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Reproductive Politics in the Atlantic space: Advances (and Reversals) from the Postwar Period to the Present

24–25 September 2026

Institute of Contemporary History (INZ), [Privoz 11, Ljubljana](#)

Thursday, 24 September 2026

10:00 – 10:30 Introduction and greetings from the organisers

Andrej Pančur (Director, Institute of Contemporary History, Ljubljana)

Victor Strazzeri (Institute of Contemporary History, Ljubljana)

Ana Cergol Paradiž (University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Arts)

Jovana Mihajlović Trbovc (Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts – ZRC SAZU, Institute of Culture and Memory Studies)

10:30 – 11:30 Panel 1: **Abortion between Formal Regulation and Lived Experiences**

Anna Sidorevich (Sciences Po Paris, Centre for History/ Sciences Po Strasbourg), **Claiming Reproductive Dignity in the Late USSR**

Ana Cergol Paradiž (University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Arts), **Abortion Policies in Practice: Abortion Commissions in Socialist Slovenia (1954–1977)**

Chair: Victor Strazzeri

12:00 – 13:00 Panel 2: **Reproductive Politics and Policies in Flux**

Ivana Dobrotić (University of Zagreb, Faculty of Law), **The Politics of Reproductive Rights in Croatia: Continuity, Contestation and Institutional Change**

Karina Felitti (National Scientific and Technical Research Council of Argentina/ University of Buenos Aires, Gender Studies), **From the Green Wave to Javier Milei's Government: Feminist Governance of Reproductive Health Policies in Buenos Aires Province**

Chair: Jovana Mihajlović Trbovc

14:15 – 15:15 Panel 3: **Official Discourses on Reproduction(s)**

Magdalena Grabowska (Polish Academy of Sciences, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology), **Abortion, Reproductive Autonomy, Women's Agency and Politics of Social Reproduction in post-1945 and post-1989 Poland**

Ivana Dobrivojević Tomić (Institute for Contemporary History, Belgrade), **Debates on Abortion and Demographic Decline in Serbia 1974–2000**

Chair: Ana Cergol Paradiž

15:45 – 16:45 Panel 4: **Activist Interventions in Official Discourses**

Paola Stelliferi (University of Pisa, Department of Civilisations and Forms of Knowledge), **Right to Health, Social Protection of Maternity, Reproductive self-determination. Social and political actors in Italy (1950s–1970s)**

Sevgi Adak (Aga Khan University, Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilisations, London), **Before Legalization: The Politics of Abortion and Women's Health Advocacy in 1970s Turkey**
Chair: Nesa Vrečer (Institute of Contemporary History, Ljubljana)

Friday, 25 September 2026

10:00 – 11:00 Panel 5: **Framing Reproductive Rights within Socialism**

Corina Doboş (Romanian Academy, Institute for the Study of Totalitarianism/ Institute of History), **Abortion Statistics in Late Socialist Romania**

Agata Ignaciuk (University of Granada, History of Science/ Gender Studies), **"Artificial" Miscarriage: "Old" and "New" Abortion Technologies in Communist Poland**

Chair: Victor Strazzeri

11:30 – 12:30 Panel 6: **Abortion Activism across Borders and Political Transformations**

Bibia Pavard (Paris-Panthéon-Assas University, Interdisciplinary Center for Media Analysis and Research), **From Self-Help to Self-Management: Transatlantic Feminist Circulation of Abortion Methods and the Struggle for Free Abortion in the 1970s**

Giulia de Carlini (University of Bologna, Department of History and Cultures), **"Three Steps Back from Women's Emancipation": Abortion and the East German Feminist Movement in Unified Germany**

Chair: Ana Cergol Paradiž

14:00 – 15:00 Panel 7: **Abortion Technologies and Access**

María Mundi-López (University of Granada/ School for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences, Paris), **Medication Abortion: (Co)productions of Knowledge at the Crossroads of Medical, Militant and Lay Practices (1980–2020)**

Aideen O'Shaughnessy (University of Lincoln, School of Social and Political Sciences), **Bodies, Borders, and Technologies: Reproductive Politics in Ireland (2000–2026)**

Chair: Jovana Mihajlović Trbovc

15:00 – 15:30 Discussion and wrap-up