

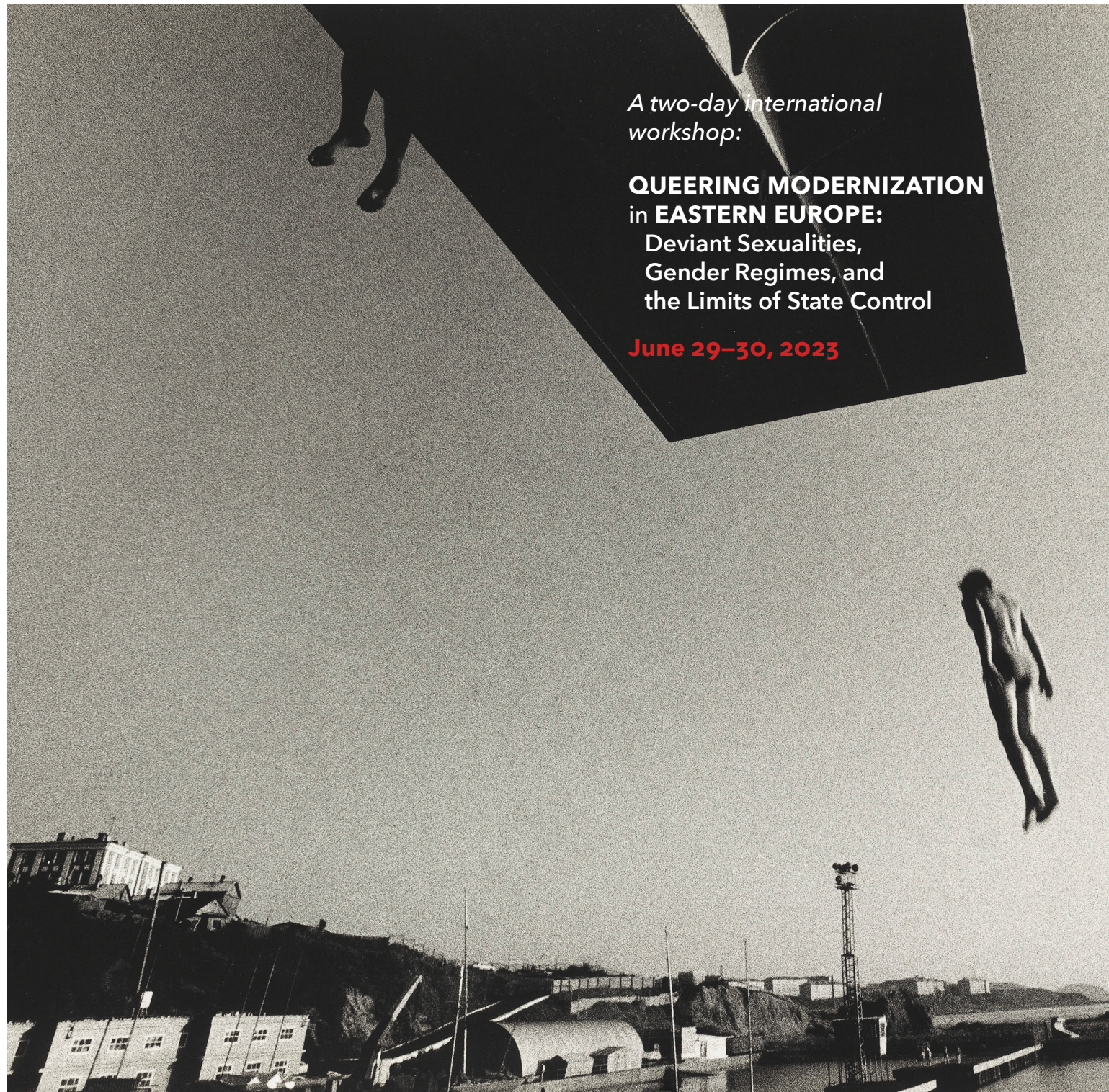
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*A two-day international  
workshop:*

**QUEERING MODERNIZATION  
in EASTERN EUROPE:**  
Deviant Sexualities,  
Gender Regimes, and  
the Limits of State Control

**June 29–30, 2023**

## June 29

17.00 Registration

17.20 Welcoming notes

### 17.40–19.00 Keynote lecture

Dr. Anna Hájková (University of Warwick):  
"Between Love and Coercion: A Methodological Approach to the Queer Desire in the Holocaust"

**Discussant:** Prof. Claudia Kraft (University of Vienna)

19.30 *Dinner*

## June 30

08.45 Registration

### 09.00–11.00 Panel 1: Identity, Community, State, and Homosexuality

Daniel Gunz (University of Vienna):  
"The Habsburg Military and its Contradictory War Against Homosexuality"

Marianna Zakrzewska (University of Warsaw):  
"Traditional and Progressive Models of Queer Masculinity Performed by Women in Poland: On The Examples of Maria Rodziewiczówna and Maria Dulębianka"

Dr. Kamil Karczewski (University of London):  
"Two Words That Created a Community? The Rise of 'Sexual Minority' in Interwar Poland"

**Discussant:** Dr. Anna Hájková (University of Warwick)

**Chair:** Prof. Claudia Kraft (University of Vienna)

11.00 *Break*

### 11.30–13.30 Panel 2: Socialist Modernity and Sexual Deviance

Dr. Rasa Navickaitė (University of Vienna):  
"Gender Complementarity Discourses and the Making of Sexual Deviance in Late Soviet Lithuania: Science, Pedagogy and Attitudes"

Elizabete Vizgunova-Vikmane (University of Latvia):  
"Non-normative Sexuality of Women in Soviet Latvia between 1954–1991: The Narratives"

Tamara Khurtsydze (Central European University):  
"Political Prisoner as an Agent of Modernity/ Coloniality: A Critical Reading of the Soviet Political Prisoners' Memoirs"

Dr. Ineta Lipša (University of Latvia):  
"Queer Agency Responding to Surveillance of State Authorities in Soviet Latvia, 1945–1991"

**Discussant:** Dr. Łukasz Szulc (University of Manchester)

**Chair:** Prof. Dietlind Hüchtker (University of Vienna)

13.30 *Lunch*

### 15.00–17.00 Panel 3: Literary Escapes and Rebellions

Kārlis Vērdiņš (Washington University/University of Latvia):  
"Songs of Hermaphrodite by Eriks Ādamsons between Psyche and Physiology"

Adriana Kovacheva (Adam Mickiewicz University):  
"Troubling Past: Models of Queer Fraternity in Communist Poland and Bulgaria"

Martyna Miernecka (University of Warsaw):  
"Wild Flowers and Abandoned Meadows. On Miron Białoszewski's Works from the Perspective of Queer Ecology"

Janine Pisharek (TU Dresden):  
"Bard of the lesser Brothers"? – Notions of Shame and Emancipation in Queer Polish Literature of the late 1980s and early 1990s"

**Discussant:** Dr. Katharina Wiedlack (University of Vienna)

**Chair:** Dr. Rasa Navickaitė (University of Vienna)

17.00 *Break*

### 17.30–18.50 Keynote lecture

Dr. Łukasz Szulc (University of Manchester):  
"Central and/or Eastern Europe Within, Between and Beyond Borders"

**Discussant:** Prof. Dietlind Hüchtker (University of Vienna)

18.50–19.00 Closing notes