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"National, International and Transnational Histories of Healthcare, 1850-2000"

"Sick, Suffering, Healed?": Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Patients in History

Tuesday, 16 September 2025, 9:00 (EEST) until Wednesday, 17 September 18:00 (EEST)
at the Centre for Population Studies Babeș-Bolyai University of Cluj-Napoca, (Romania),
and via Zoom

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Location:
Club Room (Sala Club), Academic College (Colegiul Academic), Str. Emmanuel de Martonne no. 1, Babeș-Bolyai University of Cluj-Napoca

The conference is organized by Dr. Oana Sorescu-Iudean (Center for Population Studies, Babeș-Bolyai University of Cluj-Napoca, RO), PD Dr. Friederike Kind-Kovács (HAIT, Dresden, GE), Dr. Christian Sammer (Heidelberg University, GE)

Tuesday 16.9.2025	
9:00-9:15 (EEST)/ 8:00-8:15 (CET)	**Introduction** Luminiţa Dumănescu (Cluj) Oana Sorescu-Iudean (Cluj) Christian Sammer (Heidelberg) Friederike Kind-Kovács (Dresden)
9:15-10:15 (EEST)/ 8:15-9:15 (CET)	**Keynote I** **Chair:** Oana Sorescu-Iudean (Cluj) **Speaker:** Ylva Söderfeldt (Uppsala, online): *Is the history of patient organisations patient-oriented history?*
10:15-10:45 (EEST)/ 9:15-9:45 (CET)	**Coffee Break**
10:45-12:15 (EEST)/ 9:45-11:15 (CET)	**Panel 1: Patients in Spaces and Places** **Chair:** Dimitra Vassiliadou (Mytilini) Oana Sorescu-Iudean (Cluj): *Patients, Physicians, and Treatment in Urban and Suburban Transylvania (18th-19th Centuries)* Christian Promitzer (Graz): *Plague Patients at the Habsburg Military Border (1814-1816)* Janka Kovács (Budapest): *Experiencing the Asylum: Patients' Perspectives on the Crisis of Psychiatric Care in Late Nineteenth-Century Hungary* **Commentary:** Edina Gál (Cluj)
12:15-13:45 (EEST)/ 11:15-12:45 (CET)	**Lunch Break**
13:45-14:45 (EEST)/ 12:45-13:45 (CET)	**Panel 2: Parents (to be) as Patients** **Chair:** Christian Sammer (Heidelberg) Aglaia Chatjouli and Ivi Daskalaki (Mytilini): *Infertility and the Digital Space in the Greek Ethnographic Context* Ciara Henderson (Dublin, online): *Contested Patienthood: The Emotional Chasm of Perinatal Bereavement in Healthcare 1850 – 2000* **Commentary**: Maria Aluaş (Cluj)
14:45-15:15 (EEST)/ 13:45-14:15 (CET)	**Coffee Break**
15:15-16:45 (EEST)/ 14:15-15:45 (CET)	**Panel 3: Children as Patients** **Chair:** Oana Sorescu-Iudean (Cluj)

	Edina Gál (Warsaw/Cluj): *The Patients of the Hungarian State Children's Asylums* Friederike Kind-Kovács (Dresden): *Healing Bodies & Doing Politics: Child Sanatoria at Lake Balaton from the First to the Second World War* Alena Lochmannová (Prague, online): *Behind the Glass: Hospitalized Children and the Policy of Separation in Socialist Czechoslovakia* **Commentary:** Christian Sammer (Heidelberg)
19:00 EEST	**Official Dinner**
Wednesday 17.9.2025	
9:00-10:00 (EEST)/ 8:00-9:00 (CET)	**Keynote II** **Chair:** Christian Sammer (Heidelberg) **Speaker:** Birgit Nemec (Vienna, online): *Patient Activism in the Public Sphere*
10:00-10:30 (EEST)/ 9:00-9:30 (CET)	**Coffee Break**
10:30-12:00 (EEST)/ 9:30-11:00 (CET)	**Panel 4: Managing Patients** **Chair:** Aglaia Chatjouli (Mytilini) Disa Runeby (Lund, online): *Picturing Hormonal Disease: Patient Photography and the Visual Construction of the Endocrine Patient* Andrew Burchell (Uppsala): *Speaking for the Rheumatic: The Inter-Relations of Research and Patient Organisations with the Trade Union Movement, and Making the Ontology of a Disease* Christian Sammer (Heidelberg): *"Healthy like Ben and Anne." Socialist Health of the Young according to Exhibitions of Health Education in the 1980s* **Commentary:** Janka Kovács (Budapest)
12:00-13:15 (EEST)/ 11:00-12:15 (CET)	**Lunch Break**
13:15-14:45 (EEST)/ 12:15-13:45 (CET)	**Panel 5: Patients as Agents** **Chair:** Friederike Kind-Kovács (Dresden) Daniela Mârza (Cluj): *Claiming Care: Patients between Legal Protections and Constraints in Interwar Romania*

	Nikos Kastrinakis (Crete, online): *Workers as Disabled and Patients: An Examination of Workplace Accident Trials in Greece, 1920-1940* Julia Reed (Uppsala): *Patienthood, Longterm illness, and Disability in the French Welfare State, 1945-1975* **Commentary:** Alena Lochmanova (Prague)
14:45-15:15 (EEST)/ 13:45-14:15 (CET)	**Coffee Break**
15:15-16:45 (EEST)/ 14:15-15:45 (CET)	**Panel 6: Patients and Storytelling** **Chair:** Oana Sorescu-Iudean (Cluj) Dimitra Vassiliadou (Mytilini): *Lost in Translation? Mood Disorders, Psychiatrists, and Patients' Stories in Early Twentieth Century Greece* Tamara Sandrin (Udine, online) & Lorenzo Lorusso (Merate, online): *Shell Shock Syndrome as Autobiographical Narration* Iuliia Iashchenko (Rome): *From Chornobyl Nightmare to the Italian Tale: International Solidarity and the Care of Child Patients in Collective Memory* **Commentary:** Julia Reed (Uppsala)
16:45-18:00 (EEST)/ 15:45-17:00 (CET)	**Farewell Remarks** Ioan Bolovan, Director of Center for Population Studies, Babeş-Bolyai University of Cluj-Napoca **Final Discussion and Publication Strategy** **Chairs:** Friederike Kind-Kovács (Dresden) Oana Sorescu-Iudean (Cluj) Christian Sammer (Heidelberg)

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