

CRISIS AND RESISTANCE IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

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CONFERENCE PROGRAM

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SATURDAY 22 NOVEMBER

09.30 – 11.00: Opening Plenary

From Transition to Crisis

Speakers:
Luboš Blaha (Member of the Slovakian Parliament):
The Absence of a Left Ideology
Catherine Samary (Dauphine University):
The Reconquest of the Commons
Gavin Rae (Kozłminski University):
Learning the Lessons from 1989
Moderator: **Urszula Ługowska** (Warsaw University)

11.15 – 12.45: Workshops

Emerging from the Periphery? CEE in the Global Economy

Aleksandar Matković (Collective Gerusija, Serbia):
A periphery on the rise: consequences of Serbia's peripheral position within the European economy
Olesia Tkachuk (Jagiellonian University):
The Visegrad Group of States After Ten Years in the European Union
Ieva Gajauskaite (Vytautas Magnus University):
Comparative analysis of Polish and Ukrainian strategic cooperation
Jan Majcsek (Charles University, Prague):
Czech resistance against austerity (2010 – 2013)

Gender Equality and the Struggle for Sexual Rights

Agnieszka Graff (University of Warsaw) and **Elżbieta Korolczuk** (University of Gothenburg):
Polish War on Gender in transnational perspective
Veronika Pasyukova (North West Institute of Management, Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration):
The Patriarchal Revolution? Gender Regime of Solidarity in Communist Poland
Anna Stepanowich:
New social movements on protection of LGBT rights in CEE: a comparative study of current political trends in Poland and Russia

The Economic and Social Costs of Neo-Liberal Transition

Joachim Becker (Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien) and **Ivan Lesay** (Slovak Academy of Sciences):
Slovakia's development model: contours, vulnerabilities and strategic alternatives
Sandra Martinson (Overseas Development Institute, London):
Economic reforms in Latvia after independence: revisiting 'success story'
Wojciech Woźniak (University of Łódź):
Polarization and the political agenda. Social inequalities in political parties' manifestos in Poland
Lara Otonicar (University of Bologna):
Recent Slovenian Uprisings: a Path to the Socialist Alternative.

13.00 – 14.30: Workshops

Neo-Liberalism and the Dismantling of Welfare

Maria Skóra (University of Wrocław):
Crisis as usual – austerity policy and decomposition of welfare state in Poland
Dzina Donauskaite (Vilnius University, Demos Institute of Critical Thought, Lithuania):
Framing Poverty in Lithuanian News Media during Economic Crisis of 2008: Implications for Media Role in Poverty Reduction Policy

Julia Rone (European University Institute):
The Good, the Bad and the Ugly: The Framing of Protestors' Identity in the Bulgarian 2013 Anti-Government Protests
Barbara Samaluk (Greenwich University):
The voice of music: Strategies of peripheral musicians to counter-marketization, austerity and (self) colonization in Slovenia

Transnational Capitalism and Investment in CEE

Maciek Bancarzewski (University of Hertfordshire):
Resisting Japanisation on the Periphery: Japanese Foreign Investment in Poland
Jane Hardy and **Graham Hollinshead** (University of Hertfordshire):
Building Bridges and Breaking Hegemony: Chinese Investment in Serbia
Stefanie Hurtgen (Institut Fur Sozialforschung, Frankfurt):
Transnational Corporations as Catalysts for Social Fragmentation in Eastern Europe – before and during crisis
Natalia Slobodian (Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv):
The Energy factor of power of current European Policy of Russia

Ideology and the Transition to Capitalism

Vytautas Kuokštis (Vilnius University), *Adjustment to the Crisis in Lithuania: A Model Success Story or a Basket Case?*
Victor Rizescu (University of Bucharest):
Neoliberalism and the welfare state vision: intertwined Romanian pedigrees
Boris Popivanov (University of Sofia):
From Strengthening to Crisis: The post-Communist left in Bulgaria
Rick Simon (Nottingham Trent University):
Russia, Ukraine and the 'new' imperialism

14.30 – 15.30: Lunch

15.30 – 17.00: WORKSHOPS

Ideology and the Neo-Liberal Reform of Education

Arlind Qori (University of Tirana):
The Neoliberalisation of the Albanian Higher Education: Critique of the Political Economy and Ideology
Urszula Ługowska (University of Warsaw):
Systemic Transformation of Polish Higher Education Institutions
Krystian Szadkowski (Theoretical Practice Journal):
Factories of Precarious Workers. The First Capitalist Transformation of the Polish Higher Education System (1990-2008) and its' Political and Economic Consequences
Gavin Rae (Kozłminski University):
The Neo-Liberal Opinions of Polish Youth

Workers' Resistance and the Trade Union Movement

Aleksandar Stojanović (Center for Social Analysis, Serbia):
Privatization and workers struggles for economic alternatives in Serbia
Dragos Adascalitei (Central European University):
When Striking Works: The Case of Unions in the Healthcare Sector in Romania
Piotr Szumlewicz (OPZZ Trade Union):
Crisis and the Trade Union Alternative
Daniel Jakopovich and **Goran Marković**:
The positioning of trade unions towards party politics in Bosnia and Croatia

Interpreting Historical Conflicts and Struggles

Magdalena Latkowska (Warsaw University):

The crisis of 1961 year in the GDR from the perspective of the authorities, the cultural elite and the society

Sven Cvek (University of Zagreb): *Crisis and Continuity: on the 1988 Borovo Strike*

Selena Ramic (University of Minnesota):

Yugoslavia: Why was there a civil war?

