

Minorities and Self-determination: 100th Anniversary of the Post-World War I Plebiscites Final Programme

International Conference co-organized by DCBIB and ECMI
Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th June 2021

Day 1 (Thursday 3rd June 2021) – Times are all CET.

Opening of the Conference	09.00 – 10.00	<p>Opening remarks:</p> <p>Jens M. Henriksen (DCBIB) and Vello Pettai (ECMI) (5mins each)</p> <p>Introduction Round (all participants, 1 minute each)</p> <p>Mogens Rostgaard Nissen (DCBIB) - speech on the Conference and its connections to the Danish-German borderland. (15 mins)</p>
Keynote speaker number 1:	10.00 – 11.00	<p>10.00 – 10.40 Keynote lecture: Matt Qvortrup <i>Title: Schleswig, Safe for Democracy?</i></p> <p>10.40 – 11.00 Q&A</p>
Coffee break	11.00 – 11.30	
Panel 1	11.30 – 12.45	<p><i>Title: Self-determination from theoretical and historical perspectives.</i></p> <p><i>Chair: Vello Pettai. Rapporteur: Matt Qvortrup</i></p> <p>Paper 1 – 15 minutes: Martin Klatt – Plebiscites, minorities and the right of self-determination – some lessons from 1920</p> <p>Paper 2 – 15 minutes: Micha Germann – Pax Populi? On the Conflict Resolution Potential of Self-Determination Referendums</p> <p>Paper 3 – 15 minutes: Natalija Shikova and Ephraim Nimni – Minorities and indigenous rights as the Achilles Heel of national self-determination</p> <p>Discussion – 30 minutes</p>
Lunch break	12.45 – 14.00	
Panel 2	14.00 – 15.30	<p><i>Title: Plebiscites as a tool for self-determination in 1920-21.</i></p> <p><i>Chair: Klaus Tolstrup Petersen. Rapporteur: Volker Protz</i></p> <p>Paper 1 – 15 minutes: Peter Thaler – Principles and Politics: Flensburg and Klagenfurt in the Plebiscites of 1920</p>

Paper 2 – 15 minutes: **Ryan J. Gesme** – Where is Schleswig? Danish, German and International Conceptions of the Schleswig Plebiscite

Paper 3 – 15 minutes: **Grazyna Szelagowska** – Am I Polish or German? Visual methods (posters) used by the counterparts of the plebiscites in Schlesien and Eastern Prussia

Paper 4 – 15 minutes: **Csaba Máté Sarnyai & Tibor Pap** – The socio-theoretical basis of self-governance in the Austro-Hungarian Empire – reflections on the Sopron referendum and the situation of Orvidek

Discussion – 30 minutes

Coffee break 15.30 – 16.00

Panel 3 16.00 – 17.30 *Title:* Minority treaties as a consequence of the Versailles Peace conference.

Chair: **Kyriaki Topidi**. *Rapporteur:* **Ljubica Djordjevic**

Paper 1 – 15 minutes: **Raul Carstocea** – Historicising the Normative Boundaries of Diversity: The Minority Treaties of 1919 in a Longue Durée Perspective

Paper 2 – 15 minutes: **Valiullina Iliana Faritovna** – Minority treaties as a key to the formation of the minority protection institution

Paper 3 – 15 minutes: **Detlev Rein** – About Sevres, Lausanne, the widow Molla Sali and the ineffectual attempt of Greece, to circumvent the principles of the Framework Convention

Paper 4 – 15 minutes: **Kristin Henrard** – The League of Nations minority treaties' visions of legal and substantive citizenship

Discussion – 30 minutes

Day 2: (Friday 4th June 2021)

Keynote speaker number 2: 09.30 – 10.30 09.30 – 10.10 Keynote speaker #2: **Volker Prott**.
Title: Plebiscites and the Difficult Transition to Peace after the First World War.

10.10 – 10.30 Q&A

Coffee break 10.30 – 11.00

Panel 4 11.00 – 12.15 *Title:* Post-plebiscitary territories as living spaces between the two World Wars.

Chair: **Mogens Rostgaard Nissen**. *Rapporteur:* **Caroline Weber**

Paper 1 – 15 minutes: **Franziska Böhmer & Claas Riecken** - Frisians, the laughing third party? Changing stereotypes of ethnic groups in Frisian literature and theatre after 1920

Paper 2 – 15 minutes: **Tina Bahovec** - A gendered view on post-plebiscitary Carinthian Slovenes: Roles and realities of women

Paper 3 – 15 minutes: **Harald v. Keudell** – “Here at the bleeding Eastern border one could see the injustice”- The plebiscite July 11th 1920 and its consequences both in daily life and the policy of the administration of Marienwerder until 1939.

Discussion – 30 minutes

Lunch break 12.15 – 13.15

Panel 5 13.15 – 14.30 *Title:* Plebiscites, referenda and self-determination in current contexts

Chair: **Sergiusz Bober**. *Rapporteur:* **Laurence Morel**

Input Speech – 15 minutes: **Laurence Morel** – Referendum and conflict: what makes the losing minority more likely to accept the result?

Paper 1 – 15 minutes: **Robert Knight** – Plebiscites and liberal values: the 1920 Carinthian plebiscite and its contemporary resonance

Paper 2 – 15 minutes: **Robert Isaf** – The Search for Autonomy in the Betho Suryoyo: 100 Years of Dashed Hope in the Near East, and Splintered Aspirations for the Future.

Discussion – 30 minutes

Coffee break 14.30 – 15.00

Concluding roundtable 15.00 – 16.00 Chairperson: **Thomas Friis**

Participants: Panel Rapporteurs (x 5):
Matt Qvortrup, Volker Prott, Ljubica Djordjevic, Caroline Weber, Laurence Morel.

Goodbye speeches 16.00 – 16.15 Klaus Tolstrup Petersen and Sergiusz Bober