



Transforming State Socialism in East-Central Europe Historical Sociology of the Long Change

30 September - 1 October 2022

72 Nowy Świat Street, Staszic Palace, Warsaw, Poland

Conference Programme

Programme at a Glance

Day 1, Friday, 30 September

9.45 – 10.00 Opening address

10.00 – 11.30 Parallel panels: Group 1 and Group 2

11.30 – 12.00 Coffee break

12.00 – 13.30 Parallel panels: Group 3 and Group 4

13.30 – 15.00 Lunch break

15.00 – 16.30 Parallel panels: Group 5 and Group 6

16.30 – 17.00 Coffee break

17.00 – 18.30 Keynote lecture

Day 2, Saturday, 1 October

10.00 – 11.30 Parallel panels: Group 7 and Group 8

11.30 – 12.00 Coffee break

12.00 – 13.30 Parallel panels: Group 9 and Group 10

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Detailed Programme

Day 1, Friday, 30 September

9:45-10:00 Opening address, room 268

10:00-11:30 Parallel panels: Group 1 and Group 2

GROUP 1 CRISES AND REFORMS, room 268

Moderator: Piotr M. Majewski

Juhan Saharov, Johan Skytte Institute of Political Studies, University of Tartu,
From Managerial to Political Innovation: the „Scenario Method” as a Way of Reforming Socialism in the Estonian SSR (1986-88).

Benedek Pál, History Department, Central European University,
Between Crisis and Reform: Critical Discourses on the Future of State Socialism in Hungary, 1980-87.

Piotr Perkowski, Faculty of History, University of Gdańsk,
Between the local and the global? Polish experts' pursuit of the roots of economic crisis at the turn of the 1980s.

Una Blagojević, History Department, Central European University,
Transition as Crisis: The case of Yugoslavia.

GROUP 2 MEMORY AND BIOGRAPHY, room 232

Moderator: Milena Błahuta

Kaja Kaźmierska, Department of Sociology of Culture, University of Lodz,
Cultural and social circumstances of building narratives about state socialism.

Sita Magfira, Independent scholar,
Witnessing State Socialism: The Lives of Indonesian Diaspora, Czechoslovakia, 1950s-1989.

Jogilė Ulinskaitė, Institute of International Relations and Political Science, Vilnius University,
Searching for pride in interviews on the post-communist transformation in Lithuania.

Luciana Jinga, New Europe College, Bucharest & The Institute for the Investigation of Communist Crimes and the Memory of the Romanian Exile (IICCMER)
A story that got forgotten: Romania as initiator for humanitarian aid during the 1970' and 1980'.

11.30 - 12.00 Coffee break

12:00-13:30 Parallel panels: Group 3 and Group 4

GROUP 3 STATE AND SOCIETY, room 268

Moderator: Tomasz Rawski

Michał Przeperski, Institute for the History of Science, Polish Academy of Sciences,
How to destroy the state? A story of discursive undertaking.

Nataliia Pohorila, Sociology Department, Ukrainian Catholic University Lviv,
Shrinking socialist state in Ukrainian forestry: good or bad for whom?

Daniel Platek, Institute of Political Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences,
Structuring Civil Society in Poland, 1990-2017.

Inxhi Brisku, Institute of Ethnology and Folklore, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences,
The transformation of the socialist economy, and its social and political implications in Albania in the 1990s (online).

GROUP 4 TRANSFORMING SOCIAL NORMS

Moderator: Dobrochna Kałwa, room 232

Anna Dobrowolska, European University Institute, Florence,
'Naked Girls and Bare Shelves': Transformations of Heteronormative Gaze in Late State-Socialist Poland.

Martin Babička, Faculty of History, University of Oxford,
Gaia, Kafka and the Markets: The End of an Omniscient Human and the Veiling of Neoliberal Technocracy in Czechoslovakia.

Marcin Zaremba, Faculty of History, University of Warsaw,
Cargo cult on the Vistula River. About attitude to things from the West in communist Poland. Toward the genesis of the Solidarity revolution.

Marta Karkowska, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Sciences
Continuity and changes in the memory of Polish politicians about the state socialism.

13.30 – 15.00 Lunch break

15.00 – 16.30 Parallel panels: Group 5 and Group 6

GROUP 5 CIRCULATION OF KNOWLEDGE, room 268

Moderator: Jarosław Kiliński

Stephan Rindlisbacher, Center for Interdisciplinary Polish Studies, European University Viadrina
From Academic Networks to Political Pressure Groups? Poland and the Academic Exchange with the 'West', 1959-1989.

Adrian Matus, The Vera and Donald Blinken Open Society Archives (OSA), Central European University,

The Auto-Ethnography of Archiving the International Communist Movement: Critical Inquiries on the Knowledge Production of the Cold War.

Barbara Klich-Kluczewska, Institute of History, Jagiellonian University,
The Actual Power of Knowledge. The Experts' Turn and Biopolitics in Late Communist Poland.

