



**Exploring the Legacy of the Hutterites and Habans:
Advancements in Research and Scholarship on
500 Years of Anabaptist Heritage**

**SYMPOSIUM
PROGRAM
and
TIME SCHEDULE**

4-5. July, 2025
in Veľké Leváre, Slovakia

Venue:

Kultúrny dom, Mládežnícka 653, [Link](#)

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FRIDAY | JULY 04 | 2025

08:30 – 09:00	Registration and Welcome Coffee Participants check in & receive materials	
09:00 – 09:30	Opening Remarks , welcome address by Astrid von Schlachta (English) Invocation , Pastor Radoslav Danko, Evangelical Church Veľké Leváre (English) Greetings from Mayor of Veľké Leváre , Richard Nimsch (German) Overview/Announcements , Sibylle Becker-Kilian (English)	
09:30 – 10:00	Keynote Address: “Building Bridges Between Cultures” (Slovak) <u>Alexandra Glawischnig-Rudifieria</u> , University of Nitra, Slovakia	
10:00 – 10:30	Coffee Break	
10:30 – 12:00	SESSION 1	
10:30 – 11:00	New Discoveries at Alinkov Haushaben , (Czech) <u>Jiří Pajer</u> , Association Alinkov z. s. (Dvor) in Čermákovice, Czech Republic	
11:00 – 11:30	Hutterite Diversity and Disagreement , (English) <u>John Sheridan</u> , University of Iowa, USA	
11:30 – 12:00	The Great Article Book: Authorship and Influences (English) <u>Emmy Barth Maendel</u> , Bruderhof Maple Ridge, New York, USA	
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch Break	
13:00 – 14:30	SESSION 2	
13:00 – 13:30	Die Hutterische Sprache: Linguistic Observations , (English) <u>Wilfried Schabus</u> , Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, Austria	
13:30 – 14:00	Architecture in Hutterite Communities , (English) <u>Sibylle Becker-Kilian</u> , Kilian Architekten, Dresden, Germany	
14:00 – 14:30	Creation of the Hutterite Heritage Archives in Manitoba , (English) <u>Ian Kleinsasser</u> , Crystal Spring Colony, Manitoba, Canada	
14:30 – 15:00	Coffee Break	
15:00 – 16:30	SESSION 3	
15:00 – 15:30	Material Culture: Haban Ceramics from Hungarian Collections , (English) <u>Anna Ridovics</u> , Hungarian National Museum, Budapest	
15:30 – 16:00	Hutterite Relations with Indigenous Peoples in Manitoba , (English) <u>Jesse Hofer</u> , Silverwinds Colony, Manitoba, Canada	
16:00 – 16:30	Extinct Hutterite Colony: Milltown, South Dakota , (English) <u>Tony Waldner</u> , Forest River Community, North Dakota, USA	
16:30 – 17:00	Coffee Break	
17:00 – 18:30	SESSION 4	
17:00 – 17:30	Habans in Slovakia Through the Lens of Hungarian Ethnography (English) <u>Pavol Krajčovič</u> , University of Ss. Cyril & Methodius in Trnava, Slovakia	
17:30 – 18:00	Hutterites in Moravia: Between Isolation and Integration , (English) <u>Andrea Štěpánková</u> , Masaryk University, Czech Republic	
18:00 – 18:30	Update From the Field (Přibice): Progress on Long-Term Research of Early Modern Anabaptist Communities in Moravia , (English) <u>Mikoláš Jurda</u> , Masaryk University, Czech Republic	
19:00 – 20:00	Guided Tour: The Historic Haban Village of Veľké Leváre	
20:00	Reception Dinner: Pálenica Kafe Bar , https://g.co/kgs/4Yauu1q	



