If the Austro-Hungarian empire gave way to a new order of nation-states at the end of the First World War, the birth of that order coincided with a broader new international settlement with the League of Nations at its heart. In light of new literature on the relationship between empire and international order, as well as on the relationship between regional and international orders, this workshop will examine the interaction of the League of Nations and its sister organizations, like the ILO, with the former Habsburg lands. Across a range of economic, social, political, and legal domains, international institutions shaped and guaranteed the new order in Central Europe. At the same time, statesmen, bureaucrats and experts from the successor states embarked on influential careers in the new organizations.

Considering the passive involvement of the monarchy with the new internationalism of the late nineteenth and early twentieth century, as well as the empire’s own legacies of supranational organization, we intend to explore the networks of influence that bound the successor states to the institutions of the interwar order. To what extent were those interactions inflected by imperial pasts? Were some successor states more active participants in those institutions than others? In which ways and on which occasions did the League and the successor states offer each other political opportunities?

The call for papers for this workshop is now open. If you would like to apply please submit a paper abstract of around 200 words by the end of January 2015 to peter.becker@univie.ac.at or ngw2103@columbia.edu. We are particularly (but not exclusively) interested in the following themes:

- The League and the new political order in east central Europe
- People in the League of Nations (careers of bureaucrats from successor states)
- Intellectual Cooperation & Health
- Economy & State organization
- ILO & Social Policy
- Peace & Borders
- Minorities & Migration

The workshop is convened by Peter Becker (Vienna) and Natasha Wheatley (New York/Sydney). It is a joint venture between the Laureate Research Program in International History, University of Sydney, and the Austrian Institute of Historical Research, Vienna, and will take place at the University of Vienna. Accommodation will be provided for those applicants whose papers have been accepted, and travel subsidies will also be available.

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Draft Program

Day One: Thursday, 10 December

Registration: 08:30 a.m.
Welcome: 09:00 a.m.

Morning Session    PANEL ONE
Empires and States: Public Campaigns, New Claims, and Political Legacies

09:15-10:00
Michael Dean (Munich)
The Imperial Internationalism of Small States: The League of Nations and Czechoslovakia’s Bid for Colonies

10:00-10:45
Zoltan Peterecz (Eger, HU)
Hungary and the League of Nations: A Forced Marriage

10:45-11:15 Coffee break

11:15-12:00
Reinhard Blänkner (Frankfurt Oder)

12:00-14:00 Lunch break
Afternoon Session  PANEL TWO

Minorities and Nationalities between Empire and Internationalization

14:00-14:45
Stefan Dyroff (Bern)
The Minority Protection System of the League of Nations and the Legacy of the Habsburg Empire

14:45-15:30
Nathan Markus (St. Petersburg)
The League of Nations and National Minorities: The Case of South Tyrol

15:30-16:00 Coffee break

16:00-16:45
Börries Kuzmany (Vienna)
National-Personal Autonomy. A Habsburg Concept Transferred to Interwar Minority Protection Organisations

16:45-17:30
Jana Osterkamp (Munich)
Promoting Jews as a Nationality: The Perspective of Viennese Chief Rabbi Chajes

20:00
Evening: Keynote Lecture
Glenda Sluga (Sydney)
'Global Austria' and the League of Nations: Reframing the history of empire and internationalism

Day Two: Friday, 11 December

Morning Session  PANEL THREE

National Delegates and International Work: Refashioning the League

09:00-09:45
Jíra Janáč (Prague)
Making Czechoslovakia a European Crossroad: Czechoslovak Experts in the Advisory and Technical Committee on Communications and Transit of the League of Nations

09:45-10:30
Madeleine Dungy (Cambridge, US)
Defending the Rights of Austrian “Foreigners” in the League Economic Committee
10:30-11:00 Coffee break

11:00-11:45
Katja Naumann (Leipzig)
Empowering the League of Nations: Polish, Hungarian and Czechoslovakian Officers and Experts

11:45-12:30
Madeleine Herren (Basel)
International Civil Servants

12:30-14:00 Lunch break

Afternoon Session  PANEL FOUR
Economic Reconstruction and Legacies of International Governance

14:00-14:45
Patricia Clavin (Oxford)
Austria's founding presence in the League of Nations' Economic and Financial Organization and the Persistence of Austrian economists

14:45-15:30
Jürgen Nautz (Warburg)
"… insoweit es möglich und sobald es möglich ist...” Agency and Perception of economic experts - the Schüller case

15:30-16:00 Coffee break

16:00-16:45
Nicholas Mulder (New York)
Postwar planning in the Habsburg War Economy and the Struggle for Austrian Financial Reintegration, 1917–1922

16:45-17:30
Antonie Doležalová (Prague)
Financing the New Czechoslovakia

20:00 Dinner
**Day Three: Saturday, 12 December**

**Morning Session**  
PANEL FIVE  
**Epistemic Communities and Networks of Experts: Refashioning the Region**

09:30-10:15  
Sara Silverstein (New Haven)  
Healthcare and Humanism: Imperial Legacies in the League’s Social Programs

10:15-11:00  
Michael Burri (Philadelphia)  
Clemens von Pirquet and Children as Object of International Concern at the League of Nations

*11:00-11:30 Coffee break*

11:30-12:15  
Johannes Feichtinger (Wien)  
The Austrian National Committee in the League of Nations Intellectual Cooperation program: Mission and Praxis

*12:15-14:30 Lunch break*

14:30  
**Final Debate**  
General Comments and Moderation by Alison Frank Johnson (Boston)