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Twenty Years After: Central and Eastern European Communist Regimes as a Shared Legacy

International Conference

Prague, Nostic Palace

PROGRAMME

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

• 9:00 am - 9:30 am *Participants' registration*

• 9:30 am *Opening of the conference*

• 10:00 am - 11:15 am

PANEL: "Transitional Justice"

- Michael Kraus, *Middlebury College, Vermont, USA*
Reckoning with Former Regimes and Their Legacies in Central and East Europe
- Aviezer Tucker, *Gvirtzman Memorial Foundation Fellow, Czech Republic*
The Legacies of Totalitarianism
- Arolda Elbasani, Artur Lipinski, *Otto-Suhr-Institute for Political Science Freie Universität Berlin, Germany; Department of Political Science, Kazimierz Wielki University, Poland*
Politicization Tendencies and the Crucial Role of Public Debates to Moderate Transitional Justice
- Jakub Jirsa, *Faculty of Arts, Charles University, Czech Republic*
Guilt and Shame: Two Different Possibilities of Transitional Justice

• 11:15 am - 12:15 pm

PANEL: "Transitional Justice"

- Tomáš Bezák, *Faculty of Philosophy, Comenius University, Slovakia*
An Explanation of the Timing for the Adoption and Severity of "Lustration" Mechanisms in Central and Eastern Europe (a Comparative View)
- Pavel Žáček, *Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes, Czech Republic*
"Lustration" in the Czech Republic
- Martin Mejstřík, *former member of the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic, Czech Republic*
The Czech Judiciary after 1989

• 12:15 pm - 1:45 pm *Lunch*

• 1:45 pm - 3:00 pm

PANEL: "Transitional Justice"

- Witold Kulesza, *former Vice President of the National Remembrance Institute, Poland*
Criminal proceedings dealing with communist crimes. The Polish experience.
- Berthold Unfried, *Institute for Economic and Social History, University of Vienna, Austria*
Dealing with the GDR-Past as a "Second German Dictatorship:" the Commissions of Inquiry on the German Democratic Republic in the German Parliament
- Christoph Schaeffgen, *former Attorney General - Generalstaatsanwalt, Germany*
Dealing with the Non-Democratic Past in Germany
- Lilia Topouzova, *Department of History, University of Toronto, Canada*
Reckoning Justice: Prosecuting Communism in Post-Communist Bulgaria, the Case against Julia Ruzhgeva

• 3:00 pm - 4:15 pm

PANEL: "Transitional Justice"

- Jernej Letnar Čeranič, *Law Institute, Slovenia*
Responding to Crimes against Humanity Committed in Slovenia after the Second World War
- Vida Deželak Barič, *Institute for Contemporary History, Slovenia*
Second World War Victims and the Revolution in Slovenia: from the Perspective of the Systematic Recordings of the Victims
- Lovro Šturm, *former Minister of Justice of the Republic of Slovenia and the former President of the Council of the EU, Slovenia*

Slovenia 1945-1990. Constitutional Court Review of Mass and Systematic Violations of Human Rights and Redress of Injustices

- Marius Oprea, *Institute for the Investigation of Communist Crimes, Romania*
Twenty Years After - Common Denominator: Death

● 4:15 pm - 4:30 pm *Coffee break*

● 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

PANEL: Transformation of the Security Forces

- Valeri Katzounov, *Committee for Disclosing and Announcing the Affiliation of Bulgarian Citizens with the State Security and Intelligence Services of the Bulgarian National Army, Bulgaria*
The Transformation of the Secret Services in Bulgaria after November 10, 1989
- Pál Germuska, *Institute for the History of the 1956 Hungarian Revolution, Hungary*
The "Dark Horse" of Hungary's Change of Regime. The Workers' Militia in 1989
- Magdolna Baráth, *Historical Archives of the Hungarian National Security Services, Hungary*
From State Security to National Security

● 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

PANEL: Transformation of the Security Forces

- Andrei Muraru, *Institute for the Investigation of Communist Crimes, Romania*
The Continuity of the Securitate. Interethnic Violence in Romania (March 1990) and the Establishment of the Romanian Intelligence Service
- Srdjan Prtina, *Faculty of Social Studies, Masaryk University, Czech Republic*
From Communism to Nationalism: the Transformation of the Yugoslav People's Army (JNA)
- Petr Dvořáček, *Security Services Archive, Czech Republic*
The Ministry of the Interior, the Environment and the Fall of the Communist Regime

● 8:00 pm *Reception with Czech beer and wine in a traditional Czech pub.*

Mlejn Restaurant, Kampa. (for panelists of the conference)

