International Conference

“The memory of Communism in Europe: actors, norms, institutions”

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Thursday, May 15th

9:00-13:00 PANEL 1: WRITING THE HISTORY OF COMMUNISM

Venue: University Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne, 12 Place du Panthéon, room 6

Chair: Cécile Jouhanneau (CERI)

- Dominique Arel (Chair of Ukrainian Studies, University of Ottawa): “Memories of Communism and Memories of World War II in Ukraine: Categories, Responsibility, and Ethics”
- Valentin Behr (University of Strasbourg): “The writing of the (political) history of Communism in Poland”
- Aleksandar Ignjatovic (University of Belgrade) and Olga Manojlovic Pintar (Institute for Recent History, Belgrade): “Between Nostalgia and Irony: Communism in the Museum of Yugoslav History in Belgrade”
- Emilia Salvanou (University of Peloponnese): “Prospects of Communism, dominant anti-Communism and attempts of national reconciliation in Greece”
- Elena Morenkova (University Paris 2): “Soviet Communism Through Russian Schoolchildren’s Eyes”

Discussants: Barbara Törnquist-Plewa (University of Lund), Sandrine Lefranc (ISP-CNRS)

14:00-18:00 PANEL 2: ASSESSING COMMUNISM WITH LEGAL INSTRUMENTS

Venue: Polish Libray in Paris, 6 Quai d’Orléans, 75004 Paris

Chair: Michel Dobry (University Paris 1)

- Eva-Clarita Pettai (University of Tartu): “Baltic ‘genocide cases’ and the memory of Communism: comparing the politics of retrospective criminal justice in the Baltic states”
- Aleksandra Gliszczyńska-Grabias (Polish Academy of Sciences): “Communism equals or versus Nazism? Central and Eastern European unwholesome legacy in the European Court of Human Rights”
- Raluca Grosescu (University of Exeter): “Transitional Criminal Justice and Master Historical Narratives in Post-Communist Societies: Bulgaria, Germany and Romania in Comparative Perspective”
- Cécile Vaissié (University Rennes 2): “The "Kononov case": legal conflicts, memory conflicts, political conflicts / Russia-Latvia-European Union”
- Andrea Peto (Central European University): “Exceptional court, exceptional analyses? Role of performativity and emotions in constructing memory of post WWII jurisdiction process in Hungary”

Discussants: Carlos Closa-Montero (CSIC), Guillaume Mouralis (ISP-CNRS)
Friday, May 16th

9:00-13:00 PANEL 3: GOVERNING WITH MEMORY

Venue: University Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne, 12 Place du Panthéon, Room 6

Chair: Ioana Popa (ISP-CNRS)

- Georges Mink (College of Europe and ISP-CNRS): “Is there a new institutional response to the crimes of communism in the post-communist countries? The case of National Memory Offices in Poland, the Czech Republic and Germany”
- Dubravka Stojanovic (University of Belgrade): “In a broken mirror: Interpretations of Communism in history textbooks of Yugoslavia’s successor states”
- Máté Zombory (Hungarian Academy of Sciences): “The Memory of the Holocaust as Model for Representing the Communist Past”
- Anselma Gallinat (Newcastle University): “The local Aufarbeitung (re-working) of the SED-dictatorship: Governing memory to save the future”

Discussants: Anna Zadora (University of Strasbourg), Dorota Dakowska (University of Strasbourg)

14:00-18:00 PANEL 4: INTERNATIONALIZING THE MEMORY OF COMMUNISM

Venue: University Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne, 12 Place du Panthéon, Room 6

Chair: Pascal Bonnard (CERI)

- Carlos Closa-Montero (CSIC): “Communist crimes and claims for recognition in the EU”
- Laure Neumayer (University Paris 1, CESSP and Institut Universitaire de France): « Putting the “crimes of Communism” on the EU Agenda: from political controversy to policy institutionalization?”
- Zoltan Dujisin (Columbia University): « Post-Communist Europe: On the Path to a Regional Regime of Remembrance? »
- Vjeran Pavlakovic (University of Rijeka): “EU Narratives and the Specter of Communism in Croatia”

Discussants: Didier Georgakakis (University Paris 1, CESSP), Antonela Capelle-Pogacean (CERI)