

COMPARATIVE STUDIES OF COMMUNISM NEW PERSPECTIVES

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Thursday, 27 May, 2010
Nádor u. 9., Auditorium

17:00-18.30 Chair: **Constantin Iordachi** (Head, Department of History, Central European University, Budapest)
Roundtable Debate: The Collapse of Communism: Civil or Uncivil Society?

Participants:

Stephen Kotkin (History Department, Princeton University),
Vladimir Tismăneanu (Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland),

István Rév (Open Society Archives; Department of History, CEU)

Friday, 28 May, 2010
Nádor u. 11., István György Tóth Room (TIGY)

9:30-11:00 Chair: **Péter Apor** (Research Fellow, Pasts Inc., Central European University, Budapest)

Sandrine Kott (European Institute, University of Geneva): "Conflicting views on Labor? Eastern European communist countries and the International Labor Organization"

Mark Pittaway (Department of History, The Open University, Milton Keynes): "Work, Socialism and State Formation: Rethinking the relationship between workers and the state in Central and Eastern Europe"

11:30-13:00 Chair: **Charles Ingrao** (Professor, Department of History, Purdue University, West Lafayette)

John Lampe (Department of History, University of Maryland): "Yugoslavia's Foreign Policy in Balkan Perspective: Tracking between the Superpowers and Non-Alignment"

Aleš Gabrič (Institute for Contemporary History, Ljubljana): "Dissent in Eastern Europe: Yugoslavia in Comparison"

14:30-16:00 Chair: **Alfred Rieber** (Professor Emeritus, Department of History, CEU)

Malte Rolf (Historical Seminar, Leibniz University, Hannover): "Indigenizing Soviet Rule: Local Agency and Trans-national Exchange, The Lithuanian SSR and the Polish People's Republic"

Jan C. Behrends (Wissenschaftszentrum, Berlin): "A Stalinist volonté générale. Legitimizing Communist Statehood (1936-1956)"

16:30-18:00 Chair: **Balázs Trencsényi** (Associate Professor, Department of History, CEU)

Pavel Kolař (Zentrum for Zeithistorische Forschung, Potsdam): "The Party as Utopia: The Transformation of Communist Identity after 1956 in European Perspective"

Michal Kopeček (Institute for Contemporary History, Prague): "Communism and 'Authentic National Pasts'. Legitimizing Protest and Democracy in East Central Europe before and after 1989"

Saturday, 29 May, 2010
Nádor u. 11., István György Tóth Room (TIGY)

9:30-11:00 Chair: **Marsha Siefert** (Associate Professor, Department of History, CEU)

Muriel Blaive (Ludwig Boltzmann Institute, Vienna): "Discussing the merits of microhistory as a holistic approach: České Velenice, 1945-2010"

Thomas Lindenberger (Ludwig Boltzmann Institute, Vienna): "(In-)Comparable East Germany? Exploring the paradigmatic charm of a peculiar case of state socialism"

11:30-13:00

Final Roundtable Debate:

Teaching and Researching the Comparative Communism Studies in East-Central Europe: Challenges and Prospects

Participants: Teaching fellows (CHP-CDC)

Malkhaz Toria (Ilia State University, Tbilisi): Communist Past vs. National Past: Construction of Collective Memory in Soviet Georgia

Gabriel Leanca (University of Iasi): Marxism and Nationalism: the Uses of the French Revolution in Romanian Historical Writing under Dictatorship

Andi Michalache (University of Iasi): The Philosophy of History and the Political Background in Eastern Europe

Nino Chikovani (University of Tbilisi): Nationality Policy and Representation of History: Identity Formation in Soviet Georgia

Florea Ioncoăia (University of Iasi): Academia in Soviet Times. The University of Iasi Professoriate in Early Communist Romania, 1945-1960

Bejan Javakhia (University of Tbilisi): Medieval Studies in the Centre and Periphery of the Soviet Union

Discussants: CHP-CDC fellows: **Ekaterina Boltunova** (Russian State University for the Humanities), **Galina Babkova** (Russian State University for the Humanities), **Ivan Kurilla** (State University of Volgograd), **Vjerman Pavlakovic** (University of Zagreb), **Ovidiu Buruiana** (University of Iasi), **Oleksandr Zaitsev** (Catholic University of Ukraine, Lviv), **Nikolai Vukov** (New Bulgarian University)