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:
Uwe Backes (Hannah Arendt Institut fur Totalitarismus Forschung, Dresden),
Decadent Ideocracies? Changes of Regime Legitimation in Real Socialist Countries

10:00-10:20:
Vilius Ivanauskas (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 Paradiplomacy? Theoretical Reflections on the Example of the HSWP's Relationship with 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 (Imre Kertész Kolleg, Jena),
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: Constantan 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

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**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