



***Crossing the Political Divide:  
Transborder Workers during the Cold War  
between Eastern, Western and Southern Europe***

***International Workshop***

***March 24-25, 2022, Universidad Complutense de Madrid***

***Facultad de Geografía e Historia, Salón de Grados (first floor)  
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## Program

### ***Thursday, March 24***

9:30 Introduction (Sarah Lemmen)

#### **10:00-13:30 Panel I: Informal and illegal cross-border relations**

1. Robert Andrzejczyk (Rzeszów): Seafarers as Liaisons between the Polish People's Republic and the West. Smuggling and Trading Activities
2. Sarah Lemmen (Madrid): Up and down the river Elbe: Czechoslovak Bargemen between East and West

Break (11:30-12:00)

3. Matthias Kaltenbrunner (Vienna): Racing Drivers and Mechanics: Vienna as hub of the Informal Car Market in the 1980s
4. Sana Benbelli and Abdallah Zouhairi (Casablanca): Postcolonial Mobilities: Cross-border Women Workers between Ceuta and Morocco

#### **16:00-18:00 Panel II: Professional Border Crossings between East and West**

5. Mariia Zimina (Giessen): Think Globally, Act Locally: Soviet Correspondent Network Abroad in the 1950s
6. Pavel Mücke (Prague): Czechoslovak Introducers to the Cold War International Reality/ies: A short look at ČEDOK's tourism branches abroad and their staff (1948–1989)
7. José M. Faraldo Jarillo (Madrid): Disappointments at the other side. Working on a New Opera in Madrid (1964-1966).

### ***Friday, March 25***

#### **9:00-11:00 Panel III: Guest workers between East and West**

8. Brigitte Le Normand (Maastricht): Everyday life of Yugoslav guest workers, in their own words
9. Carlos J. Sanz (Madrid): Spanish Migrant Workers in West Germany between Dictatorship and Democracy (1960-1980): a Microhistory of the Cold War
10. Luis G. Martínez del Campo (Madrid): Caught in the Crossfire. Spanish Cross-Border Workers and Franco's Coercive Diplomacy in Gibraltar, 1945-1975

#### **11:30-13:30 Panel IV: Academics abroad**

11. Irina Nastasă-Matei (Bucharest): Cold War Mobilities: Students and Researchers from Socialist Countries in West Germany
12. Sławomir Łukasiewicz (Lublin/Harvard): Foreign Stipends founded for the Professors and Lecturers of the Catholic University of Lublin during the Cold War
13. Carolina Rodríguez López (Madrid): Creating Experts for Francoist Spain: Scholarships and Projects of the Fundación del Amo in the United States in the Cold War

13:30-14:00 **Final discussion**