Manuela Marin Contesting the Leader on Daily Basis:

Everyday Resistance and Nicolae Ceausescu's Cult of Personality

17.15 – 18.45: Workshops

Revolt Against Austerity: Social Movements in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Slovenia

Bojan Grebenar (University of Banja Luka):

Bosnian Spring as an Event, News and Instrument in the Context of the Political Culture in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Martin Upchurch and **Claudio Morrison** (Middlesex University):

Nationalism, Neoliberalism and Revolt in Bosnia

Ksenija Berk:

Zombies strike back: Design as trajectory of dissent in Slovene protests

Chiara Milan (European University Institute):

NGO-IZING MOBILIZATION? A critical look at the role of NGOs in the 2013 and 2014 unrests in Bosnia-Herzegovina

Nationalism and the Rise of Right-Wing Extremism

Daniel Piatek (Jagiellonian University):

Dynamics of extreme right protest in Poland, 1989-2012

Andras Toth (MTA TK, Budapest):

Crisis of Globalization and Economic Nationalism: They Key for Understanding the Rise of Radical Right

Jelena Timotijevic (University of Brighton):

Nationalism in Serbia from Tito to neoliberal crash in 2000s: examining the consequences of varying nationalist discourse from Communism through to the neoliberal order of today

Iulius-Cezar Macarie (Central European University):

Half-in, Half-out: Roma and Non-Roma Romanians with Limited Rights Working and Travelling in the European Union

Conflict and Change in Ukraine

Olha Tkachenko (University of Warsaw):

Perception of Ukrainian Identity During Euromaidan in Polish Opinion Journalism

Yuliya Yurchenko (University of Greenwich):

Social forces in the Making of Ukraine's "Revolutionary Movement": ideologies, technologies, and reformation of consent

Giuseppe Perri (University of Brussels):

Marxism and nationality in Ukraine (1917-2014)

Justyna Anna Szymańska (Warsaw University):

Children of the revolution? Perception of crisis, democracy and history in Ukraine. Femen movement case.

A social event will be organised for the evening.

SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER

09.30 – 11.00: Workshops

After the Transformation. Where Now for Central and Eastern Europe?

Tamas Novak (Hungarian Academy of Science):

The second transformation of Central Europe. What future awaits the region?

Algirdas Davidavičius (Lithuanian New Left):

Post-democracy as a necessary outcome of neoliberalism: case of Lithuania

Borys Hass (Warsaw University):

The History and Future of Journalism in Poland

Economic Reform and Social Change

Marta Songin-Mokrzan (AGH, Kraków):

Temporalities of post-socialism and the case of the Special Economic Zone

Sandra Martinson (Overseas Development Institute, London):

Economic reforms in Latvia after independence: revisiting "success story"

Maciej Gdula (University of Warsaw):

Transformations in Poland and the Rise of the Middle Class

Ondrej Lánský (Czech Academy of Sciences) and **Lukáš Matoška** (Socialist Circle):

Romani People and Social Struggle in the Czech Republic

Between the Market and the Church: Ideological Divisions in Contemporary Poland

Agnieszka Szumigalska (University of Wrocław):

The role of the Catholic Church in post-1989 Poland: Catholic values and the Church's socio-political activity 25 years after the collapse of Communism

August Grabski (Jewish Historical Institute, Warsaw):

Is a left-wing Historical Policy Possible in Poland?

Piotr Kendziorek (Jewish Historical Institute, Warsaw):

Divisions about the meaning of the ethos of the Polish Intelligentsia after 1989

Beata Karoń:

The Social Costs of the Transition in Poland

11.15 – 12.45: Workshops

Central Eastern Europe in a Fragmenting Global Order

Simó Endre:

Geo-political context of Central and Eastern Europe

Filip Ilkowski (University of Warsaw):

Beggar imperialism: the case of Poland

Wojciech Łysek:

New Eastern Europe as an angle mor'? An Analysis of the examples of Ukraine and Moldova.

Peter Balogh (Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Centre for Economic and Regional Studies):

The formation, reproduction, and persistence of spatial social and economic polarisation in East Central Europe

A Crisis of Democracy?

Attila Agh:

The decline of 'deficit democracies' in East-Central Europe

Agata Czarnacka (ASP 'Sztuka Mediów):

"Democracy for dummies. Can crises teach us more about citizen's responsibility?"

Nino Khelaia (Humboldt University Berlin):

Social Movements, Ideologies and Democratisation. The Case of Georgia

Social Capital and Networks

Matei Gheboianu (University of Bucharest):

The accumulation of human capital in Communist Romania and the transformations in the 1990's

Linas Erikonas (Demos Institute):

Social capital and class structures in social media (this will be delivered by Algirdas Davidavičius)

Kamil Lipiński (University of Warsaw):

I am their Hostage'. The Polish Business Elite's Capital as a Barrier to Modernisation. Between Emancipation, Reconstruction and Subordination.

Polina Manolova (University of Birmingham):

Realities and Imaginaries of Bulgarian Migration to the UK

13.00 – 14.30: Closing Plenary

Social Resistance and Political Alternatives in Central and Eastern Europe

Speakers:

Ilya Budraitskis (Institute for World History, Russian Academy of Science):

The Logic of Campism in the International Left.

Volodymyr Ischenko (Centre for Social Research, Kiev):

The lessons for the left from Maidan

Mariya Ivancheva (Central European University):

The Womens' Movement in Bulgaria



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