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**International Conference “Eastern European Communist Countries towards the Far East during the Cold War”, Jagiellonian University, Cracow  
6-7 June 2019**











The conference aims at shedding new light on the multi-level relations between Eastern European Communist Countries and the Far East. The 30th anniversary of the collapse of Communism in Europe brings a great opportunity to reevaluate political, economic, military, and cultural ties linking different European and Asian countries in comparative approach. The conference seeks to investigate the nature of this cooperation and the role of the Soviet Union, as well as explore the ways in which the demise of Communism in Europe influenced socialist countries in the Far East.



## Program

6 June 2019

9. 30 Opening of the Conference

### 9.45-11.15 Panel I

- **Sergey Radchenko** (Cardiff University, UK), New Evidence on the Mao-Stalin Relationship and the Emergence of the Sino-Soviet Alliance.
- **Klejdi Kellici** (University of Tirana, Albania), Chinese Specialist in Albania 1961-1978: From Brothers, Heroes to Villains.
- **Péter Vámos**, (Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Hungary) Sino-Hungarian Economic and Trade Relations during the Cold War.

11.15-11.30 Coffee break

11.30-13.00 Panel II

- **Radu Tudorancea** (Nicolae Iorga Institute of History, Romania), “Our dear comrades and friends from Asia”. People's Republic of Romania and the Korean War.
- **Marek Hańderek**, (Jagiellonian University/Institute of National Remembrance, Poland), Neutral Nations Repatriation Commission in Korea and its Role through the Eyes of Polish Delegates.
- **Sylwia Szyc** (Institute of National Remembrance, Poland), North Korean Orphans in Poland and Czechoslovakia, 1951-1959.

13.00-14.30 Lunch break

14.30-16.00 Panel III

- **Witold Bagieński** (Institute of National Remembrance, Poland), Polish Intelligence Station in New Delhi and the Coomar Narrain Espionage Scandal.
- **Jordan Baev** (Rakovski National Defense Academy/Sofia University, Bulgaria), Bulgarian Intelligence Services in the Far East during the Cold War Era.
- **János Kemény** (National University of Public Service, Hungary), Hungarian Intelligence in Vietnam: The Unknown History of the Hungarian ICCS Mission.

16.15-18.15 Guided walk in Cracow

18.30 Dinner

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9.45-11.15 Panel IV

- **Bernd Schaefer**, (George Washington University, USA), The GDR and Communist East Asia (China, North Korea, Vietnam): Close, Closer, Closest.
- **Przemysław Gasztold**, (Institute of National Remembrance/War Studies University, Poland), Polish Support for Vietnamese Communists, 1965-1975.
- **Jarema Słowiak**, (Jagiellonian University, Poland), “In a number of points, our assessment did not coincide...”. Relations of the Polish Delegation in the ICSC in Vietnam with the North Vietnamese Leadership.

11.15-11.30 Coffee break

11.30-13.00 Panel V

- **Zuzana Vavrincová**, (Comenius University, Slovakia), The Activities of Czechoslovakia and Czechoslovakia-North Korea Relations within the NNSC until the end of the 1970s of the 20th Century.
- **Margaret Gnoińska**, (Troy University, USA), Poland's Unexpectedly Long Adventure in Southeast Asia: the Origins and Early Days of the International Control Commission, 1954-1956.
- **Tyszkiewicz Jakub**, (University of Wrocław, Poland), The Activity of the Polish Representative in the International Commission of Supervision and Control in Laos - Marek Thee - and Worsening of the U.S.- Polish Relations in the Beginning of the 1960's.

13.00-14.00 Lunch break

14.00-15.30 Panel VI

- **Mirosław Sikora**, (Institute of National Remembrance, Poland), Intriguing Possibilities. China as Emerging Economic Partner of Poland 1970'-1980'.
- **Olga Barbasiewicz** (Jagiellonian University, Poland), Polish-Japanese Relations in the Cold War Era. A Diplomatic "Black Hole" or an Introduction towards the New Era?
- **Gecko Tomáš** (Charles University/Masaryk Institute, Czech Republic), The Founding Generation of Japanese Scholars in the Czech Lands (1945-1968).

15.30-15.45 Coffee break

15.45-17.00 roundtable discussion "Eastern Bloc-Far East relations: Challenges and Further Research Directions"

17.00 closing remarks

**Organising Committee:**

Dr Przemysław Gasztold (Institute of National Remembrance)

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