

Public Colloquium

"Čučeki su nas ujedinili" – Relating as Resistance against Chicken Factories

in Sisak-Moslavina County“

with Danko Simić

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The overlapping histories and materialities of heavy industry, war, waste and natural disaster shape what this presentation refers to as the postscapes of Sisak-Moslavina County. These sites of ruination and residue are not merely backdrop. Rather, they actively participate in how communities understand themselves, negotiate their present and envision their futures. Today, the county finds itself at another threshold, as plans for a giant chicken industry conglomerate have sparked wide controversy, drawing together unlikely alliances of activists. Drawing on collaborative fieldwork with Sanja Potkonjak within the *Postscape* project, this presentation offers a preliminary reading of these overlapping material and historical layers through the lens of Discard Studies. It explores how the lived experience and accumulated knowledge of abandonment, contamination and survival shape and sustain resistance. It asks how practices of relating become a form of collective struggle against proposed chicken factories.



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