultural Change in Contemporary Central Europe*. The conference took place at Vila Lanna, the conference center of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic in Prague. The meeting was co-organized by representatives of partner institutions, including: Alexandra Bitušiková - Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica, Michał Buchowski - Adam Mickiewicz University and Vlad Naumescu - Central European University.

All project partners actively participated in the conference preparation as members of the scientific committee that distributed call for papers internationally and in institutions in their respective countries and made the final selection of papers to be presented. The speakers came predominantly from Visegrad Member countries - 12 from Poland, 14 from the Czech Republic, 4 from Hungary, 6 from Slovakia, while 3 paper presenters came from outside Visegrad member countries (1 from Sweden, 1 from the USA and 1 from Germany). The conference program featured 7 panel sessions that were moderated by representatives of all four partners from Slovakia, Hungary, Poland and the Czech Republic. The conference included 34 papers presented by 37 invited speakers and was attended by other participants from Prague and Bratislava, bringing the overall number of participants of the two-day event to 53. The conference was evaluated as an important platform at which high-quality work of anthropologists from neighboring countries could be presented and discussed. New partnerships were formed and participants agreed that the event should become a cyclical (annual or bi-annual) meeting of anthropologists from Visegrad countries, who rarely have a chance to meet and get to know each other's work and form regional partnerships that strengthen their chances in competing for international funding and publication venues.

For more information about the conference and the project please visit the project website at http://www.eu.avcr.cz/Social_and_Cultural_Change_in_Contemporary_Central_Europe/index.html.

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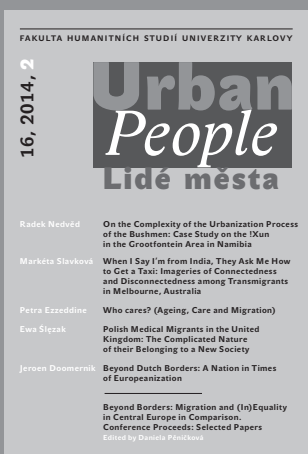
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