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## ***Liberal Democracy, Authoritarian Pasts and the Legacy of 1989***

*Comparative workshop on recent history of political and social thought in East Central Europe*

**Prague, May 20-22, 2011**

Venue: Czech Academy of Sciences, Národní 3, Praha 1, Room No. 206

Registration: due to the limited capacity of the workshop's room, we ask those who intend to take part at the workshop to send a note to Ms. Hayley Falk: [falkhj@whitman.edu](mailto:falkhj@whitman.edu)

### **Program**

#### **FRIDAY May 20, 2011**

##### **9:00-9:20**

Welcome and introductory remarks: Michal Kopeček (Institute of Contemporary History, Prague), Balázs Trencsényi (Central European University, Budapest)

##### **09:20-10:20**

##### **Reconstitution of Liberalism in the Post-Socialist Era**

Karolina Wigura (Institute of Sociology, Warsaw University): *Towards Central-European Liberalism? Polish liberal tradition after 1989*

Ferenc Laczó (Friedrich Schiller University, Jena): *Between setting a new liberal agenda and confronting the 20<sup>th</sup> century: Political discourse in the Hungarian weekly Beszélő (1989-1995)*

**Chair/Discussant:** Michal Kopeček (ICH, Prague)

##### **10:20-10:40**

##### **Coffee Break**

##### **10:40-12:10**

##### **Reconstitution of Liberalism in the Post-Socialist Era II**

Milan Znoj (Charles University, Prague): *Czech liberal traditions after 1989*

Irena Ristić (Institute of Social Sciences, Belgrade): *Where have all the liberals gone? The case of Serbia*

Martin Myant (University of the West of Scotland): *The roots of the (partial?) triumph of neo-liberal economics in east-central Europe*

**Chair/Discussant:** Paul Blokker (University of Trento)

##### **12:10- 13:30**

## Lunch

**13:30-15:00**

### **Varieties and Metamorphoses of Conservatism**

Jan Filip Stanilko (Sobieski Institute, Warsaw): *Three traditions of Polish conservatism*

Petr Roubal (ICH, Prague): *A conservative counterrevolution? The post-dissident conservatives in Czech politics after 1989*

Adéla Gjuričová (ICH, Prague): *Covert conservatism: Conservative approach to family and gender as a factor of Czech post-communist transition*

**Chair/Discussant:** Maciej Ruczaj (Polish Institute, Prague)

**15:00-15:20**

### **Coffee Break**

**15:20-17:10**

### **Populism and Democracy in East Central Europe**

Andrej Findor (Comenius University, Bratislava): *Populism as a category of political analysis in East Central Europe*

Alexandar Martynau (Palacký University, Olomouc): *Populism in Eastern Europe: success in Belarus, failure in Ukraine*

Juraj Buzalka (Comenius University, Bratislava): *The political lives of dead populists in post-socialist Slovakia*

**Chair/Discussant:** Maria Falina (CEU, Budapest)

**17:10-17:30**

### **Coffee Break**

**17:30-19:00**

### **Populism and Democracy in East Central Europe II**

Camil Parvu (University of Bucharest): *Transformations of liberalism and new populisms: recent debates in Romania*

Ruzha Smilova (Sofia University): *Debating the 'flawed' transition in Bulgaria and the populist response*

András Bozóki (CEU, Budapest): *Traditions and reinventions of populist politics in Hungary*

**Chair/Discussant:** Balázs Trencsényi (CEU, Budapest)

**20:00**

**Dinner, Café Louvre, Národní 22, Praha 1**

## **SATURDAY May 21, 2011**

**9:30-11:00**

### **In Search of the Left**

Michał Łuczewski (Institute of Sociology, Warsaw University) *From socialism to conservatism and decadence. Transformations of the Polish Left after 1989*

Luka Lisjak Gabrielčič (CEU, Budapest): *Post-Yugoslav Left: the case of Slovenia*

Luboš Blaha (Institute of Political Science, SAS, Bratislava): *The left in Slovakia: a role model or heresy?*

**Chair/Discussant:** Patrik Eichler (Masaryk's Democratic Academy, Prague)

**11:00-11:20**

### **Coffee Break**

**11:20-13:20**

### **Alternative Politics and Challengers of the 'Liberal Consensus'**

Allan Sikk (University College London): *Postcommunism and postmaterialism? The foundations of green politics in Estonia*

Lubica Kobová (Comenius University, Bratislava): *Slovak feminism after 1989*

Zsófia Lóránd (CEU, Budapest): *Feminist criticism of the “new democracies” in Serbia and Croatia in the 1990s*

Larisa Kurtović (University of California, Berkeley) *Wither the state? Crisis of youth and longing for the system in the post-Dayton Bosnia-Herzegovina*

**Chair/Discussant:** Adéla Gjuričová (ICH, Prague)

**13:20-14:30**

**Lunch**

**14:30-16:30**

**Politics of History**

James Mark (University of Exeter): *1989 after 1989 in East-Central Europe*

Adam Hudek (Institute of History, SAS, Bratislava): *Anti-national freethinkers, nationalists and Bolsheviks. Wars over history after the fall of Communism. The case of Slovakia*

Dušan Spasojević (University of Belgrade): *Social cleavages, Europeanization and competing discourses in Serbia*

Aleksandar Jakir (University of Split): *Politics of memory and political divisions in Croatia*

**Chair/Discussant:** Luka Lisjak Gabrielčič (CEU, Budapest)

**16:30-16:50**

**Coffee Break**

**16:50-18:20**

**Politics of History II**

Piotr Wciślik (CEU, Budapest): *“Totalitarianism” and dissident political languages in Central Europe: late Communism and after*

Georgiy Kasianov (Institute of Ukrainian History, UAS, Kiyv): *Historians and politics in Ukraine and Belarus*

Gábor Egry (Institute of Political History, Budapest): *A fate for a nation. Concepts of History and the Nation in the Hungarian politics, 1989-2010*

**Chair/Discussant:** Muriel Blaive (Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for History and Public Space, Vienna)

**19:30**

**Dinner, Restaurant Kolkovna Olympia, Vítězná 7, Praha 1**

**SUNDAY, 22 May**

**10:00-12:00**

**Constitutionalism, Parliamentarianism, Transition**

Paul Blokker (University of Trento): *Constitutions as vehicle of transformation and democratization*

Jiří Přibáň (Cardiff University): *The rights revolution? On the emerging jurisprudence and theories of the democratic rule of law*

Zoltán Gábor Szűcs (Miskolc University): *The abortion of a ‘conservative constitutionalization’ An analysis of the documents of making a new constitution in Hungary between 1994-98*

Oleksandr Androshchuk (Institute of Ukrainian History, UAS, Kiyv): *“Federal Ukraine”: discourses, projects and political games (1989 – to present)*

**Chair/Discussant:** András Bozóki (CEU, Budapest)

**12:00-13:00**

**Concluding Discussion**