



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 (Lund University), Sandrine Lefranc (ISP-CNRS)

14:30-18:30 PANEL 2: ASSESSING COMMUNISM WITH LEGAL INSTRUMENTS

Venue: Polish Historical and Literary Society, 6 Quai d’Orléans, 75004 Paris

14h30-14h40 Welcoming address: Pierre Zaleski, Director of the Polish Historical and Literary Society

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 Gliszczynska-Grabias (Polish Academy of Sciences): **“Communism equals or versus Nazism? Central and Eastern European unwholesome legacy in the European Court of Human Rights”**
- Raluca Groseanu (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”**
- Krzysztof Kowalski (Jagellonian University): **“On the Presence of National *lieux de mémoire* on the European Heritage List. The Case of the Gdańsk Shipyards”**

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”**
- Magdalena Góra and Zdzisław Mach (Jagellonian University): **“A Polish elites’ struggle for equal recognition of experience of Communism in the European Union”**
- 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)