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IPNtv: International Conference „Communist parties on the road to full power (after World War II)” - Warsaw, 6-8 December 2018









Ethnicity - national minorities:

- assimilated Jewish families - Mátvás Rákosi (Rosenfeld) and Rudolf Slánský
- orthodox Jewish family - Ana Pauker (Hannah Rabinsohn)
- the entire top management in Hungary: Mátvás Rákosi, Mihály Farkas, Ernő Gerő, József Révai
- the closest collaborators of Bierut in Poland: Jakub Berman and Hilary Minc
- Koçi Xoxe came from an Orthodox family (Macedonian roots)

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# COMMUNIST PARTIES

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## ON THE ROAD TO FULL POWER

(AFTER WORLD WAR II)

THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE SERIES:  
"REVOLUTION ACCOMPLISHED. COMMUNISTS IN POWER"

6-8 DECEMBER 2018

PRZYSTANEK HISTORIA  
Marszałkowska 21/25 Str.  
WARSAW



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
- **Mirostaw 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–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 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

The poster is for an international conference. The central image is a black and white photograph of a statue depicting two men, likely communist leaders, standing side-by-side with their arms raised in a gesture of triumph or solidarity. The background of the poster is red. A yellow diagonal banner across the top right contains the title 'COMMUNIST PARTIES ON THE ROAD TO FULL POWER (AFTER WORLD WAR II)'. A vertical red banner on the left side contains the text 'REVOLUTION ACCOMPLISHED. COMMUNISTS IN POWER'. The top left text lists the organizing institutions: Institut of National Remembrance (Poland), Institut for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes (Czech Republic), Nation's Memory Institute (Slovakia), and Committee of National Remembrance (Hungary). It also states 'have the honour to invite you to an international conference'. The main title 'COMMUNIST PARTIES ON THE ROAD TO FULL POWER (AFTER WORLD WAR II)' is prominently displayed. Below it, it says 'The First International Conference on the Series: "Revolution Accomplished. Communists in Power"'. The dates are given as '6-8 GRUDNIA 2018 R.' and 'FROM 6 TO 8 DECEMBER 2018'. The location is 'at PRYZSTANEK HISTORIA, Marszałkowska 21/25 Str, WARSAW'. It also notes 'The conference will be translated English-Polish.'. On the right side, there are several logos: 'CENTRALNY PROJEKT BADAWCZY IPN', 'INSTITUTE OF NATIONAL REMEMBRANCE', 'Ústav pro studium totalitních režimů', 'OSTAV PAMĚTI NERODA', 'NEB', and 'PRYZSTANEK HISTORIA'.

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