

100 Years of Communist Experiments

Conference, Center for the Study of Post-Communist Societies
University of Maryland, College Park
Thursday, November 16th—Friday, November 17th 2017

Day One

9:15-9:30 Opening Remarks: Goals of the Conference

Dean Gregory Ball (College of Behavioral and Social Science, U-MD)
Vladimir Tismaneanu

9:30-11:00 Panel One: Communism as a Fantasy of Salvation

Mark Kramer, Jeffrey Herf, Mykola Riabchuk, Vladimir Tismaneanu
Moderator—Vladimir Tismaneanu

11:00-11:15 Coffee Break

11:15-12:45 Panel Two: Economics

Steven Rosefielde, Serguey Braguinsky, Peter Rutland, Michael S. Bernstam, Paul D. Aligica,
Moderator—Paul D. Aligica

2:00-3:30 Panel Three: Politics

Leon Aron, Margaret A. Pearson, Venelin Ganev, Marius Stan
Moderator—Vladimir Tismaneanu

3:30-3:45 Coffee Break

3:45-5:15 Panel Four: Culture

Marci Shore, András Bozoki, Noemi Marin, Mircea Mihaies, Piotr H. Kosicki
Moderator—Noemi Marin

Day Two

9:00-11:30 Conclusion: Does Communism Have a Future?

Breakfast buffet, 9:00-10:00

Roundtable debate and discussion, 10:00-11:00

Closing remarks, looking ahead: 11:00-11:30

Presentation Titles and Order

Panel 1: Communism as a Fantasy of Salvation

Herf—German Communism, the Jews and Israel: From the Antifascism of World War II to the Undeclared Wars of the Cold War

Tismaneanu—Intellectuals and Communism: From Illusions to Dissidence

Riabchuk—Soviet and Western Imperialism in Ukraine, 100 Years and Counting

Kramer—The Purpose of *The Black Book of Communism*

Panel 2: Economics

Rosefielde—Communist Economics: Theory and Practice

Rutland—Looking Back at the Soviet Economy

Bernstam—Incentives, Coercion, and Redistribution: Comparing Market, Communist, and Developing Economies

Braguinsky—The Rise and Fall of the Planned Economy and its Long-Lasting Effect on Post-Communist Transformation

Panel 3: Politics

Aron—The Sway of a Millenarian State: From Petrograd to Raqqa

Stan—Tito's Brand of Leninism: Lessons from a Failed Project

Pearson—The CCP's Communist Toolkit: Mobilization Vs. Institutionalization

Ganev—The Resilience of Anti-Anti-Communism and the Valorization of Nostalgia

Panel 4: Culture

Marin—Communist Rhetoric: Authority, Public Argument and National Identity

Bozoki—Cultural Politics and the Role of Intellectuals

Mihaies—Lost in Protochronia: Ideological Dada in Ceausescu's Romania

Shore—Philosophical Lessons from the Bolshevik Experiment

Kosicki—Catholicism Beyond Communism: Religion, the Grammar of Political Ideology, and the Future of Social Justice

Friday Roundtable

Past Imperfect, Modern Risks

Panel Overview and Participant Affiliations

Panel 1: Fantasies of Salvation

Mark Kramer (Harvard University)

Jeff Herf (UMD)

Mykola Riabchuk (Academy of Sciences, Ukraine)

Vladimir Tismaneanu (UMD)

Panel 2: Economics

Steven Rosefielde (U. of N.C at Chapel Hill)

Serguey Braguinsky (UMD)

Peter Rutland (Wesleyan Univ.)

Michael S. Bernstam (Hoover Institution)

Paul Dragos Aligica (George Mason Univ.)

Panel 3: Politics

Leon Aron (American Enterprise Institute)

Margaret A. Pearson (UMD)

Venelin Ganey (Miami Univ. Ohio)

Marius Stan (Romanian Cultural Institute)

Panel 4: Society and Culture

Marci Shore (Yale Univ.)

Andras Bozoki (CEU)

Noemi Marin (Florida Atlantic Univ.)

Mircea Mihaies (U. of the West, Timișoara)

Piotr H. Kosicki (UMD)