THURSDAY, 6 DECEMBER 2018

9.45 OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE

10.00 PANEL I

Nikita Petrov (International Memorial, Moscow), Inspiration, supervision, control. The role of the Kremlin in the Sovietization of the countries of Central and Eastern Europe

Mirosław Szumiło (Institute of National Remembrance, Warsaw), Governors of Stalin. Leaders of the communist parties of Central and Eastern Europe in 1944–1948 – a collective portrait

Jan Stanisław Ciechanowski (Warsaw University), Polish and Spanish Communists’ mutual inspirations (1945–1950)

DISCUSSION

11.20–11.40 coffee break

11.40 PANEL II

Barbara Bank (Committee of National Remembrance, Budapest), The beginnings – How did the communists seize power between 1944–1947?

Dániel József Hollósi (Committee of National Remembrance, Budapest), The economic policy of the Hungarian Communist Party between 1945 and 1946
Cristina Diac (National Institute for the Study of Totalitarianism, Bucharest),
From zero to hero. The development of the Romanian Communist Party membership, 1945–1948

**DISCUSSION**

13.00–14.00 lunch break

**14.00 PANEL III**

Jan Cholinsky (Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes, Prague),

Martin Garek (Nation’s Memory Institute, Bratislava), Slovakia and getting power by the communists (autumn 1947–February 1948)

Jakub Šlouf (Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes, Prague),
Transformation of the Regional Elite of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia in 1945–1948

Jiří Urban (Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes, Prague),
The role of district and regional security groups of three and five in promoting the power monopoly of the Communist Party in the regions of Czechoslovakia

**DISCUSSION**

15.40–16.00 coffee break

**16.00 PANEL IV**

Detelina Dineva (Institute for Historical Studies, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia), The Bulgarian Communist Party’s Rise to Dominance (1944–1949)

Iskra Baeva, Evgenia Kalinova (Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”),
The Role of the external factors for the Establishment of the Communist Regime in Bulgaria – September 1944–1948

**DISCUSSION**

17.00–17.20 coffee break

**17.20 PANEL V**

Agata Domachowska (Nicolaus Copernicus University, Toruń),
The Communist Party of Albania and its opponents 1941–1946

Aleksandar Zivotic (Belgrad University), Yugoslav communists: between the Soviet model and the revolutionary experience (1944–1948)
Mateusz Sokulski (University of Silesia, Katowice),
Communist Party of Yugoslavia and its Relations with communist parties in Central-Eastern Europe 1945–1948 as the way of legitimization of communist regime in the Balkans

DISCUSSION

FRIDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2018

10.00 PANEL VI

Maja Lukanc (Institute of Contemporary History, University of Ljubljana),
The Pursuit of Legitimacy: the Communist rise to Power in post-war Yugoslavia

Aleš Gabrič (Institute of Contemporary History, University of Ljubljana),
The Communist Party of Yugoslavia Stifling the Opposition in 1945

Stipica Grgić (Centre for Croatian Studies, University of Zagreb),
Rudolf Barišić (Croatian Institute of History, Zagreb), How the power was seized: Yugoslavian parliamentary elections of 1945

DISCUSSION

11.20–11.40 coffee break

11.40 PANEL VII

Dragomir Bondžić (Institute of Contemporary History, Belgrade), Organization and activities of Communist Propaganda in Yugoslavia 1945–1950

Andrzej Czyżewski (Institute of National Remembrance, Łódź),
The People with the Party – the Party with the People. On the Building of Communist Mythology in Poland after 1945

DISCUSSION

12.40–13.00 coffee break

13.00 PANEL VIII

Klejd Këlliçi (University of Tirana), Defining the internal enemy: Concentration Camps in Early Communist Albania, 1945–50

Marta Paszek (Institute of National Remembrance, Katowice),
Military Courts as a Tool in the Polish Workers' Party's Fight for Power

DISCUSSION

14.00–15.00 lunch break
15.00  PANEL IX

Rafał Łatka (Institute of National Remembrance, Warsaw), Relations between the Communist Party and the Catholic Church in the first period of communist government in Poland and the countries under the Soviet Union domination 1944–1948

Balázs Czet (Hungarian National Archives of Fejér Country Archives, Székesfehérvár), The Hungarian Communist Party’s way to power. Struggle between the political power and the churches

Reka Kiss (Committee of National Remembrance, Budapest), In the Squeeze of Dictatorship: Communist Church Policy and Calvinist Reflection in Hungary After 1945

DISCUSSION

16.20–16.40  coffee break

16.40  PANEL X

Konrad Rokicki (Institute of National Remembrance, Warsaw), Cyrankiewicz and Bierut: rivals? collaborators? implementers of Kremlin’s policy?

Robert Spałek (Institute of National Remembrance, Warsaw), Hostile takeover. The true nature of the “unification of the workers’ movement” in Poland

DISCUSSION

SATURDAY, 8 DECEMBER 2018

10.00  DISCUSSION PANEL

Communist parties on the road to full power – dissimilarities and peculiarities in each country

Janusz Wrona (Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, Lublin), Andrzej Paczkowski (Institute of Political Studies Polish Academy of Sciences), Evgenia Kalinova (Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”)

(moderator: M. Szumiło)

12.00  CLOSING THE CONFERENCE