

**Crimes Against Humanity as a Tool for Justice in Post-Communist Societies  
Political, Legal, and Historical Challenges**

**4-5 November 2021**

**Online Workshop via Zoom**

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**THURSDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2021**

10:00–10:05 **Muriel Blaive** (Institut for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes)

*Introduction*

**I. NATIONAL CASES**

10:10–10:30 **Rivka Brot** (Tel Aviv University)

*The Cry for Rectification: Jewish Tribunals in German DP Camps*

10:35–10:55 **Lea David** (University College Dublin)

*Remembering Hierarchies of Evil: Human Rights Abuses, Crimes, and Other Demons*

11:00–11:35 Discussion

**II. PURSUING JUSTICE IN EAST CENTRAL EUROPE**

11:40–12:00 **Christian Axboe Nielsen**, Aarhus University

*Dealing with Past Crimes against Humanity in the Midst of New Crimes: Croatia in the 1990s*

12:05–12:25 **James Kapalo** (University College Cork)

*Between Evidence and Memory: Secret Police Archives and the Pursuit of Justice in Post-Communist Eastern Europe*

12:30–12:55 Discussion

## **FRIDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2021**

### **III. THE SPECIFIC CZECH EXAMPLE**

- 10:30–10:50 **Roman David** (Lingnan University)  
*Communists and Their Victims: The Legacy of Human Rights Abuses in the Czech Republic*
- 10:55–11:15 **Muriel Blaive** (Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes)  
*The Czech Policy of Dealing with the Past: Political, Legal, and Historical Challenges*
- 11:20–11:45 Discussion
- 11:50–12:10 **Michal Louč** (Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes)  
*Too Little, Too Late: The Czechoslovak Political Prisoners' Perception of Transitional Justice*
- 12:15–12:35 **David Kosař, Katarína Šipulová** (Judicial Studies Institute, Masaryk University)  
*Will It Ever End? Purging (Or Not) the Czech Judiciary after the Velvet Revolution*
- 12:40–13:15 Discussion
- 13:15–14:00 Lunch Break

### **IV. THE EPISTEMOLOGY OF TRUTH AND MEMORY**

- 14:00–14:20 **Zoltan Dujisin** (Université Catholique de Louvain)  
*"East" and "West" as Distinct Political Cultures of Remembrance*
- 14:25–14:45 **Marci Shore** (Yale University)  
*Conclusion: Can the Past Be Punished – Or Should It Be Left Behind?*
- 14:50–15:30 Final discussion