Socialist symbolic geography and global belonging: Yugoslav travel writings in the Third World

Fact Sheet

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Objective

European socialist travel writers in the previous century turned their course to Africa and Asia, reflecting the fact that the Second and Third Worlds formed a close political, economic and cultural alliance, which was built on a popular and widely accepted vision of mutual interconnectedness and global belonging. The socialist travelogue had an important role in promoting such symbolic geography and in negotiating proclaimed and practiced solidarities with various tensions, interests and power inequalities. Today, these travelogues and the partnership between the two worlds have been forgotten, profoundly influencing how we understand the European – and global – past and future. SOCGLOBE sets to examine the Yugoslav socialist
travelogue (1945–1990), as a rich place to explore socialist symbolic geography and,
consequently, promote values, narratives and memories of solidarity and global
belonging in order to re-inspire public debates on the European future. In line with
that, SOCGLOBE has two strategic goals: (1) to compose the first comprehensive
corpus of Yugoslav travel writing, thus integrating the uncatalogued material in
danger of historical disappearance, and (2) to build a novel conceptual framework to
explore socialist symbolic geography beyond the currently dominant postcolonial
model, created for analysing relations between Western Europe and its (colonial)
Other(s). SOCGLOBE challenges the postcolonial approach by incorporating
imagology and Bourdieu’s concept of position-taking into the research and proposes
the notion of socialist symbolic geography as a site of multidimensional and
multidirectional exchange and negotiation. SOCGLOBE advances literary-, cultural-
and travel writing studies beyond their Western-oriented focus, and contributes to
socialist studies, historical research on Second and Third World relations and
broader research on (semi-)peripheries by proposing an alternative conceptual
model for framing intercultural relations.

Keywords

- socialist travel writing
- Yugoslavia
- Third World
- symbolic geography
- solidarity
- global belonging

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