GROUP 6 GENDER AND SOCIAL POLICIES, room 232

Moderator: Magdalena Grabowska

Izabela Desperak, Institute of Sociology, Centre for Social Innovations, University of Lodz,
Alimony Fund as a tool of policy against feminization of poverty.

Leda Sutlović, Independent scholar,
'Worker Mother' at Home: Changes of Equality Politics in Yugoslav Late Socialism.

Johannes Kleinmann, Center for Interdisciplinary Polish Studies, Research Center for the History of Transformations (RECET),
Gender politics and its socioeconomic consequences in the long period of transformation in Poland (1980-2004)

Michael Zok, German Historical Institute, Warsaw,
"Dusk of Emancipation Policies". A Gendered Perspective on the Last Decades of State Socialism and the Beginning Transformation and its (Dis-)Continuities.

16.30 – 17.30 Coffee break

17.00 – 18.30 Keynote lecture: Joanna Wawrzyniak, University of Warsaw, Economic transformation from a cultural memory perspective: What shapes the view?, room 268.

Day 2, Saturday, 1 October

10.00 – 11.30 Parallel panels: Group 7 and Group 8

GROUP 7 SOCIALISM AND THE WORLD SYSTEM, room 268

Moderator: Anna Sosnowska-Jordanovska

Adela Hîncu, Alexandru Dragomir Institute for Philosophy, Bucharest,
Crisis and late socialist Marxist theories of global dependency and the world system in Romania.

Bartosz Matyja, Faculty of Sociology, University of Warsaw,
Integrating Socialist Poland with the World System: Relations with the EEC and the GATT 1964-1975.

Nikola Petrović, Institute for Social Research in Zagreb,
Central and Eastern Europe in the modern world system: Can significant events override geography?

Francesco Trupia, University Centre of Excellence IMSErt Nicolaus Copernicus University,
How Central-East Europe Deglobalised: The Long-1989 Disengagement with the Global South

GROUP 8 ETHNOGRAPHY OF (POST-)SOCIALIST SPACES, room 232

Moderator: Paweł Bagiński

Gabriela Jarzębowska, Faculty of Artes Liberales, University of Warsaw,
Socialism in the Web of Life. Dynamics of Factory Farming in Poland Before 1989.

Katarzyna Łatała, Institute of Polish Culture, University of Warsaw and Institute of European
Ethnology, Ludwig Maximilians University of Munich,
*Transitional allotment gardens: space of adaptation and integration during socialist and post-
socialist social transformations.*

Márton Szarvas, Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology, Central European Univer-
sity,
*Creating consumers of culture in socialist infrastructure: The house of culture as a place of form-
ing post-socialist citizens in Hungary.*

Jovana Janinovic, University Pavol Jozef Safarik Kosice & University of Valladolid,
*Too close for comfort: Commodification of communism, heritage tourism and subversive urban
memory practices in post-socialist CEE (online).*

11.30 - 12.00 Coffee break

12.00 - 13.30 Parallel panels: Group 9 and Group 10

GROUP 9 REINVENTING THE MARKET, room 268

Moderator: Piotr Filipkowski

Veronika Pehe, Institute of Contemporary History, Czech Academy of Sciences,
*From employees to entrepreneurs: The longer history of private enterprise in socialist Czechoslo-
vakia.*

Ioana Macrea-Toma, The Vera and Donald Blinken Open Society Archives (OSA), Central Eu-
ropean University,
*How to write about reform communism in Romania? The Story of a Short-Lived Institutional
experiment.*

Marcin Szymański, Institute of History, University of Łódź,
*Two sides of the same coin. Orthodoxy during the nationalization (1945-1950) and privatization
(1989-2000) of Polish industry.*

Jan A. Burek, Faculty of History, University of Warsaw,
*Polish labor history from a trans-war perspective. The introduction of Taylorism in Żyrardów,
Poland, 1926-1951.*

GROUP 10 CULTURE AND POWER, room 232

Moderator: Naum Trajanovski

Kristóf Nagy, Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology Central European University,
The revolt of the privileged? The late-socialist emergence of the post-socialist right-wing cultural production.

Zofia Rohozińska, Faculty of Sociology, University of Warsaw,
Transforming the Polish Field of Art by Changing the Memory of Socialist Realism over the 1980s

Emilia Sieczka, Graduate School for Social Research, Polish Academy of Sciences,
Established and outsiders' model in mobilizing the symbolic resources of Polish intelligentsia. The responses to changes in educational system from socialist to post-socialist period.

13.30 - 15.00 Lunch break

15.00 - 16.45 Keynote lecture: Michal Kopeček, Czech Academy of Science, *The Politics of Law in Late Socialism: Transforming Dictatorship From Within*, room 268.

16.45 - 17.00 Closing remarks, room 268

Scientific committee:

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