

P R O G R A M

THURSDAY, 16 OCTOBER 2008

09.00–09.30 **Opening of the conference**

09.30–13.00 **PANEL I**

Activities of European Soviet Bloc countries towards the West during the Cold War

CHAIR – Dr János Tischler (Hungary)

COMMENTATOR – Dr Łukasz Kamiński (Poland)

09.30–10.30 **PART 1**

Alexenia Dimitrova (Bulgaria) – *How the Bulgarian Secret Services planted “defectors” in West.*

Attila Szörényi (Hungary) – *British-Hungarian diplomatic relations and the Edgar Sanders case, 1949–1953.*

Dr Guy Laron (Israel) – *The Soviet satellites and the Six-Day War, 1966–1967.*

10.30–10.50 **COFFEE BREAK**

10.50–11.50 **PART 2**

Ivana Dobrovojević (Serbia) – *Cartoon as a powerful propaganda tool. Images of East and West in Yugoslav satirical press, 1948–1952.*

Dr Zbigniew Osiński (Poland) – *Anti-Western propaganda as an element of political-ideological indoctrination in Polish education, 1944–1989.*

Christian Domnitz (Niemcy) – *The struggle about human rights. Promotion of Western human rights norms and communist counter-propaganda after the Helsinki agreement.*

11.50–13.00 **COMMENTARY AND DISCUSSION**

13.00–15.00 **BREAK**

15.00–18.30 **PANEL II**

Western European countries vis-à-vis East-Central Europe during the Cold War

CHAIR – Prof. Wojciech Roszkowski (Poland)

COMMENTATOR – Yale Richmond (USA)

15.00–16.00 **PART 1**

Peter Švik (Slovakia) – *The impact of the Prague Coup on the creation of the Brussels Pact.*

Dr Jerca Vodušek-Starić (Slovenia) – *Diplomatic and intelligence activities between the West and Yugoslavia, 1945–1955.*

Dr Gordon Johnston (United Kingdom) – *Listening to the voices. The BBC's Central-European Service in the early years of the Cold War.*

16.00–16.20 COFFEE BREAK

16.20–17.20 PART 2

Prof. Alfred A. Reisch (Hungary) – *The Western secret book distribution program during the Cold War.*

Prof. Idesbald Goddeeris (Belgium) – *The Belgian "Ostpolitik". A reassessment from the East.*

Karolina Pietras (Poland) – *France and Germany's position during the end phase of the Cold War. The Polish crisis of the 1980–1981.*

17.20–18.30 COMMENTARY AND DISCUSSION

FRIDAY, 17 OCTOBER 2008

09.00–09.40 LECTURE

Prof. Silvio Pons (Italy) – *Cold War as a European Conflict.*

09.40–12.30 PANEL III

Rifts between the European countries of the Communist Bloc and their exploitation by the West

CHAIR – A. Ross Johnson (USA)

COMMENTATOR – Prof. Mark Kramer (USA)

09.40–10.20 PART 1

László Ritter (Hungary) – *The secret war between the Soviet bloc and Tito's Yugoslavia, 1948–1954.*

Ivan Laković (Montenegro) – *The consequence of rift. Western military aid to Yugoslavia, 1951–1958.*

10.20–10.40 COFFEE BREAK

10.40–11.20 PART 2

Dr Georg Herbstritt (Germany) – *Refused cooperation. The relations Stasi-Securitate.*

Prof. Hamit Kaba (Albania) – *The Albanian-Soviet conflict and its exploitation by the West.*

Dr Gregory Mitrovich (USA) – *Cold War national security and US objectives towards the Soviet bloc, 1948–1952.*

11.20–12.30 COMMENTARY AND DISCUSSION

12.30–14.30 BREAK

Military aspects of the Cold War – the role of East-Central European countries in the Warsaw Pact and their place in the military plans of the East and West

CHAIR – Prof. Andrzej Paczkowski (Poland)

COMMENTATOR – Dr Malcolm Muir (USA)

14.30-15.50 PART 1

Prof. Miklós Horváth (Hungary) – *War plans of the Warsaw Treaty on South-West theatre of military operation – “Self-defence” from Hungarian-Austrian border to Trapani on Sicily.*

Dmitar Tasić (Serbia) – *War plans of Balkan Treaty countries against the Soviet Union and its satellites, 1953–1955.*

Dr Władysław Bulhak (Poland) – *The Polish Army in the Warsaw Pact.*

Dr Wanda Jarzabek (Poland) – *Poland in political structures of the Warsaw Pact.*

15.50-16.10 COFFEE BREAK

16.10-17.10 PART 2

Dr Petre Opreș (Romania) – *The Soviet-Romanian military relations in the late 1970s and early 1980s.*

Klaus Storkmann (Germany) – *“Anti-imperialist solidarity?”. Military assistance of the GDR to liberation movements and armed forces in the Third World.*

Fatih Tokatli (Turkey) – *“The warrior that survived the cold”. Transformation of Turkish military in the Cold War.*

17.10-18.30 COMMENTARY AND DISCUSSION

SATURDAY, 18 OCTOBER 2008

09.00-12.00 PANEL V

Countries of East-Central Europe vis-à-vis the Sino-Soviet conflict

CHAIR – Mircea Munteanu (USA)

COMMENTATOR – Dr Lorenz Lüthi (Canada)

09.00-10.00 PART 1

Prof. Qiang Zhai (USA) – *China and Romania. In the shadow of the Sino-Soviet relations.*

Dr Alexandr Stykalin (Russia) – *The Sino-Soviet conflict and the Soviet-Yugoslav relations.*

Dr Péter Vámos (Hungary) – *East-Central Europe and the process of Sino-Soviet normalisation in the 1980s.*

10.00–10.20 COFFEE BREAK

10.20–11.00 PART 2

Prof. Ana Lalaj (Albania) – *The break with the Soviets and the last ally of the communist Albania.*

Dr Bernd Schaefer (USA) – *“Invincible Vietnam”. East German support for socialist Vietnam, 1965–1989.*

11.00–12.00 COMMENTARY AND DISCUSSION

12.00–14.00 BREAK

14.00–17.20 PANEL VI

Demobilisation in Europe after the Cold War – political and cultural

Panel co-organised by EurhistXX – The European Network for Contemporary History

CHAIR – Prof. Paweł Machcewicz (Poland)

COMMENTATOR – Prof. Dariusz Stola (Poland)

14.00–15.00 PART 1

Prof. Pieter Lagrou (Belgium) – *Demobilising Europe, 1989–2009.*

Prof. Henry Rousso (France) – *The Holocaust Remembrance, a post Cold War issue? The struggle of the Klarsfelds.*

Cristina Petrescu (Romania) – *Rethinking national identity after national communism? The case of Romania.*

15.00–15.20 COFFEE BREAK

15.20–16.00 PART 2

Patryk Wasiak (Poland) – *Demobilisation of the Samizdat culture after 1989.*

Prof. John Horne (Ireland) – *1989–2008: a post-war period in perspective.*

16.00–17.20 COMMENTARY AND DISCUSSION

17.20–17.30 CONCLUSION OF THE CONFERENCE