SATURDAY | JULY 05 | 2025

08:30 – 09:00	Check-in/Opening Announcements, Jason Stahl	
09:00 – 10:30	SESSION 5	
09:00 – 09:30	<i>Tradition and Renewal in Hutterite History,</i>	(English)
	<u>Astrid von Schlachta</u> , Mennonitische Forschungsstelle, Germany	
09:30 – 10:00	<i>Historical Development of the Haban Community from Alvinz,</i>	(English)
	<u>Gudor Botond</u> , Babes Bolyai Uni Cluj-Napoca, Romania	
10:00 – 10:30	<i>Forming the Faithful: the Hutterite Catechesis Process,</i>	(English)
	<u>Kenny Wollmann</u> , Baker Colony, Manitoba, Canada	
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00 – 13:00	SESSION 6	
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Hutterite Medical Manuscripts,</i>	(English)
	<u>Jason Stahl</u> , Universität Hamburg, Germany	
11:30 – 12:00	<i>Haban Ceramics from Vințu de Jos in Museum Collections,</i>	(English)
	<u>Karla Rosca</u> , ASTRA Museum, Sibiu, Romania	
12:00 – 12:30	<i>What Does it Mean to be Hutt'risch,</i>	(English)
	<u>Ruth Baer Lambach</u> , City Colleges of Chicago, Illinois, USA	
12:30 – 13:00	<i>Habsburg Sectarian Policy in Transylvania, 1760s–70s,</i>	(English)
	<u>Kálmán Árpád Kovács</u> , Veritas Research Institute, Budapest, Hungary	
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 – 15:30	SESSION 7	
14:00 – 14:30	<i>Habans in Sobotište after Recatholization,</i>	(Slovak)
	<u>Martin Hoferka</u> , Záhorské Múzeum v Skalici, Slovakia	
14:30 – 15:00	<i>The Haban Museum in Sobotište,</i>	(Slovak)
	<u>Dita Andrušková</u> , Záhorské Múzeum v Skalici, Slovakia	
15:00 – 15:30	<i>Reception of Haban History in Present Day Czech Communities,</i>	(Czech)
	<u>Pavel Šácha</u> , Town Archivist, Nikolčice, Czech Republic	
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break	
16:00 – 17:30	SESSION 8	
16:00 – 16:30	<i>Reconciling Faith and History,</i>	(English)
	<u>Robert Hochgruber & Edi Geissler</u> , Hutterer Arbeitskreis Tirol & Südtirol	
16:30 – 17:00	<i>Commemorating the Legacy of the Austrian Anabaptists,</i>	(English)
	<u>Reinhold Eichinger</u> , Hutterischer Geschichtsverein, Vienna, Austria	
17:00 – 17:30	<i>The Story Continues: The Hutterite Pilgrimage Project,</i>	(English)
	<u>Paul Hofer</u> , Der Hutterer Weg, Prague, Czech Republic	
17:30 – 18:00	Discussion & Closing Remarks	
18:30	Reception Dinner: Pálenica Kafe Bar, https://g.co/kgs/4Yauu1q	
20:00	Evensong Service at Evangelical Church Vel'ké Leváre, Link	

SUNDAY | JULY 06 | 2025 (Optional)

10:00 – 12:00

Guided Tour: *The Historic Haban Mill and Village of Sobotišťe*

Meeting Point: Habánsky mlyn (Haban Mill), Sobotišťe, Slovakia [Link](#)

A monetary donation will be collected afterwards for compensation.

from 12:00 onward

Voluntary Visit of the Yearly Haban Festival in Veľké Leváre, [Link](#)

Hosted by the local community.

HABAN OPEN AIR FESTIVAL

VEĽKÉ LEVÁRE HABÁNSKY DVOR

6. July 2025
SUNDAY



From 9.00 HANDMADE MARKET

- 10.00 Ceremonial Holy Mass in front of the Habán Chapel
- 13.00 Brass band SEKULKA from Sekúle
- 13.30 Official Ceremonial Opening
- 13.40 Brass band SEKULKA from Sekúle
- 14.30 Theatre from the Little House – Wenckheim Mill
- 15.00 LEVÁRANKY traditional dance folk band
- 15.30 Historical dance SHŠ Wagus from Trenčín
- 16.00 *The Devil and the Duck*: Wooden Theatre from Bratislava, a unique historical theatre wagon
- 16.50 *The Craft Has a Golden Foundation*: Theatrical Fencing Performance, SHŠ Wagus
- Who's Faster on Stilts? A fun competition for kids and adults.
- 17.30 Leváranek: Traditional folk brass ensemble
- 18.00 *A Good Wine*, Theatrical Fencing Performance, SHŠ Wagus
- 18.30 FORSAX, music band, concert and party
- 21.00 Before Dusk: Oriental Dancers and Fire Show

ACCOMPANYING EVENTS:

- 9.00 – 19.00 Haban museum will be open
- 9.00 – 19.00 Exhibition on the fence
- 14.00 – 18.00 Creative workshops for children:
Pottery making on a potter's wheel,
Historical games and archery range
- 15.00 – 18.00 Tour of the Roman Catholic church with a guide
- Tasting of the Festive Habán Cake GRENZKOCH



FREE ADMISSION!

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