

# International workshop Cross-Border Practices and Regional Connectivity in the Alps-Adriatic Area: Historical Perspectives

23 - 25 September 2026

Centre for Cultural and Historical Research of Socialism,  
Juraj Dobrila University of Pula, Negri Street 6, Pula, Croatia / Brijuni Islands

## Wednesday, 23 September 2026

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| 15.45 - 16.00 | Welcome of participants                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 16.00 - 16.15 | Opening Remarks and Introduction                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 16.15 - 17.45 | <p><b>Keynote dialogues</b></p> <p><b>Pamela Ballinger</b> (University of Michigan): The Adriatic as liquid borderland?</p> <p><b>Sabine Dullin</b> (Sciences Po Paris): The Alps Adriatic on the map of the Cold War</p> <p>Chair: <b>Borut Klabjan</b></p> |
| 18.00 - 18.30 | Bus transfer Pula - Fažana                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 19.00 - 19.20 | Boat Fažana - Brijuni, check in Rooms Karmen                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 20.00         | Dinner                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

## Thursday, 24 September 2026

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| 9.30 - 11.00  | <p><b>Panel 1</b></p> <p><b>Tina Filipović:</b> Neighbours as Tourists: Italian Visitors, Istrian Hosts and Cross-Border Encounters in Postwar Yugoslavia</p> <p><b>Urška Strle:</b> Informal Political Practices in Socialist Yugoslavia: By means of Hunting and Fishing</p> <p><b>Igor Duda:</b> International events in the Arena of Pula in the 1980s: <i>Jeux sans frontières</i> and the Alps-Adriatic Youth Games</p> <p>Chair and discussant: <b>Marta Verginella</b> (University of Ljubljana)</p> |
| 11.00 - 11.30 | Coffee break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 11.30 - 13.00 | <p><b>Panel 2</b></p> <p><b>Nina Hofmann:</b> From center to margin: How a Border Reconfigured a Functional Region</p> <p><b>Marco Abram:</b> Mountaineering Practices and the Post-WWII Italian-Yugoslav Border: Prospects for Cross-Border Cooperation</p> <p><b>Sabine Rutar:</b> An Uncharted Coal Connection. Italy's Post-World-War-II Dependence on the Mines in Istria, Yugoslavia</p> <p>Chair and discussant: <b>Pavel Kolář</b> (University of Konstanz)</p>                                      |

13.00 - 14.30

Lunch

14.30 - 16.00

### Panel 3

**Borut Klabjan:** Experimenting Europe. Why Alpe-Adria?

**Alessandro Ambrosino:** From Arge Alp to Alpe Adria: The Institutionalization of the Alpine Working Communities and the Politics of Cross-Border Regionalism

**Mateja Režek and Jure Ramšak:** To Delve Deep into the Alps-Adriatic Ground: Multilateral Interregional Cooperation through the Prism of Large-Scale Infrastructure Projects

Chair and discussant: **Ulf Brunnbauer** (IOS Regensburg)

16.00 - 19.30

**Field visit: island tour and museum exhibition "Tito on the Brijuni Islands"**

20.00

Dinner

## Friday, 25 September 2026

9.30 - 11.30

### Panel 4

**Benedetto Zaccaria:** The Veneto Region and the Alps-Adriatic Working Community in the 1980s: Visions of Regional Europe

**Federico Tenca Montini:** Broadcasting Beyond the Iron Curtain: Alpe Adria Magazine and Cross-Border Media Collaboration in Cold War Europe

**Pál Germuska:** Hungarian Counties and the Alps-Adriatic Working Community: The Prospective of a Subnational Diplomatic Initiative at the Turn of the 1980s and 1990s

**Karlo Ruzicic-Kessler:** Reshaping Central Europe: The Alps-Adriatic Community facing the Transformations of 1989-1992

Chair and discussant: **Wolfgang Mueller** (University of Vienna)

11.30 - 12.00

Coffee break

12.00 - 12.30

Final remarks: **Pieter Judson** (European University Institute, Florence)

13.00 - 13.20

Boat Brijuni - Fažana

13.30 - 14.00

Bus transfer Fažana - Pula

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