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**“AMERICAN AGENTS IN AUSTRIA, AFTER 1918, AFTER 1945”  
JULY 2-4, 2024,  
SEMINAR ROOM 1  
MAIN BUILDING, UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA**

**2 JULY 2024**

**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”

**3 JULY 2024**

**8:45 OPENING REMARKS**

**Peter Becker**, University of Vienna

**Michael Burri**, Botstiber Institute for Austrian-American Studies

**9.00 THE TECHNICAL EXPERT**

**Chair: Michael Burri**, Botstiber 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

**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 Postimperial 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**

**12.30 CONFERENCE LUNCH**

**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**

**4 July 2024**

**9.00 CULTURE, DIPLOMACY, AND EXCHANGE**

**Chair: Markus Schweiger, Austrian Marshall Plan Foundation**

**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 the 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 (END)**

## CONFERENCE

The Great War and the breakup of the Habsburg monarchy left its successor states with the challenge of state building under difficult conditions. 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.

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