In the late 1950s and early 1960s, both the Romanian Black Sea Coast and the Spanish Costa del Sol became tourist destination for the foreign tourists in search of sun and recreation. While in Romania tourists arrived via officially controlled channels, such as ONT-Carpathians, in Spain private domestic and, later, foreign tour operators opened the way. But despite the different geographical locations and economic systems, the two coastal regions became cosmopolitan places where foreigners, domestic tourists, and local population mixed in varying degrees. This presentation will delve into this process and examine how interactions between foreign tourists on the one hand and tourist workers and domestic tourists on the other reshaped leisure spaces on both the Romanian Black Sea Coast and the Spanish Costa del Sol in the 1960s and 1970s.

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