INTERNATIONAL JOINT RESEARCH PROJECT

Physical Violence and State Legitimacy in Late Socialism

Final Conference

Organised by Centre for Contemporary History, Potsdam (ZZF)
Venue: Humboldt University of Berlin
27 February–1 March 2014

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The network investigates the relationship between physical violence and state legitimacy after Stalinism. It addresses the following questions: How did the party-state control violence after Stalin? How did political legitimation change after 1956? To what extent did physical violence disappear from politics? How was physical violence in the private sphere dealt with? Did these changes contribute to the decline of communism?

The project's international research network is contributing to the debates about the nature of communist dictatorships, to the causes of the European revolutions of 1989 and the break-up of the Soviet Union in 1991. Its aim is to strengthen international cooperation and support comparative and transnational research in the field of communist studies.

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PROGRAMME

THURSDAY, 27 FEBRUARY

Venue: Senatssaal, Humboldt University of Berlin (HU),
Unter den Linden 6, HU-Main Building, First Floor

17.00 Welcome Address
Thomas Lindenberger, *Centre for Contemporary History, Potsdam*

17.30 Key Note Speech
Jan Philipp Reemtsma, *Hamburg Institute for Social Research*
Was ist eigentlich „Gewaltforschung"?
Einige systematische Bemerkungen

Moderator: **Martin Sabrow,** *Centre for Contemporary History, Potsdam/Humboldt University of Berlin*

FRIDAY, 28 FEBRUARY

Venue: Auditorium, Jacob-und-Wilhelm-Grimm-Centre, Humboldt University of Berlin, Geschwister-Scholl-Straße 3, Ground Floor

9.00–10.30 PANEL 1: PUBLIC ORDER I

Rasa Baločkaitė, *Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas*
Hidden Violence of Totalitarianism:
Policing Soviet Society in Lithuania
Călin Morar-Vulcu, *Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca*
Arenas of Violence in Late Socialist Romania
Radina Vučetić, *University of Belgrade*
The Double Game – Using Violence at the Demonstrations against the War in Vietnam in Socialist Yugoslavia

Commentator: **Thomas Lindenberger,**
Centre for Contemporary History, Potsdam

COFFEE BREAK

11.00–12.15 PANEL 2: PUBLIC ORDER II

Matěj Kotalík, *Centre for Contemporary History, Potsdam*
The Interaction of Hooligans, Police and Bystanders in East German 1950s–1970s Public Space
Sabine Rutar, *Institute for East and Southeast European Studies, Regensburg*
On the Meaning of Violence at a Cold War Border, 1970s–1980s: Public Riots between Trieste and Rijeka

Commentator: **Alf Lüdtke,** *University of Erfurt*

BREAK

13.45–15.45 PANEL 3: MILITARY, THE SECURITY FORCES AND SOCIETY

Jan C. Behrends, *Centre for Contemporary History, Potsdam*
"My byli na etikh voinakh – we served in these wars."
Continuities of Violence from Afghanistan to Chechnya
Alena Maklak, *Centre for Contemporary History, Potsdam*
The Pursuit of Manliness: Justifying "Barrack Violence" in the Narratives of Former Soviet Army Soldiers
Robert Lučić, *Centre for Contemporary History, Potsdam*
Bonded in War – The Yugoslav People's Army and Violent Communities in East Slavonia 1991
Isabel Ströhle, *University of Regensburg*
Conflicting Visions of Loyalty, Legitimacy and Legality: The Story of a State Security Agent on Trial in Socialist Kosovo (1968)

Commentator: **Felix Schnell,** *Humboldt University of Berlin*

COFFEE BREAK

16.15–18.15 PANEL 4: LEGITIMACY AND STATE VIOLENCE

Michal Kopeček, *Institute of Contemporary History, Prague*
Law and Order, "Civilised Violence" and the Revolutions of 1989 in East Central Europe
Michal Pullmann, *Charles University in Prague*
The State, the (In)Visibility of Violence and Everyday "Normalisation" in Czechoslovakia
Jens Gieseke, *Centre for Contemporary History, Potsdam*
The Future of Torture after Stalin. Stasi Discourses on Violent Practices in the Age of "Socialist Legality"

Commentator: **Ulf Brunnbauer,** *Institute for East and Southeast European Studies, Regensburg*

SATURDAY, 1 MARCH

Venue: Auditorium, Jacob-und-Wilhelm-Grimm-Centre, Humboldt University of Berlin, Geschwister-Scholl-Straße 3, Ground Floor

9.00–10.30 PANEL 5: BIOPOLITICS AND EDUCATION I

Péter Apor, *Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest*
Intimate Violence: State Legitimacy, Sexual Violence and Citizenship in Hungary 1960–1989
Jennifer Rasell, *Centre for Contemporary History, Potsdam*
(Violent) Care Dynamics in Children's Homes in 1980s Hungary
Barbara Klich-Kluczewska, *Jagiellonian University of Krakow*
The Culture of Violence, Socialist Modernity and Social Health. Domestic Violence in People's Poland of 1970s and 1980s

Commentator: **Franziska Exeler,** *European University Institute, Florence*

COFFEE BREAK

10.45–12.30 PANEL 6: BIOPOLITICS AND EDUCATION II

Muriel Blaive, *Charles University in Prague*
Modernity and Violence: Giving Birth East and West from the 1950s to the 1990s
Pavel Kolář, *European University Institute, Florence*
The Death Penalty and Sacrifice after 1945

Commentator: **Mischa Gabowitsch,** *Einstein Forum, Potsdam*

CONCLUDING STATEMENTS

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