

The Mindszenty Trial in the Perspective of Seventy Years

Prelate Fates in East-Central Europe



PROGRAMME

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WEDNESDAY, 13 FEBRUARY 2019
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10.00 WELCOME SPEECH

- ✦ JÁNOS LATORCAI, Deputy Speaker of the Hungarian National Assembly
- ✦ GÁBOR MOHOS, Auxiliary Bishop of Esztergom-Budapest
- ✦ MICHAEL VON HABSBURG-LOTHRINGEN, president of the Hungarian Mindszenty Foundation
- ✦ RÉKA FÖLDVÁRYNÉ KISS, chairperson of the Committee of National Remembrance

10.40 PANEL I (CHAIR: PÁL FODOR, HUNGARIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, RESEARCH CENTRE FOR THE HUMANITIES)

- ✦ MÁTÉ GÁRDONYI (Archiepiscopal Theological College of Veszprém): 'We Cannot Stay Silent!' The Hungarian Episcopate and Political and Social Changes after 1945
- ✦ MARGIT BALOGH (Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Research Centre for the Humanities, Institute of History): 'The Most Miserable Prisoner of the Nation.' József Mindszenty's Arrest and Conviction in 1948/1949.

11.20 COFFEE BREAK

11.50 PANEL II (CHAIR: ISTVÁN BELLAVICS, THE OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, DIRECTORATE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS)

- ✦ ŁUKASZ KAMIŃSKI (University of Wrocław): 'The Prophet.' Communists vs. Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński
- ✦ OLEH TURIY (Ukrainian Catholic University, Institute of Church History): Metropolitan Josyf Slipyj and the Soviet Regime through the Prism of his Archival Heritage

- ✦ **CRISTIAN VASILE** ('Nicolae Iorga' Institute of History; Romanian Academy): 'The Catholic Hungarian Danger' and the Communist Offensive against the Greek Catholic Church in Postwar Romania, 1945–1948
- ✦ **KONSTANTIN SZABÓ** (Greek Catholic Eparchy of Mukachevo): 'Dying for Christ Means Living Forever.' Blessed Tódor Romzsa and the Confessors and Martyrs of the Greek Catholic Eparchy of Mukachevo

13.10 LUNCH BREAK

14.10 PANEL III (CHAIR: ŁUKASZ KAMIŃSKI, UNIVERSITY OF WROCLAW)

- ✦ **ÁDÁM SOMORJAI** (Pannonhalma Archabbey): József Mindszenty's Work between 1945 and 1949 through the Prism of Diplomatic Reports from the National Archives in London
- ✦ **GÉZA VÖRÖS** (Historical Archives of the Hungarian State Security): The Teacher and the Cardinal. The Watch of Mindszenty, 1945–1948
- ✦ **ANDRÁS FEJÉRDY** (Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Research Centre for the Humanities, Institute of History): 'This is the Greatest Insult the Roman Catholic Church Has Suffered since the Carrying Off of Pope Pius VII.' Mindszenty's Arrest and Trial in the Sight of the Holy See

15.10 COFFEE BREAK

15.40 PANEL IV (CHAIR: RÉKA FÖLDVÁRYNÉ KISS, CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL REMEMBRANCE)

- ✦ **TOMISLAV ANIĆ** (Catholic University of Croatia): The Trial against Croatian Archbishop Stepinac: Media and Propaganda of the Yugoslav Communist Regime
- ✦ **RIGERS HALILI** (University of Warsaw, Centre for East European Studies): Father Vinçenc Prennushi OFM. Life of a Franciscan, Death of a Primate
- ✦ **EMÍLIA HRABOVEC** (Comenius University in Bratislava): Ján Vojtaššák, the Most Persecuted Catholic Bishop in Czechoslovakia
- ✦ **MIHÁLY ZOLTÁN NAGY** (University of Oradea): Tolerated Bishop of a Tolerated Church. The Peculiarities of Áron Márton's Church Policy

17.00 CLOSING REMARKS

- ✦ **PÁL FODOR**, Director General of the Research Centre for the Humanities at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences

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**9.00 PANEL V (CHAIR: ANTAL MOLNÁR, HUNGARIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES,
RESEARCH CENTRE FOR THE HUMANITIES, INSTITUTE OF HISTORY)**

- ♦ **TIBOR ZINNER** (Milton Friedman University, Hungarian Jewish Institute of History):
Who Persecuted the Cardinal? From the Secret Service to Rákosi
- ♦ **BERNADETT WIRTHNÉ DIERA** (Office of the Committee of National Remembrance):
What about the Others? József Mindszenty's Associates before Court
- ♦ **FRIGYES KAHLER** (Research Institute and Archives for the History of Regime
Change): The Place of the Mindszenty Trial in Hungarian Law History
- ♦ **LÁSZLÓ BUKOVSZKY** (Fórum Institute for Minority Research, Šamorín): The
Reception of the Mindszenty Trial in Slovakia

10.20 COFFEE BREAK

**10.50 PANEL VI (CHAIR: VIKTOR ATTILA SOÓS, COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL
REMEMBRANCE)**

- ♦ **KATALIN MIRÁK** (Fact-Finding Committee of the Evangelical Lutheran Church
in Hungary; Lutheran Central Archives): Lutheran Bishop in the Prisoner's Box.
Persecution of Lajos Ordass (1948)
- ♦ **STANISLAVA VODIČKOVÁ** (The Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes, Czech
Republic): The Persecution of the Catholic Church in Czechoslovakia on the Example
of the Archbishop of Prague Cardinal Joseph Beran
- ♦ **GUSZTÁV FODOR** (Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church in Hungary):
Living Church in the Valley of Death. The Transcarpathian Reformed Superintendency
without a Prelate

11.50 LUNCH BREAK

12.50 PANEL VII (CHAIR: MIHÁLY ZOLTÁN NAGY, UNIVERSITY OF ORADEA)

- ♦ **ESZTER CÚTHNÉ GYÓNI** (Eötvös Loránd University, Faculty of Primary and Pre-
School Education): Mindszenty's Bad Spirit? Abbot of Zirc Vendel Endrédy's Role in
the Grósz Trial
- ♦ **CSABA SZABÓ** (National Archives of Hungary): Continuing the Mindszenty Trial. The
Persecution of Archbishop of Kalocsa József Grósz in 1951
- ♦ **RÉKA FÖLDVÁRYNÉ KISS** (Committee of National Remembrance): 'I Was Free to Say
No.' Conclusions of a Trial Against the Reformed Church that Did Not Happen and
Another that Did.

13.50 COFFEE BREAK

14.20 PANEL VIII (CHAIR: ANDRÁS FEJÉRDY, HUNGARIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, RESEARCH CENTRE FOR THE HUMANITIES, INSTITUTE OF HISTORY)

- ♦ **GERGELY KOVÁCS** (Hungarian Mindszenty Foundation): The Canonization of Cardinal József Mindszenty
- ♦ **VIKTOR ATTILA SOÓS** (Committee of National Remembrance): "The Most Dangerous Prelate besides Shvoy". Sending Bertalan Badalik into Exile in Hejce: Attempt in 1953, Realization in 1957
- ♦ **GERGELY MÓZESSY** (Archives of the Diocese and the Cathedral Chapter of Székesfehérvár): In a Golden Cage. The Bishop of Székesfehérvár Lajos Shvoy's Secret Captivity (1961/62)

15.20 CLOSING REMARKS

- ♦ **RÉKA FÖLDEVÁRYNÉ KISS**, chairperson of the Committee of National Remembrance

