



After a Quarter of a Century (1989-2014).

Victims, Memory and Justice

Bucharest, 12-15 November 2014

Howard Johnson Grand Plaza Hotel

Wednesday, 12 November

09.00-09.30 **Registration**

09.30-10.00 **Opening remarks**

Chair: Radu Preda (Executive President of the Institute for the Investigation of Communist Crimes and the Memory of the Romanian Exile)

10.00-11.30 **Inaugural Address followed by discussions**

Jens Hüttmann (Federal Foundation for Reappraisal of the SED Dictatorship):
Coming to Terms: Dealing with the Communist Past in United Germany.

11.30-12.00 **Coffee Break**

12.00-13.30 **Session 1. Politics and Violence or the Cult of Power**

Chair: Sergiu Musteață ("Ion Creangă" State University of Moldova)

Radu Preda, Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca/ IICCMER: *Sacrifice, Violence and Celebration. Communism as an Atheist Religion.*

Ingeborg Gabriel, University of Vienna: *Totalitarian Political Violence and Its Overcoming: Ethical Perspectives.*

15.00-16.30 **Session 2. The Victims of Communism or the Price of “Happiness” (I)**

Chair: Ștefan Bosomitu (IICCMER)

Ion Varta (Academy of Sciences of Moldova): *“Kulak” and “Romanian” Operations in RASS Moldova during the Great Terror (1937-1938).*

Nicolas Werth (Centre national de la Recherche Scientifique, Paris): *Stalinist State Violence: A Reappraisal Twenty Five Years after the Archival Revolution.*

Igor Cașu (Moldova State University): *The Fate of the Victims of Stalinism in the Moldavian SSR (1953-1991).*

16.30-17.00 **Coffee Break**

17.00-18.30 **Session 3. The Victims of Communism or the Price of “Happiness” (II)**

Chair: Virgiliu Țărău (CNSAS)

Bostjan Kolaric (Study Centre for National Reconciliation in Slovenia): *The Victims of the Communist Regime on the Territory of Slovenia.*

Alin Mureșan (IICCMER): *The Pitești Experiment: The Chronicle of an Assisted Suicide.*

Cosmin Budeancă (IICCMER): *The Prison from Râmnicu Sărat – Part of the Prison System in Communist Romania.*

Thursday, 13 November (for foreign guests only)

9.00 Departure from Howard Johnson Grand Plaza Hotel.

9.30-11.30 Visit at the House of Parliament (“Casa Poporului”), Bucharest.

15.00-16.30 Visit at the Râmnicu Sărat Political Prison.

Friday, 14 November

9.30-11.30 **Session 4. Policies of Memory (I)**

Chair: Cosmin Budeancă (IICCMER)

Radu Ciuceanu (The National Institute for the Study of Totalitarianism-Romanian Academy): *Memory as a Process of Historical Documentation*.

Dragoş Petrescu (The National Council for the Study of the Securitate Archives): *The Romanian Revolution of 1989: Conflicting Memories and Contradictory Truths*.

Dinu Zamfirescu (IICCMER): *The activity of IICCMER*.

11.30-12.00 **Coffee Break**

12.00-13.30 **Session 5. Policies of Memory (II)**

Chair: Alina Pavelescu (Romanian National Archives - ANR)

Ana Blandiana (Civic Academy): *A Memorial between Two Europes*.

Cristian Vasile (The "Nicolae Iorga" Institute of History - Romanian Academy): *The Presidential Commission for the Analysis of the Communist Dictatorship: Memory and Transitional Justice*.

Łukasz Kamiński (Institute of National Remembrance, Poland): *Polish Ways of Dealing with the Communist Past*.

15.00-16.30 **Session 6. A Trial of Communism? (I)**

Chair: Igor Caşu (Moldova State University)

Göran Lindblad (Platform of European Memory and Conscience, Czech Republic): *The Condemnation of Communism and the Parliamentary Assembly of the European Council*.

Viorel Siserman (Military Prosecutor's Office of the Cluj Military Court, Romania): *Important Aspects in Researching the Crimes of Communism*

16.30-17.00 **Coffee Break**

17.00-18.30 **Session 7. The Trial of Communism? (II)**

Chair: Octavian Roske (The National Institute for the Study of Totalitarianism - Romanian Academy)

Mária Schmidt (House of Terror Museum, Hungary): *The Democratization of Knowledge.*

Sergiu Musteață ("Ion Creangă" State University of Moldova): *Condemning Communism in the Republic of Moldavia: the Truth Commission and its Impact on Society.*

Saturday, 15 November

9.30-11.30 Session 8: The Lessons of Communism

Chair: Alin Mureșan (IICCMER)

Christoph Goos (University of Bonn, Germany): *Constitutional Dignity. A Comparative Analysis of Article 1 § 3 of the Constitution of Romania.*

Matei Cazacu (Centre national de la recherche scientifique, Paris): *The Romanian Exile and Diaspora in the Communist Era.*

Daniel Barbu (University of Bucharest): *Narrative and Character. Once more on the Post-communist Anticommunism.*

11.30-12.00 Coffee Break

12.00-13.30 Conclusions

The conference will be translated simultaneously in English and German.