Wednesday, October 7, 2009

● 8:30 am - 9:00 am *Participants' registration*

● 9:00 am - 10:30 am

PANEL: Lifestyle(s) and the Culture of Everyday Life under Late Communism

- Martina Klicperová-Baker, Ivo Feierabend, Jaroslav Košťál, *Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, Institute of Psychology, Czech Republic; San Diego State University, Department of Political Science, U.S.A.; GfK, Czech Republic*
Post-Communist Syndrome: a Mental Heritage. A Theoretical Framework and Empirical Findings
- Elena Arhire, *International Centre for Conferences, a section of the Chamber of Deputies of the Romanian Parliament, Romania*
The Creative Field of the State: Refounding Romanian Cinema
- Tamas Dombos, Lena Pellandini-Simanyi, *Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology at the Central European University, Budapest, Hungary; Sociology Department of the London School of Economics and Political Science, UK*
Workers, Citizens and Consumers: the Construction of Political Subjects during Socialism and Capitalism in Hungary
- Paulina Bren, *Department of History, Vassar College, USA*
Televising Socialist Identity and Post-Communist Memory in the Czech Republic

• 10:30 am - 11:30 am

POSTER SECTION: Lifestyle(s) and the Culture of Everyday Life under Late Communism

- Barbara Day, *Prague Society for International Cooperation, Czech Republic*
The Role of the Czech Theatre under Late Communism and Its Influence Today
- Cristina Gheorghe, *International Centre for Conferences, a section of the Chamber of Deputies of the Romanian Parliament, Romania*
Romania: km 0. A Zone Free from Neo-Communism
- Jakub Machek, *Faculty of Arts, Charles University, Czech Republic*
"The Man in the Town hall" and "The Lady behind the Counter:" Popular Culture during the "Normalization" Era Using the Example of a Television Serial
- Denis Poniž, *Department for Dramaturgy, Academy for Theatre, Radio, Film and TV, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia*
Turning Points in the Process of Deconstructing the Communist Regime - the Case of the Slovensko Mladinsko Theater

• **POSTER SECTION: Roots of the Fall of Communism**

- Miroslav Londák, *Institute of Historical Studies of the Slovak Academy of Sciences, Slovakia*
The Economy of Slovakia and Czechoslovakia after Four Decades of Communist Rule
- Elena Londáková, *Institute of Historical Studies of the Slovak Academy of Sciences, Slovakia*
The Place of Slovak Culture in Social Activities in November 1989
- Jozef Žatkuliak, *Institute of Historical Studies of the Slovak Academy of Sciences, Slovakia*
Searching for the Causes and Contexts of November 1989 after 20 Years

• 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

PANEL: The Conceptualization of History in Primary, Secondary and Tertiary Education during the (Post-)Totalitarian Period

- Nadiya Chushak, *University of Melbourne, Victoria, Australia*
Teaching the History of Yugoslavia in Serbian Schools: Negotiating the Socialist Past in Times of Transition
- Andreja Valič, *Study Centre for National Reconciliation, Slovenia*
History Education as a Tool for the Promotion of Human Rights
- Kamil Činátl, *Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes, Czech Republic*
History in School, School in History (Scholastic History and Ideology)
- Florian Banu, *National Council for the Study of the Securitate Archives, Romania*
The Victims of the Communist Regime's Memory - between History, Justice and Forgiveness
- Václav Veber, *Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes, Czech Republic*
Czech Historiography Concerning the "Third Resistance" at Czech Universities 20 Years after Fall of the Communist Regime

• 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm *Lunch*

• 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

PANEL: "Old" Networks in Post-Communist Settings

- Mihaela Dragan, *Faculty of History, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Bucharest, Romania*
Social Networks after Decades of Systematic Attempts at Social Engineering Politics and the Public Sphere, Family Networks, Clientelism
- Florin Abraham, *National Institute for the Study of Totalitarianism, Romania*
Models of Political Elites' Formation in Romania after 1989
- Noemi Marin, *Peace Studies, Florida Atlantic University, USA*
Ceaușescu's Rhetorical Legacy: Totalitarian Discourse and Its Impact on Communist Romania
- Hella Dietz, *Georg August University of Göttingen, Germany*
Poland before and after 1989 - Replacing the Narrative of a Definite Rupture with a Reconstruction of Continuities and Rupture(s) Old Networks in New Structures - Poland

- Tetiana Kostiuchenko, *National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Ukraine*
Network Structures of Former CPSU and Komsomol Activists within the Political Elite in Post-Soviet Ukraine

- 4:00 pm - 4:20 pm *Coffee break*

- 4:20 pm - 5:00

CONCLUSION - PANEL MODERATORS

- 5:00 pm *Closing ceremony*