Twenty Years After:
Central and Eastern European Communist Regimes as a Shared Legacy

International Conference

Prague, Nostic Palace

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| 10:00 am - 11:15 am | PANEL: “Transitional Justice”                                       | Michael Kraus, Middlebury College, Vermont, USA  
Reckoning with Former Regimes and Their Legacies in Central and East Europe  
Aviezer Tucker, Gvirtzman Memorial Foundation Fellow, Czech Republic  
The Legacies of Totalitarianism  
Arolda Elbasani, Artur Lipinski, Otto-Suhr-Institute for Political Science Freie Universität Berlin, Germany; Department of Political Science, Kazimierz Wielki University, Poland  
Politicization Tendencies and the Crucial Role of Public Debates to Moderate Transitional Justice  
Jakub Jirsa, Faculty of Arts, Charles University, Czech Republic  
Guilt and Shame: Two Different Possibilities of Transitional Justice |
| 11:15 am - 12:15 pm | PANEL: “Transitional Justice”                                       | Tomáš Bezák, Faculty of Philosophy, Comenius University, Slovakia  
An Explanation of the Timing for the Adoption and Severity of “Lustration” Mechanisms in Central and Eastern Europe (a Comparative View)  
Pavel Žáček, Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes, Czech Republic  
“Lustration” in the Czech Republic  
Martin Mejstřík, former member of the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic, Czech Republic  
The Czech Judiciary after 1989 |
| 12:15 pm - 1:45 pm | Lunch                                                                |                                                                                                    |
| 1:45 pm - 3:00 pm  | PANEL: “Transitional Justice”                                       | Witold Kulesza, former Vice President of the National Remembrance Institute, Poland  
Criminal proceedings dealing with communist crimes. The Polish experience.  
Berthold Unfried, Institute for Economic and Social History, University of Vienna, Austria  
Dealing with the GDR-Past as a “Second German Dictatorship:” the Commissions of Inquiry on the German Democratic Republic in the German Parliament  
Christoph Schaefgen, former Attorney General - Generalstaatsanwalt, Germany  
Dealing with the Non-Democratic Past in Germany  
Lilia Topouzova, Department of History, University of Toronto, Canada  
Reckoning Justice: Prosecuting Communism in Post-Communist Bulgaria, the Case against Julia Ruzhgeva |
| 3:00 pm - 4:15 pm  | PANEL: “Transitional Justice”                                       | Jernej Letnar Černič, Law Institute, Slovenia  
Responding to Crimes against Humanity Committed in Slovenia after the Second World War  
Vida Deželak Barič, Institute for Contemporary History, Slovenia  
Second World War Victims and the Revolution in Slovenia: from the Perspective of the Systematic Recordings of the Victims  
Lovro Šturm, former Minister of Justice of the Republic of Slovenia and the former President of the Council of the EU, Slovenia |
  o Marius Oprea, Institute for the Investigation of Communist Crimes, Romania
  Twenty Years After - Common Denominator: Death

• 4:15 pm - 4:30 pm Coffee break
• 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm PANEL: Transformation of the Security Forces
  o Valeri Katzounov, Committee for Disclosing and Announcing the Affiliation of Bulgarian Citizens with the State Security and Intelligence Services of the Bulgarian National Army, Bulgaria
  The Transformation of the Secret Services in Bulgaria after November 10, 1989
  o Pál Germuska, Institute for the History of the 1956 Hungarian Revolution, Hungary
  The “Dark Horse” of Hungary’s Change of Regime. The Workers’ Militia in 1989
  o Magdolna Baráth, Historical Archives of the Hungarian National Security Services, Hungary
  From State Security to National Security

• 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm PANEL: Transformation of the Security Forces
  o Andrei Muraru, Institute for the Investigation of Communist Crimes, Romania
  The Continuity of the Securitate. Interethnic Violence in Romania (March 1990) and the Establishment of the Romanian Intelligence Service
  o Srdjan Prtina, Faculty of Social Studies, Masaryk University, Czech Republic
  From Communism to Nationalism: the Transformation of the Yugoslav People’s Army (JNA)
  o Petr Dvořáček, Security Services Archive, Czech Republic
  The Ministry of the Interior, the Environment and the Fall of the Communist Regime

• 8:00 pm Reception with Czech beer and wine in a traditional Czech pub.
  Mlejn Restaurant, Kampa. (for panelists of the conference)

