

Thursday Sociological Seminars

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Re-thinking the Concept of Re-enchantment in Central-Eastern Europe

This seminar will present an eponymous recent publication by the author, which sets off from the discussion of four different concepts: disenchantment, secularisation, post-secularism, and re-enchantment, analysing their theoretical entanglements and problematising their applicability to recent and contemporary social realities in formerly socialist Europe. It will also offer a conceptual tuning of re-enchantment, in particular, basing it on both empirical evidence as well as on readings from the now rather rich pertinent scholarship that operationalises this concept. A typology is also presented that illustrates a variety of re-enchanting social phenomena that populate the religious and spiritual horizons of late modern central-eastern Europe.

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