

# COMMUNIST PARTIES ON THE ROAD TO FULL POWER

(AFTER WORLD WAR II)

THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN THE SERIES:  
**“REVOLUTION ACCOMPLISHED. COMMUNISTS IN POWER”**

**PROGRAM**

**WARSAW, 6–8 DECEMBER 2018**

**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**

Mirośław 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),  
**Two-Stage Revolution – Communist Strategy for Takeover of Power in Czechoslovakia and its Implementation in 1945–1948**

Martin Garek (Nation's Memory Institute, Bratislava), **Slovakia and getting power by the communists (autumn 1947–Februar 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 Czetz (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**