

International Conference

**New Perspectives
in the Transnational History of Communism
in East-Central Europe**

October 16-17, 2014, Poznań

Program

The First Day, Thursday, October 16, 2014
Conference Venue: DS „Jowita”, Zwierzyniecka Street 7, hall AB

9:00-9:20: Opening

Session I: Ideological Dimensions of Communism

Chair: Krzysztof Brzechczyn

Institute of National Remembrance, Poznań

9:20-9:40:

Balázs Apor (Trinity College Dublin),

The Anatomy of Stalinist Leader Cults in the Soviet Bloc

9:40-10:00:

Uve Backes (Hannah Arendt Institut für Totalitarismus Forschung, Dresden),

Decadent Ideocracies? Changes of Regime Legitimation in Real Socialist Countries

10:00-10:20:

Vilius Ivanuskas (Lithuanian Institute of History),

„Engineers of Human Spirit“ in Soviet Lithuania: Making Sense of Global Sixties or Embracing the Localism

10:20-10:40:

Éva Petrás (Historical Archives of the Hungarian State Security, Budapest),

Prevailing Romantic Elements of Hungarian Nationalism at the End of the Cold War - their Origin and Influence on Nationalism

10:40-11:10: Discussion

11:10-11:30: Coffee Break

Session II: East-Central Communism in Transnational/Global Context

Chair: Péter Apor (Hungarian Academy of Science, Budapest)
Agnieszka Łuczak (Institute of National Remembrance, Poznań)

11:30-11:50:

Sarolta Klenjánszky,

Transnational Relations or Paradplomacy? Theoretical Reflections on the Example of the HSWP's Relationships to the FCP after the Invasion of Czechoslovakia

11:50-12:10:

Robert Brier (German Historical Institute, Warsaw)

Human Rights, East-Central European Dissent, and the Western Left in the 1970s and 1980s

12:10-12:30:

Ned Richardson-Little (University of Exeter)

Globalizing the History of Human Rights in the Soviet Bloc

12:30-13:00: Discussion

13:00-14:20: Break

14:20-14:40:

Christie Miedema (Amsterdam Institute for German Studies),

A Transnational Movement Breaking Down the Blocs? The 'Alliance' between the Western Peace Movement and the Polish Opposition in the 1980s

14:40:15:00:

Jure Ramšak (University of Primorska),

"Ultra-Left Demagogy": New Left and Student Criticism in Slovenia 1971-1974

15:00-15:20:

Dirk Dalberg (University of Pardubice),

The New Left in Czechoslovakia: Petr Uhl's Framework of a New Political System

15:20-15:40: Discussion

15:40-16:00: Coffee Break

16:00-16:20:

Tom Junes,

Explaining Change from a Generational and Transnational Perspective: the Oppositional Student Movement in Communist Poland

16:20-16:40:

Natalia Jarska (Institute of National Remembrance, Warsaw),

Women's and Gender History in Postwar Central European Societies. The State of the Art and perspectives

16:40-17:00:

Zsófia Lóránd (Central European University),

New Feminist Ideas: Challenging the State or Ameliorating Yugoslav Socialism?

17:00-17:20: Discussion

Session III: Military/Security Relations in History of Communism

Chair: Uwe Backes

(Hannah-Arendt-Institut für Totalitarismusforschung, Dresden)

17:20-17:40:

Jens Boysen (German Historical Institute, Warsaw),

Integration through Militarism in the Warsaw Pact: The East German and Polish Military Establishment between National Specificity and Transnational Cohesion

17:40-18:00:

Paul Maddrell (Loughborough University),

Compartmentalized Minds: the Communist Security Services' Understanding of the Western Espionage Threat to the Soviet Bloc in Comparative Perspective

18:00-18:20: Discussion

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Session IV: Economics of Communism

Chair: Tomasz Pawelec (University of Silesia)

Sándor Horváth (Hungarian Academy of Sciences)

9:00-9:20:

Krzysztof Brzechczyn (Institute of National Remembrance/Adam Mickiewicz University)

Between Modernization and Totalitarianism. Class Analysis in Explanation of Communism in East-Central Europe

9:20-9:40:

Viktor Pál (University of Tampere, Finland/Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration),

The Post-war “Golden Age” and Sustainability in East-Central-, and Western Europe

9:40-10:00:

Olaf Mertelsmann (University of Tartu),

An Economy of Shortages Aspiring Mass Consumption: The Economic Transformation of the Soviet Baltic Republics in the 1950s and 1960s on the Example of Estonia

10:00-10:20:

Elitza Stanoeva (Kulturwissenschaftliches Kolleg, Konstanz),

Inventing the Socialist Consumer: Worker, Citizen or Customer? Politics of Mass Consumption in Bulgaria, 1956-1968

10:20-11:00: Discussion

11:00-11:20: Coffee Break

11:20-11:40:

Mara Marginean (Romanian Academy. George Baritiu Institute of History),
Mis/Managing Industrial Labour Productivity by the Late 1950s: Work, Collective Consumption and Technologies of Nation Building in Romania.

11:40-12:00:

Eva Schäffler (University of Salzburg),
Pronatalism in the GDR and in the ČSSR

12:20-12:40:

Constantantin Parvulescu (West University of Timisoara, Romania),
Mass Gymnastics, Biopolitics and Romania's Late Socialist International Presentation

12:40-13:20: Discussion

13:20-15:00: Break

Session V: Memory and Narratives of East-Central Communism

Pavel Kolář (European University Institute)

15:00-15:20:

Dorota Malczewska-Pawelec, Tomasz Pawelec (University of Silesia, Katowice),
A Study of Memory Politics as a Research Program for Transnational History of Communism in East-Central Europe

15:20-15:40:

Jakub Muchowski (Jagiellonian University),
Intimacies under Real Socialism. Poles Emotional Self-Realization in 1960's

15:40-16:00:

Branislav Radeljić (University of East London),
European Community-Yugoslav Relations: Documents that Mattered (1980-1992)

16:00-16:20: Coffee Break

16:20-15:40:

Oleksii Polegkyi, (Antwerp University/Wroclaw University),
Russian and Ukrainian Struggle of "Historical Narratives": Post-Imperial vs. Post-Colonial Perspectives

16:40-17:00:

Anna Zadora, (Strasbourg University),
The Second World War in Belarus: a Fundamental Event for National Building

17:00-17:40: Discussion