

DAYDREAMING NATIONS

20 VOICES FROM
CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE
REFLECTIONS ON THE POST-1918 PERIOD

AGORA

04 FEB. '18
14:00 – 21:00

TERARKEN 1 & 2

WELCOME

Within European history as whole, 1918 is primarily associated with the end of the First World War. However, in Central and Eastern Europe 1918 also brought the rapid disintegration of the Russian, Habsburg, German and Ottoman empires and the birth or the transformation of a series of nation-states (including Albania, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Estonia, Finland, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, and Romania), each striving to build modern societies. One hundred years on, BOZAR is revisiting this largely unknown page from Europe's history. We examine 1918, not just as an important anniversary, but also as a powerful symbol of the explosion of creativity and of the social, artistic and political aspirations of many people who laboured to build a better future.

Today remembering 1918 means recollecting and critically engaging with the many visions of modernity that produced, not only some of the most tragic developments in European history such as the rise of fascism, but which simultaneously continue to inspire a better political future for Europeans. This conference gathers a variety of voices and perspectives: ten duos of artists and intellectuals from ten Eastern or Central European countries, all of whom will present their visions of the period following 1918, as representatives of the nations themselves, as well as Europe as a whole. On this occasion one room (Terarken 2) is a dedicated place for the exchange of ideas between the panellists. Here they will present their personal visions on the legacy of 1918 in their own countries and engage in lively

discussions led by a moderator. In order to facilitate more direct contact with the public, a second room (Terarken 1), has been transformed into an informal 'café' space that facilitates free-flowing debate in the 'fish-bowl' style.

In an effort to enlarge the discourse, we would like to invite you the public to join into these discussions. Engaging our BOZAR public with these debates is the principle objective of this 'daydreaming' event. As such we invite you to pick the microphone and share your thoughts, dreams or ideas in direct dialogue with the speakers. Please feel free to ask questions during the Q&A portion of the debates. Or afterwards, pull up a chair in the 'café' and speak directly to the panellists. You can also send any questions you may have for the speakers through your smartphone to be displayed on our Twitter wall. There is one microphone at your disposal, and a steward to help you Tweet! Complimentary drinks and sandwiches will also be provided in the café.

The first café discussion will follow the end of the first panel. Feel free to join-in the café discussions or just stay put for the next round of panel presentations. We hope this atmosphere will stimulate creative ideas for spontaneous debates culminating in exciting exchanges!

PROGRAMME

PANEL #1

Moderator:
Yves Plasseraud,
author and academic

14:00 - 14:30

Pirita Näkkäläjärvi, Sámi of the Year 2017 and strategy consultant & Virva Liski, historian (Finland)

14:30 - 15:00

Peeter Helme, author & Erkki Bahovski, journalist and historian (Estonia)

15:00 - 15:30

Voldemārs Johansons, artist and composer & Valda Selga Liepiņa, journalist and translator (Latvia)

15:30 - 16:00

Kristina Sabaliauskaitė, art historian and author & Arūnas Gelūnas, philosopher, politician and former minister for Culture (Lithuania)

16:00 - 21:00

Debates in the café

PANEL #2

Moderator:
Peter Vermeersch,
political scientist and poet

16:30 - 17:00

Grzegorz Jankowicz, critic, philologist, essayist and translator & Krzysztof Zanussi, producer, screenwriter, television and film director (Poland)

17:00 - 17:30

Eszter Zsófia Tóth, historian & Gergely Barki, art historian and curator (Hungary)

17:30 - 18:00

Heidemarie Uhl, historian & Lukas Mandl, member of the European Parliament (Austria)

18:00 - 21:00

Debates in the café

PANEL #3

Moderator:
Johan de Boose,
author and journalist

18:30 - 19:00

Pavína Kvapilová, journalist and social media strategist & David Zábanský, novelist, playwright and editor (Czech Republic)

19:00 - 19:30

Adrian Cioroianu, historian, journalist, author and ambassador for the Permanent Delegation of Romania to UNESCO & Ion M. Ioniță, editor and journalist (Romania)

19:30 - 20:00

Erisa Zykaj, journalist and researcher & Elidor Mehilli, historian (Albania)

20:00 - 21:00

Debates in the café

	14:00 - 16:00	16:30 - 18:00	18:30 - 20:00	20:00 - 21:00
Terarken 2	panel #1	panel #2	panel #3	
Terarken 1		Café debates with speakers and moderator of panel #1	Café debates with speakers and moderators of panels #1 and #2	Café debates with speakers and moderators of panels #1, #2 and #3

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