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In Search of a Healthy Village

International Actors in the Making of Rural Hygiene in Modern China

There have been many pandemics in history, and we are in the middle of yet another one. The major responsibility for a pandemic could be attributed to many actors and networks (B. Latour), including international organizations, global and national governments, regional policies and individual persons. At the beginning of the talk, Chinese scholar Yarong Chen will provide some historical perspective and introduction to the metaphor of the Sick Man of East Asia in modern China, which holds strong resonance with the COVID-19 era. The presenter will then talk about a small "Healthy Village" project that UNESCO experimented with in West China. The further conversation will compare the UN, UNESCO, WHO and LON (League of Nations). The last one is relevant to Croatia and Southeast Europe since foreign experts such as Berislav Borčić and Andrija Štampar worked in China. Based on their work, Yarong Chen is planning to establish an international project about the global health engagement of the LON in China with case studies on Borčić and Štampar.

The host of the talk is Croatian scholar Goran Đurđević (Beiwai College, Beijing Foreign Studies University).

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ABOUT THE PRESENTER

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