



International Conference

# Go East!

LGBTQ+ Literature in Eastern Europe

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## CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

**Venue:** Filozofska fakulteta / Faculty of Arts, Aškerčeva cesta 2, Ljubljana  
Modra soba / Blue Room (5<sup>th</sup> Floor)

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### THURSDAY, 25 OCTOBER 2018

10.00–10.30: Registration

10.45–11.00: Opening

11.00–11.45: Keynote Speech (Prof Gregory Woods)

#### 12.00–13.15: Panel 1 (4 × 15 min. + 15 min. debate)

Vitaly Chernetsky

**In Search of Territories of Freedom: Ivan Kozlenko's *Tanzher* and the Queer Challenge to the Ukrainian Canon**

Tamta Melashvili

**Queering Modern Georgian Literature**

Gábor Csiszár

**Wartime Memories from East and West: The construction of George Faludy's Gayness**

Izabela Morska

**Modesty at Work: Zygmunt Mycielski in Warsaw**

Lunch break

**14.30–15.45: Panel 2 (4 × 15 min. + 15 min. debate)**

Miha Javornik  
**Голубая Literature and Russian Holiness**

Slaven Crnić  
**The Whisper and the Cry: Queer Masculinities in Ivo Andrić's *The Days of the Consuls* and *Omer Pasha Latas***

Denis Ferhatović  
**Jozef Pronek's Underwear: Displacement, Queer Desire, and Eastern European Masculinity in Aleksandar Hemon's *Nowhere Man***

Błażej Warkocki and Przemysław Górecki  
**Eastern Boys and Western Lovers: Polish Gay Literature in the Context of the East/West Distinction**

**16.00–17.00: Panel 3 (3 × 15 min. + 15 min. debate)**

Alenka Koron and Matteo Colombi  
**Queer Emotions? The Narrative Shape of Feelings in *Noben glas* by Suzana Tratnik and *Eskorta* by Michal Hvorecký**

Roberto Dapit  
**Friulian Love Poetry and Its Reception in the Slovenian Cultural Environment**

Andrej Zavrl  
**Boys and Critics: The Reception of the First Slovenian Homoerotic Novel as a Reflection of Sociocultural Changes**

**Conference Xtra**

**19.00: LGBTQ+ reading by Slovenian LGBTQ+ writers and conference participants (very welcome to join in)**

@ Pritličje, Mestni trg 2, Ljubljana

**FRIDAY, 26 OCTOBER 2018**

**10.00–11.15: Panel 4 (4 × 15 min. + 15 min. debate)**

Alojzija Zupan Sosič

**Contemporary Slovene LGBTQ Narrative**

Nina Dragičević

**Sappho Was Not a Poet: The Sonorous Character of Poetry and Its Emancipatory Potential**

Nataša Velikonja

**Lesbian Poetry Tradition**

Vesna Liponik

**The Subversive Construction of Gender in the Poetry of Kristina Hočevar**

**11.30–12.45: Panel 5 (4 × 15 min. + 15 min. debate)**

Kevin Moss

**Camp Kharitonov and Russian Gay Identity**

Tatiana Klepikova

**“If a Cutie, Then Always Misha”: Evgenii Kharitonov’s Queer Masculinities**

Maruša Maligoj

**Reconceptualising the Russian LGBTQ+ Community: The Impact of Russia’s “Gay Propaganda” Laws on LGBTQ+ Discourse**

Andrea Trovesi

**Bulgarian Heretics, Warm Brothers and Blue Lovers. A Historical and Etymological Overview of Words And Expressions Used in The Languages of Eastern Europe (Mainly Slavic) to Refer to Male Homosexuals**

Lunch break

**14.00–15.15: Panel 6 (4 × 15 min. + 15 min. debate)**

Kinga Paszko

**The Depiction of Gay Identity in Michał Witkowski's Prose**

Jelena Jović

**(Post)Communist Queer Identities in Uroš Filipović's *Glasshouse* and Michał Witkowski's *Lovetown***

Eszter Timár

**Queer Closeting: The Affective Politics of Gábor Thurzó's *Days and Nights***

Milena Mileva Blažić

**Comparative Analysis of Children's Literature – *Dečki (Boys)* and *Fantje iz gline (Clay Boys)***

**15.30–16.30: Panel 7 (3 × 15 min. + 15 min. debate)**

Maja Šučur

**Criticism in the Closet**

Suzana Tratnik

**Passion for Analysis**

Jasna Jasna Žmak

**The Apparitional Gay & the Invisible Everyone Else – LGBTQ Identities in Contemporary Croatian Playwriting**

**Conference Xtra**

**21.00: Cabaret performance and party**

@ LGBTQ+ Club Tiffany, Metelkova mesto

**SATURDAY, 27 OCTOBER 2018**

**11.00: LGBTQ+ Walking Tour of Ljubljana**

Meeting point: Stari trg 34 (by the Hercules fountain)

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All events are free of charge for conference participants.

The language of the conference is English.

