



12th IOS Annual Conference 2025

Continuity and Change in the Economic Trajectories of Central, East and South-East Europe in the Long 20th Century”

Convenors

Gábor Egry (Institute of Political History, Budapest & Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin)

Elżbieta Kwiecińska (Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw)

Matthias Morys (University of York)

Thursday, 26 June 2025

9:00–9:15 **Opening remarks:**

Ulf Brunnbauer (IOS Regensburg), **Matthias Morys** (University of York)

9:15–11:00 **New Economic Concepts of the Interwar Period**

Chair: **Mélanie Sadozaï** (University of Regensburg)

Gabriel Godeffroy (SIRICE, Paris): “The Promoters of Economic Cooperation between the Successor States of Austria-Hungary during the Interwar Period”

Discussant: **Ségolène Plyer** (University of Strasbourg)

Nataša Henig Miščič (Institute of Contemporary History, Ljubljana): “Customs Policy and International Trade in the Kingdom of Serbs, Croats, and Slovenes during the 1920s: The Interplay of National and Regional Interests”

Discussant: **Brigitte le Normand** (Maastricht University)

Martin Ivanov (University of Sofia): “Two Competing Views on Interwar Bulgaria”

Discussant: **Marcin Wroński** (Warsaw School of Economics)

11:00–11:30 **Coffee break**

11:30–13:15 Long-Term Trends and Challenges

Chair: **Alex Reisenbichler** (University of Toronto)

Marcin Wroński (Warsaw School of Economics): “Intergenerational Mobility over Nine Generations: Evidence from Poland, 1800–1984”

Discussant: **Gábor Demeter** (HAS Research Centre for the Humanities, Institute of History, Budapest)

Gábor Demeter (HAS Research Centre for the Humanities, Institute of History, Budapest): “Regional Inequalities, Backwardness and Peripheralization in Hungary 1880–2022”

Discussant: **Doris Hanzl-Weiss** (Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies)

Leonard Kukić (University of Carlos III, Madrid): “The Burden of Memory: Persistence of Ethnic Conflict in Yugoslavia”

Discussant: **Edvin Pezo** (IOS Regensburg)

13:15–14:15 Lunch break

14:15–16:00 Tsarist Russia and the Soviet Union until the Second World War

Chair: **Viktor Malein** (Lund University)

Steve Nafziger (Yale University and Williams College): “Reform, Property Rights and Resistance to Soviet Collectivization”

Discussant: **Marvin Suesse** (Trinity College Dublin)

Natalya Naumenko (George Mason University): “The Economic Consequences of the 1933 Soviet Famine”

Discussant: **Leonard Kukić** (University of Carlos III, Madrid)

Julia Zimmermann (University Carlos III, Madrid): “Selection into Revolution and Terrorism: Drivers of Radicalization in the Russian Empire”

Discussant: **Viktor Malein** (Lund University)

16:00–17:30 Break

17:30–19:00 First Keynote Speech

Chair: **Matthias Morys** (University of York & IOS Regensburg)

Tamás Vonyó (Bocconi University, Milan): “The Deadweight of War: Economic Backwardness in Eastern Europe”

19:00–21:00 Reception

Friday, 27 June 2025

9:00–10:45 How Do Companies React to Political Upheaval?

Chair: **Slavo Radošević** (University College London)

Zachary Mazur (Museum of the History of Polish Jews, Warsaw): “Postimperial Banking: Jewish-Owned Financial Institutions from Imperial Russia to Poland, 1890–1920”

Discussant: **Steve Nafziger** (Yale University and Williams College)

Ségolène Plyer (University of Strasbourg): “The Czechoslovak Textile Industry and Its Transition after 1918”

Discussant: **Zachary Mazur** (Museum of the History of Polish Jews, Warsaw)

Brigitte le Normand (Maastricht University): “Yugoslavia and International Shipping, 1918–1970”

Discussant: **Nataša Henig Mišič** (Institute of Contemporary History, Ljubljana)

10:45–11:15 Coffee break

11:15–12:45 Second Keynote Speech

Chair: **Gábor Egry** (Institute of Political History, Budapest & Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin)

János Mátyás Kovács (RECET, University of Vienna): “The Story of the Prodigal Son. Did Economic Thought Develop under Communism?”

12:45–13:45 Lunch break

13:45–14:45 Roundtable discussion: “The Future of Central and Eastern Europe”

Moderator: **Gábor Egry** (Institute of Political History, Budapest & Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin)

Arevik Gnutzmann-Mkrtchyan (IOS Regensburg)

Elżbieta Kwiecińska (Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw)

Brigitte le Normand (Maastricht University)

Cindy Wittke (IOS Regensburg)

14:45–16:15 Trade and Other Vehicles for Economic Change

Chair: **Ulf Brunnbauer** (Leibniz IOS, Regensburg)

Slavo Radošević (University College London): “Central and Eastern Europe between Domestic and Foreign Led Modernization: A Long-Term View”

Discussant: **Timothy Nunan** (University of Regensburg)

Doris Hanzl-Weiss (Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies): “Eastern Europe before Transition: Exploring Historical Trade Data on External Economic Relations in CESEE’s Command

Economies”

Discussant: **Martin Ivanov** (University of Sofia)

16:15–16:45 Coffee break

16:45–18:30 The Rise and the Fall of the Soviet Union

Chair: **Matthias Morys** (University of York)

Andrei Markevich (University of Helsinki): “Soviet Industrialization and American Skilled Labor: Transfer of Technologies and Productivity”

Discussant: **Richard Bräuer** (IOS Regensburg)

Mario Holzner (Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies): “The Jockey, Horse and Racetrack Revisited: Why Did CESEE’s Command Economies Collapse?”

Discussant: **Olga Popova** (IOS Regensburg)

Marvin Suesse (Trinity College Dublin): “The Industrial Geography of Eurasia in the 20th Century: Soviet Planners Meet Tsarist Fundamentals”

Discussant: **Natalya Naumenko** (George Mason University)

18:30–18:45 Concluding remarks