Wednesday, October 7, 2009

• 8:30 am - 9:00 am Participants’ registration
• 9:00 am - 10:30 am PANEL: Lifestyle(s) and the Culture of Everyday Life under Late Communism
  o Martina Klicperová-Baker, Ivo Feierabend, Jaroslav Koštál, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, Institute of Psychology, Czech Republic; San Diego State University, Department of Political Science, U.S.A.; GfK, Czech Republic
  o Elena Arhire, International Centre for Conferences, a section of the Chamber of Deputies of the Romanian Parliament, Romania
  The Creative Field of the State: Refounding Romanian Cinema
  o Tamás Dombos, Lena Pellandini-Simanyi, Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology at the Central European University, Budapest, Hungary; Sociology Department of the London School of Economics and Political Science, UK
  Workers, Citizens and Consumers: the Construction of Political Subjects during Socialism and Capitalism in Hungary
  o Paulina Bren, Department of History, Vassar College, USA
  Televising Socialist Identity and Post-Communist Memory in the Czech Republic
• 10:30 am – 11:30 am

POSTER SECTION: Lifestyle(s) and the Culture of Everyday Life under Late Communism

- Barbara Day, *Prague Society for International Cooperation, Czech Republic*
  The Role of the Czech Theatre under Late Communism and Its Influence Today

- Cristina Ghiorghie, *International Centre for Conferences, a section of the Chamber of Deputies of the Romanian Parliament, Romania*
  Romania: km 0. A Zone Free from Neo-Communism

- Jakub Machek, *Faculty of Arts, Charles University, Czech Republic*
  “The Man in the Town hall” and “The Lady behind the Counter:” Popular Culture during the “Normalization” Era Using the Example of a Television Serial

- Denis Poniž, *Department for Dramaturgy, Academy for Theatre, Radio, Film and TV, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia*
  Turning Points in the Process of Deconstructing the Communist Regime - the Case of the Slovensko Mladinsko Theater

• POSTER SECTION: Roots of the Fall of Communism

- Miroslav Londák, *Institute of Historical Studies of the Slovak Academy of Sciences, Slovakia*
  The Economy of Slovakia and Czechoslovakia after Four Decades of Communist Rule

- Elena Londáková, *Institute of Historical Studies of the Slovak Academy of Sciences, Slovakia*
  The Place of Slovak Culture in Social Activities in November 1989

- Jozef Žatkuliak, *Institute of Historical Studies of the Slovak Academy of Sciences, Slovakia*
  Searching for the Causes and Contexts of November 1989 after 20 Years

• 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

PANEL: The Conceptualization of History in Primary, Secondary and Tertiary Education during the (Post-)Totalitarian Period

- Nadiya Chushak, *University of Melbourne, Victoria, Australia*
  Teaching the History of Yugoslavia in Serbian Schools: Negotiating the Socialist Past in Times of Transition

- Andreja Valič, *Study Centre for National Reconciliation, Slovenia*
  History Education as a Tool for the Promotion of Human Rights

- Kamil Činátl, *Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes, Czech Republic*
  History in School, School in History (Scholastic History and Ideology)

- Florian Banu, *National Council for the Study of the Securitate Archives, Romania*
  The Victims of the Communist Regime’s Memory - between History, Justice and Forgiveness

- Václav Veber, *Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes, Czech Republic*
  Czech Historiography Concerning the “Third Resistance” at Czech Universities 20 Years after Fall of the Communist Regime

• 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm Lunch

• 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm

PANEL: “Old” Networks in Post-Communist Settings

- Mihaela Dragan, *Faculty of History, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Bucharest, Romania*
  Social Networks after Decades of Systematic Attempts at Social Engineering Politics and the Public Sphere, Family Networks, Clientelism

- Florin Abraham, *National Institute for the Study of Totalitarianism, Romania*
  Models of Political Elites’ Formation in Romania after 1989

- Noemi Marin, *Peace Studies, Florida Atlantic University, USA*
  Ceausescu’s Rhetorical Legacy: Totalitarian Discourse and Its Impact on Communist Romania

- Hella Dietz, *Georg August University of Göttingen, Germany*
  Poland before and after 1989 - Replacing the Narrative of a Definite Rupture with a Reconstruction of Continuities and Rupture(s) Old Networks in New Structures - Poland
Tetiana Kostiuchenko, National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Ukraine
Network Structures of Former CPSU and Komsomol Activists within the Political Elite in Post-Soviet Ukraine

• 4:00 pm - 4:20 pm Coffee break
• 4:20 pm - 5:00
  CONCLUSION - PANEL MODERATORS
• 5:00 pm Closing ceremony