Rethinking Area Studies for a Changing World *Friday, May 15 2026*		
08:30- 08:40	*Registration*	
08:40- 08-45	Jana S. Rošker Luka Culiberg	Welcome Address by the Host
08:45- 09:00	Patrick Heinrich	Introductory Remarks
09:00- 10:40	**Session 1: Crossing Borders, Expanding Relevance** *Moderator: Sarah Lunaček Brumen*	
9:00- 9:45	Luka Culiberg	Area Studies Beyond "Areas" and Beyond "Studies"
	Martin Nordeborg	East Asian Studies Across Borders – Challenges and Possibilities
	Patrick Heinrich	Area Studies are Valuable for Everyone
09:45- 10:00	Roberto Chovelon, Gaja Zabukovšek Lipovšek, Anja Vatovec	Comments, Questions, Critiques

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10:00-10:40	Audience and Presenters	General Interactive Discussion
10:40-11:00	*Tea and Coffee Break*	

11:00-12:40	**Session 2: Methodology** *Moderator: Blaž Križnik*	
11:00-11:45	Martin Svensson Ekström	Sino-Methodologies: Comparative Sinology, the Universal Yardstick, and the Counterexample
	Jana S. Rošker	How Do We Study Across Traditions and Modernities? Rethinking Method in Asian Studies
	Stefano Pellò	Connections, Co-Extensions and Cosmopolitan Codes: The Non-Area of Persianate as a Model for Epistemic Critique
11:45-12:00	Sara Domenicano, Wang Hao, Neža Jakšič	Comments, Questions, Critiques

12:00-12:40	Audience and Presenters	General Interactive Discussion
12:40-14:00	*Lunch*	

14:00-15:40	**Session 3: Language, History & Society** *Moderator: Maja Veselič*	
14:00-14:45	Jonathan Puntervold	Towards a "Human" Ontology of Language
	Laura De Giorgi	Searching for its Own Place: Reflections on History of China Inside and Outside Area Studies
	Rajko Muršič	Regional Studies in Anthropology: Fractal Lands, Cultures and Societies – and After?
14:45-15:00	Thomas Aerts, Matea Radaković, Živa Gornik	Comments, Questions, Critiques
15:00-15:40	Audience and Presenters	General Interactive Discussion

15:40-16:00	*Tea and Coffee Break*	
16:00-18:00	**Joint Workshop**	Beyond the Sessions: Open Exchange and Future Visions