

HISTORY OF UNIVERSITIES SEMINAR | 2 MARCH 2022

## **HABSBURG UNIVERSITIES 1848-1918: BIOGRAPHY OF A SPACE**

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Between 1848 and 1918 Habsburg Empire's academia changed from one hold together by common language – German – to one multilingual and kept together by laws and rules. In my talk, I will look at this change by examining mobility patterns of university scholars. Based on roughly 8000 datasets, I demonstrate how a previously united space, in which a scholar from, for example, Bohemia could teach in L'viv or Innsbruck, changed into a composite space due to a change of the tuition language at universities and a division of science and education across linguistic lines. I show, however, that it would be wrong to see it as a simple nationalization, as international contacts remained intense and on the level of pre-professorial scholarships even intensified. Further, I will argue that a geographical perspective allows us describing more precisely other forms exclusions, like Anti-Semitism, which, by excluding Jewish scholars from teaching at smaller universities, impacted careers of scholars educated in the main university, Vienna.

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