

CAI Yue | Demonstration Effect of Sino-Hungarian Climate Cooperation on Central and Eastern European Countries

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Abstract:

This paper examines the demonstration effect of Sino-Hungarian climate cooperation on Central and Eastern European (CEE) countries. Sino-Hungarian relations have evolved significantly over the past decade, with climate change emerging as a pivotal area of collaboration. This study explores how Hungary's active engagement with China on climate initiatives can serve as a model for other CEE countries. By analyzing key projects, policy exchanges, and bilateral agreements, the paper highlights the potential for enhanced regional cooperation and the transfer of innovative climate solutions. Furthermore, it assesses the broader geopolitical and economic implications of Sino-Hungarian climate cooperation, emphasizing its role in strengthening China-CEE relations within the framework of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). The findings suggest that successful Sino-Hungarian climate partnerships could catalyze similar initiatives across the CEE region, fostering a more coordinated and impactful approach to climate governance.

Sarah GRANDKE | Moving memories - memories on the move? Eastern European Displaced Persons in Germany and their narratives of the past and commemoration of victims of Nazi crimes (1945-1951)

Sarah Grandke's case study focuses on Flossenbürg, a concentration camp that was active from 1938-1945. Flossenbürg was one of the first former concentration camps in Germany to be transformed into a memorial site (as early as 1946/7). The driving forces behind this commemorative initiative were Displaced Persons (DPs) from Eastern Europe. Among these "memory activists" in post-war Germany were survivors of Nazi persecution but by far not only. Sarah will shine a light on the cooperation and conflicts between various Jewish and non-Jewish DP groups, their contested pasts and narratives, and how this has shaped German memorial sites until today.

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Fatos HOXHA | A Transformation from Below: Understanding Workers' Lives in the Trepca Industrial Complex during 1960-1980.

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SHAO Zhuhang | India's Disaster Diplomacy during Modi Administration in the Perspective of "Indo-Pacific": Drivers, Trends and Prospects

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Abstract:

Disaster diplomacy is an important part of the foreign policy of the Modi government of India. Since coming to power in 2014, the Modi government has attached great importance to the development of disaster diplomacy for the purpose of enhancing the country's international status, balancing China's regional influence and strengthening soft power. Countries in the Indo-Pacific region generally have a need for cooperation in disaster management, and India has corresponding institutional, technological and personnel advantages, which constitute the realistic basis for India's disaster diplomacy. In the past decade, India has actively acted in the field of disaster diplomacy and has achieved many results. However, India's disaster diplomacy still has some shortcomings, such as the lack of standard operating procedures and insufficient attention to multilateral mechanisms. In the future, India will further improve its disaster diplomacy layout, including reinforcing its own capacity building, deepening partnerships in the Indian Ocean region, and expanding cooperation with international organizations.

WANG Yumin | The Shift of the Indirect Liability Regime for Copyright Infringement in EU Platform Governance

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Abstract:

This report is an examination of the Court of Justice of the European Union's (CJEU) attitude towards indirect liability for copyright infringement on the part of online service providers. Directives are framework legislation that harmonise member states' legislation to achieve common policy objectives. As a result, the CJEU interprets the Directives when there are ambiguities in their provisions and legal disputes arise as a result, and the CJEU's judicial interpretations form part of the law of the European Union. In Case C-401/19, the CJEU clarified the controversy over whether Article 17(4) of the Digital Single Market Copyright Directive imposes a copyright filtering obligation. However, this is a clear shift from the CJEU's opposition in the relevant pre-Digital Single Market Copyright Directive cases. This reflects the EU's tendency to increase the Internet industry's indirect liability for copyright infringement in the context of platform governance.

Sara ŽERIĆ ĐULOVIĆ | Gastarbeiters as Agents of Development in Socialist Yugoslavia

I am researching how initiatives "from below" were brought by guest workers to develop the environments from which they migrated, most often underdeveloped villages and cities. My focus is on businesses that were established thanks to guest worker remittances, in order to dispel the myth that guest workers only bought cars and built houses. Additionally, I am researching the representation of the Gastarbeiter heritage today.