



Rethinking Area Studies for the 21st Century

A workshop on the contemporary purpose and practice of the discipline

May 20-21, 2024 – Institute of International Studies (IMS), Charles University (U krize 8, Prague)

FSV UK Library Night Study Room (A125 + A126)

Program

Monday, 20 May

12:30 – 12:50 Registration

12:50 – 13:00 Welcome remarks

13:00 – 13:40 Keynote speech – **Ulf Brunnbauer** (University of Regensburg)

13:40 – 14:50 Debate I

Kateřina Králová (Charles University) – *Area Studies and History*

Kristina Garalytė (Vilnius University) – *Tendencies, Challenges and Opportunities of Area Studies in Lithuania*

Discussant: **Paul Vickers** (University of Regensburg)

14:50 – 15:05 Coffee Break

15:05 – 16:15 Debate II

Robert Kissack (Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals; IBEI) – *Geopolitical determinism and the scope of regional agency: Area studies in an era of multipolar rivalry*

Anwar Mhajne (Stonehill College) – *The indispensable role of Area Studies in unraveling the complexities of the Israel-Palestine conflict*

Discussant: **Tomáš Weiss** (Charles University)



16:15 – 17:25

Debate III

Olga Lomová (Charles University) – *Area Studies as a “discipline”*

Jakub Zajaczkowski (University of Warsaw) – *Area studies and International relations*

Discussant: **Jan Kubik** (Rutgers University)

17:30 –

Dinner

Tuesday, 21 May

9:00 – 9:20

Registration and Coffee

9:20 – 10:00

Keynote speech – **Jan Kubik** (Rutgers University)

10:00 – 11:10

Debate IV

Simant Shankar Bharti (University of Warsaw) – *Limitations of area studies to understand the Indo-Pacific Region*

Kryštof Kozák (Charles University) – *Towards the Renaissance of Area Studies? The curious case of American Studies*

Discussant: **Jan Hornát** (Charles University)

11:10 – 11:25

Coffee Break

11:25 – 12:55

Debate V

Saroj Kumar Aryal (University of Warsaw) – *Colonialism, Post-Colonialism and South Asia under the radar of Area Studies*

Valeria Korablyova (Charles University) – *Rethinking Area Studies: from post-Cold War to the Russian war against Ukraine*

Discussant: **Ulf Brunnbauer** (University of Regensburg)

13:00 –

Closing remarks and Lunch