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## CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

‘Eastern-European Ageing Societies in Transition’ (EAST) Research Network

Workshop in Görlitz, June 11-13, 2015

### **“Depopulation of Rural Areas in Central / Eastern Europe: Causes, consequences and solutions”**

#### **Thursday, June 11**

Arrival of delegates in Görlitz

20.00 Dinner for invited speakers/guests at restaurant “Filetto” in Görlitz, Peterstr. 1

#### **Friday, June 12**

09.30 – 10.00 Introduction

*Dr George W. Leeson, Oxford Institute of Population Ageing, University of Oxford, UK*

*Professor Andreas Hoff, Zittau/Görlitz University of Applied Sciences, Germany*

10.00 – 11.00 Keynote Lecture “Depopulation of rural areas: The case of Poland”

*Professor Ewa Frątczak, Warsaw School of Economics, Poland*

11.00 – 11.30 Tea / Coffee (poster session)

11.30 – 12.45 Submitted Paper Session I

“Regional depopulation and the provision of institutional childcare in Germany and Poland”

*Dr Walter Bartl, Martin-Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg, Germany*

“Rural depopulation in Bulgaria”

*Dr Mariana Mourgova, University of National and World Economics, Sofia, Bulgaria*

“Formation of demographic wildernesses in Lithuania: who remains to live there?”

*Professor Sarmitė Mikulionienė, Mykolas Romeris University, Vilnius, Lithuania*

“Depopulation of rural areas in Latvia: Causes and consequences”

*Dr Anna Stepchenko, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Latvia, Riga, Latvia*

12.45 – 14.00

Lunch Break

14.00 – 14.45

“Demographic and socio-economic aspects of depopulation in the Romanian countryside and implications for international work migration”

*Professor Ágnes Neményi, Partium Christian University, Oradea, Romania*

14.45 – 15.30

“Challenges of the Hungarian long-term care model and a possible answer: A complex care model”

*Professor Zsuzsa Széman, Semmelweis University and Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest, Hungary*

15.30 – 16.00

Tea / Coffee (poster session)

16.00 – 17.15

Submitted Paper Session II

“Adaptation to demographic change: population change and beyond”

*Dr Martin Šimon, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, Prague, Czech Republic*

“Shrinking resources or inexhaustible reserves of rural labour markets in Poland”

*Professor Krystian Heffner, University of Economics in Katowice, Poland*

“Age-friendly environment in Slovenian towns and rural areas”

*Ana Vujović, Anton Trstenjak Institute of Gerontology and Intergenerational Relations, Ljubljana, Slovenia*

“Typology of rural settlements as a platform for depopulation process mitigation in Serbia”

*Marija Drobnjakovic, Geographical Institute “Jovan Cvijić”, Serbian Academy of Science and Arts, Belgrade, Serbia*

17.15 – 17.30

Welcome

*Professor Friedrich Albrecht, Rector of Zittau/Görlitz University of Applied Sciences*

- 17.30 – 18.00 Joint walk to the Upper Market in Görlitz
- 18.00 – 19.30 Guided walking tour through the historic city centre of Görlitz (in English)
- 20.00 Dinner for invited speakers/guests at restaurant “Dreibeiniger Hund” (“Three-legged dog”) in Görlitz, Büttnerstr. 12/13

### Saturday, June 13

- 09.30 – 10.15 “The role of formal services in providing care for older people in depopulating rural areas in Central/Eastern Europe”  
*Professor Valentina Hlebec, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia*
- 10.15 – 11.00 “Making the case for cross-regional analysis in Central/Eastern Europe”  
*Professor Andreas Hoff, Zittau/Görlitz University of Applied Sciences*
- 11.00 – 11.30 Tea / Coffee (poster session)
- 11.30 – 12.45 Submitted Paper Session III
- “Development of the Silver Economy in the Context of Population Ageing and Depopulation: the Example of the Podlaskie Voivodeship”  
*Dr Andrzej Klimczuk, Warsaw School of Economics, Poland*
- “Is land ownership exacerbating rural depopulation? A select review of policy responses in Central and Eastern Europe”  
*Dr Andrew Cartwright, Center for Policy Studies, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary*
- “Limitations of the analysis of active ageing policies in rural areas: the case of Poland”  
*Dr Jolanta Perek-Bialas, Warsaw School of Economics, Poland*
- “Demographic change in Germany under the aspect of happiness and life satisfaction in the third and fourth age in East and West Germany”  
*Christian Heidl, Wilhelm-Löhe-Hochschule Fürth University of Applied Sciences, Germany*
- 12.45 – 14.00 Lunch break
- 14.00 – 16.00 Panel discussion on future research and policy recommendations  
*Dr George W. Leeson, Professor Andreas Hoff*
- 16.00 – 16.30 Tea / Coffee
- 16.30 – 16.45 Closing (*Dr George W. Leeson, Professor Andreas Hoff*)
- 19.30 Dinner for invited speakers/guests at restaurant “Przy Jakubie” in Zgorzelec, Daszyńskiego 11