

Title: “Being Young Vietnamese in post-socialist European countries”

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In general Vietnamese communities in the countries of post-socialist Europe still remain understudied. These communities share common historical background in state organized labor and study migration from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, and seem to increasingly partake in what could be conceptualized as a specific East European transnational community (Szymańska-Matusiewicz 2015).

Intergenerational relationships within the families with migrant background are according to many studies very dynamic. While the 1st generation migrants (parents) try to keep and preserve their cultural heritage, the 1.5th and 2nd generation migrants (children) often tend to lean towards the host country (Zhou 2009). This phenomenon often leads to intergenerational conflicts. Due to the various reasons young Vietnamese in the countries of post-socialist Europe face obstacles posed by not only the majorities but also the Vietnamese minorities.

The panel aims to better understand the life experience of young, or 1.5th and 2nd generation, Vietnamese, focusing on various aspects of intergenerational relationships. Ewa Grabowska will examine the role of Vietnamese traditional rituals in intergenerational relationships among Vietnamese in Poland, Marta Lopatková will focus on intergenerational conflict among Czech Vietnamese, and Barbora Nováková will discuss the grass root activities of young Vietnamese in Czechia.

Single session panel