

# Memory of Everyday Collaboration with the Communist Regimes in Eastern Europe

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Institute of History, Research Centre for the  
Humanities (RCH), Hungarian Academy of Sciences  
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Polish Institute in Budapest  
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Czech Centre in Budapest

## Conference Program

Wednesday, October 23

**Polish Institute  
15 Nagymező Street, Budapest**

17:00 Welcome address  
Pál Fodor (Director General, RCH, HAS)  
Rafał Rogulski (Director, ENRS Secretariat)  
Katarzyna Sitko (Director, Polish Institute)  
17:30 Round table: "What Memory? Whose  
Memory?" Memory of Everyday Collaboration with  
the Communist Regimes in Poland and Hungary  
18:30 Film Screening (in Polish with English  
subtitles), ["Różyczka" \("Little Rose"\)](#)  
20:30 Welcome reception at the Polish Institute in  
Budapest

Thursday, October 24

**Conference Venue: Institute of History, RCH,  
Hungarian Academy of Sciences  
Council Room (Tanácsterem)  
53 Úri Street, Budapest**

**9:30 Panel I Chair: Sándor Horváth (Budapest)  
Secret Files, Secret Memories. Reopening Secrets  
and Prospects for Research**  
- Florin Abraham (Bucharest, National School for  
Political Studies and Public Administration,  
Romanian Academy), *To Collaborate and to Punish.  
Democracy and Transitional Justice in Romania*  
- Barbara Klich-Kluczewska (Krakow, Jagiellonian  
University), *The Discourse on Polish Post-War  
Society by the Institute of Polish Remembrance*  
- Tamara Pavasovic Trost (University of Graz),  
*Reopening Secrets from the Communist Past:  
Transformations of Narratives of Collaboration in  
Former Yugoslavia*  
11:00 Coffee Break

**11:30 Panel II**

**Chair: Paweł Sowiński (Warsaw)  
National Remembrance and Collaboration**  
- Martin Kovanič (Bratislava, Comenius University),  
*Institutes of Memory in the Slovak and Czech  
Republics – What Kind of Memory?*  
- Barash Raisa (Moscow, Russian Academy of  
Sciences), *Challenging the Way of the Russian  
Collective Memory – a Shaky Balance Between  
Fame and the Shame*  
- Krzysztof Brzechczyn (Poznań Branch of Institute  
of National Remembrance/ Department of  
Philosophy, Adam Mickiewicz University), *The  
Problem of the Reliability of "Files" concerning  
Collaboration with Security Service (SB) in Poland*

13:00 Lunch Break

**14:30 Panel III**

**Chair: Marína Zavacká (Bratislava)  
Public Debates, Public History and Collaboration**  
- Karina Hoření (Brno, Masaryk University)  
*Disputes regarding the Institute of Study of  
Totalitarian Regimes as an Example of the  
Politicization of the Memory of Communism*  
- Ferenc Hammer (Budapest, Eötvös Loránd  
University)  
*Imagined Secrets, Invisible Service*  
- Marta Kurkowska-Budzan (Krakow, Jagiellonian  
University)  
*"The Doomed Soldiers". The Institute of National  
Remembrance and the Symbolic Transformation in  
Poland*

16:00 Coffee Break

### 16:30 Panel IV

**Chair: Stefano Bottoni (Budapest)**

#### Visual Representations

- Caterina Preda (Bucharest, University of Bucharest)

*Artistic Forms of Collaboration with[in] the Communist Regime in Romania*

- János Berta (University of Pécs)

*Is this the Life of an Agent? A Unique Reconstruction of Secret Service Operations in Gábor Zsigmond Papp's Documentary*

18:30 Reception with Buffet Dinner

Friday, 25 October

### 9:00 Panel V

**Chair: Florin Abraham (Bucharest)**

#### Knowledge of the Devil. Intellectuals and Collaboration

- Gabriel Andreescu (Bucharest, National School for Political Studies and Public Administration)

*"Resistance through Culture" or "Connivance through Culture." Difficulties of Interpretation; Nuances, Errors, and Manipulations*

- Matěj Spurný (Prague, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic)

*Intellectuals Between Collaboration and Independence. Politics and Everyday Life in the Prague Faculty of Arts in Late Socialism*

- Josip Mihaljević (Zagreb, Croatian Institute of History)

*Tito and Intellectuals - Collaboration and Support. 1945-1980*

- Fedor Blaščák (Bratislava, Memory Kontrol)

*Marxism – Leninism, Really? An Oral History of Three Academic Communities*

11:00 Coffee Break

### 11:30 Panel VI

**Chair: Péter Apor (Budapest)**

#### Party Membership and Collaboration

- Marína Zavacká (Bratislava, Slovak Academy of Sciences)

*Finding the Ways (around). Regional-level Party Activists*

- Tamás Kende (Budapest Eötvös Loránd University)

*"But Who is the Party?" History and Historiography*

- Dobrochna Kałwa (Warsaw, Polish Academy of Sciences)

*In Search of New Meanings: Autobiographical Strategies of Local Party-Members in Poland*

13:00 Lunch Break

### 14:30 Panel VII

**Chair: Miklós Mitrovits (Budapest)**

#### Professions, Social Groups, Everyday Experiences

- Pavla Francová (Charles University in Prague)

*The Role of Newspapers in Everyday Collaboration with the Communist Regimes*

- Agáta Drellová (University of Exeter)

*Forgetting "Judas." Priest Collaboration in Slovak Catholic Memory after 1989*

- Paweł Sowiński (Warsaw, Polish Academy of Sciences)

*Spy in the Underground. Polish Samizdat Stories*

16:00 Coffee Break

### 16:30 Panel VIII

**Chair: Tamara Pavasovic Trost (Graz)**

#### Remembrance and Collaboration

- Ieva Zake (Rowan University, New Jersey)

*The Exempt Nation: Memory of Collaborationism in Contemporary Latvia*

- Krisztina Slachta (University of Pécs)

*Informing as Life-Style. Unofficial Collaborators (IM's) of the Hungarian and the East-German State Security Working in the Tourism Sector*

Saturday, October 26

### 9:30 Panel IX

**Chair: Ieva Zake (Rowan University, US)**

#### Life Stories, Personal Memories

- Marie Černá (Prague, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic)

*Remembering Soviet Army Occupation. Czechoslovakia 1968-1991*

- Zoltán Novak (Targu Mures, Gheorghe Sincai Institute for Social Studies and the Humanities of the Romanian Academy)

*We Serve and Collaborate. Church and State in Romania: the Géza Pálfi Files*

- Stefano Bottoni (Budapest, Hungarian Academy of Sciences)

*To Survive and To Collaborate. Imre Mikó, a Transylvanian Intellectual*

### 11:00 Final Discussion