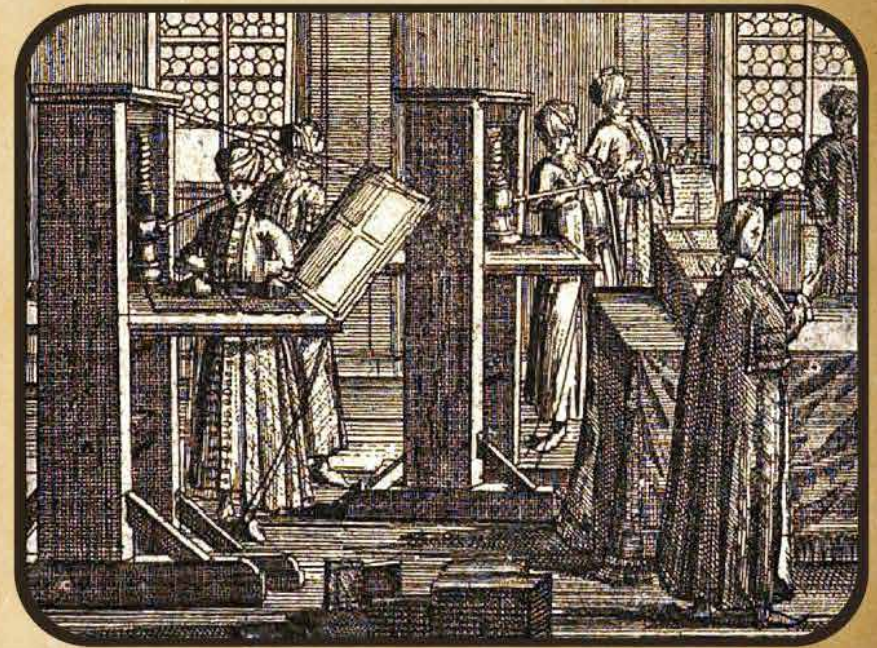
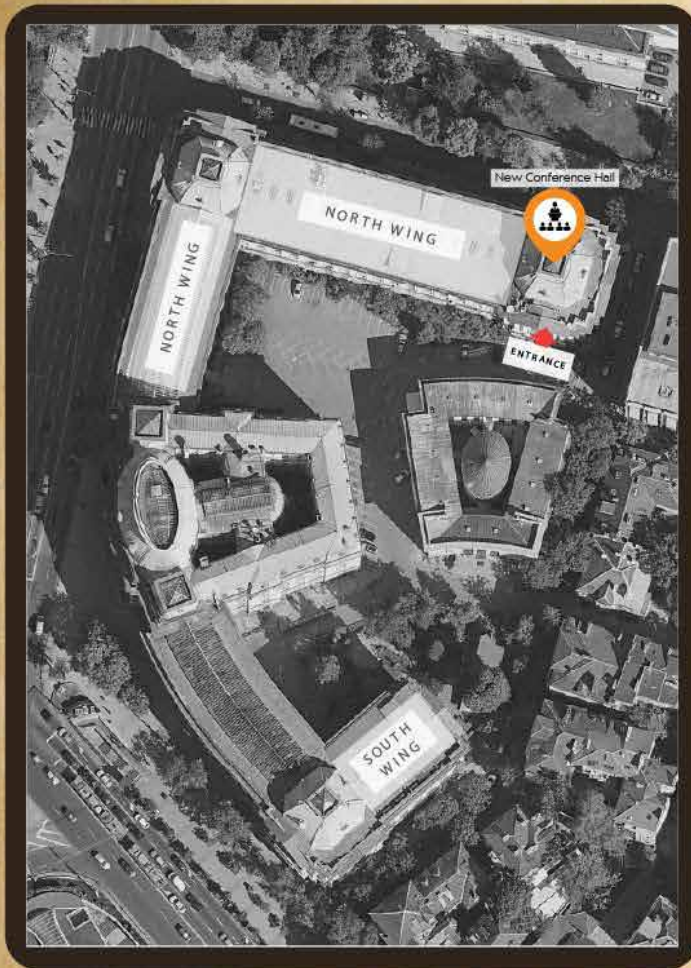


# INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

## AGENTS OF CENSORSHIP AND THE CIRCULATION OF PRINTED MATERIAL IN CENTRAL EUROPE (1500–1800)



**20-21 MAY 2026**

**OPENING: 09:00**

**NEW CONFERENCE HALL**

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PROGRAMME

**Monday | 18 May Arrival**

**Tuesday | 19 May**

09:00–09:30 Opening

09:30–10:30 **Keynote: Orlin Sabev** / Moderation: Maria Baramova

Tolerance, Restrictions, and Censorship: Policies Towards the Circulation of Printed Material in the Ottoman Empire (1500–1800)

10:30–11:00 Coffee Break

11:00–12:00 **Session 1: From debates to implementation**

Chair: Simon Dagenais

**Annemieke Romein**, Preventive Censorship in Early Modern Policeygesetzgebung: Patterns and Practices in Bern's Regulatory Framework

**Paolo Astorri**, Burning, Expurgating, Permitting: Protestant Regimes of Reading and Censorship in the Seventeenth Century

12:00–13:00 **Session 2: Selfcensorship**

Chair: Olha Maksymchuk

**Anna Pitrowska**, Rhapsody and the Politics of Self-Censorship in the Early Modern Period

**Ardian Muhaj**, Between Script and Silence: Dhaskal Todri and the Censorship of Albanian Liturgical Print Culture in the Late Ottoman Balkans (18th–Early 19th Century)

13:00–14:00 Lunch

14:00–15:30 **Session 3: Impact of censorship**

Chair: Valentyna Bochkovska

**Irena Ipšić and Minela Fulurija Vučić**, Censorship Practices in Dubrovnik upon the Establishment of the First Printing House in 1783

**Aleksandar Zhabov**, Orthodox Printing in the Balkans and the Religious Encounter between the Counter-Reformation and Eastern Orthodoxy: Early Instances of Indirect Censorship in the First Half of the 17th Century

**Olena Kurhanov**, The 1720 Decree and the Decline of Ukrainian Heraldic Poetry: Cause or Coincidence?

15:30–16:00 Coffee Break

16:00–17:30 **Session 4: Censorship across Genres**

Chair: Nina Lamal

**Michael Wögerbauer**, The readers' assumption that Cotta can be manipulated is actually a problem.' Cotta's newspapers, the Habsburg monarchy and its impossible task of invisibly controlling public opinion around 1830

**Klara Čapalija**, Authorship, Privilege, and the Circulation of Prints in Seveneenth-Century Europe

**Kaarel Vanamölder**, An Attempt to Control Newspaper Reporting: Censorship Practices in Riga and St. Petersburg Newspapers in the 17th and 18th Centuries

17:30–18:00 Break

18:00–19:00 SC-Roundtable

19:30 Reception

**Wednesday | 20 May**

09:00–10:00 **Keynote: Ivona Kollárová** / Moderation: Mona Garloff

Staffing, Transgressions, and Conflicts among Supervisory Officials as the Background of the System of Social Discipline in (Upper) Hungary in the Late 18th Century

10:00–10:15 Coffee Break

10:15–11:15 **Session 5: Music and censorship**

Chair: Inês Almeida Thomas

**Vassilis Vavoulis**, Negotiating the Sacred: Censorship Practices and Operatic Speech in Seventeenth-Century Venice

**Lorenzo Santoro**, Censorship and Cultural Policy on Opera in the Writings of Joseph von Sonnenfels

11:15–11:45 Coffee Break

11:45–13:00 **Session 6: Censorship: textual case studies**

Chair: Kerstin Manninger

**Anna-Marie Pípalová**, Censorship, Print, and Circulation in Seventeenth-Century Bohemia: Censoring Bohuslav Balbín's Epitome in Context

**Anisia Iacob**, Negotiating the Trinity: Anti-Trinitarianism between banishment and self-censorship in late 16th century Transylvania

13:00–14:00 Joint Lunch

**Excursion Afternoon**

- Tour 1: Centre for Slavo-Byzantine Studies "Prof. Ivan Dujčev" (max. 15 Pers.) + visit in the Boyana Church (max. 15 Pers.)
- Tour 2: National Library Sofia (max. 15 Pers.) + Tour Sofia
- Tour 3: University Library (max 15 Pers.) + Tour Sofia

19:00 Dinner

**Thursday | 21 May**

09:00–11:00 Compendium: Presentation & Discussion of Chapter 2.7 und 2.8

11:00–11:30 Coffee Break

11:30–12:30 SC-Workshop

13:00 Departure