The Irish Association for Russian, Central and East European Studies (IARCEES)
37th Annual Conference

“Communism and Post-Communism: Transition, Transformation, Stagnation, Regression”

Dublin City University

Friday, 15 March and Saturday, 16 March 2013

AGENDA

Friday 15.03

8.00 - 8.30 Registration

8.30 - 9.00 Opening

9.00 - 10.30 Panel 1:

Post-communist countries in search of democracy: what role for the EU?

Iulian Romanyshyn (IMT Institute for Advanced Studies Lucca)

Dorina Baltag (Loughborough University)

EU’s relations with Eastern Europe – a showcase of the EU’s “actorness”

Fabienne Bossuyt (Ghent University)

Mapping the Substance of the EU’s Civil Society Support in Central Asia: from a neo-liberal to a state-led model

Fabienne Zwagemakers (LUISS University Rome)

Identifying the route toward compliance: an assessment of the EU’s conditionality policy
9.00 - 10.30 Panel 2:

**Post-Soviet Elections and Institutions: National, Regional and Unrecognised**

**Derek Hutcheson** (University College Dublin)

*Twenty years of Russian voting patterns*

**Elena Tonkova** (Syktyvkar State University)

*Komi Republic in the Mirror of Elections*

**Donnacha Ó Beacháin** (Dublin City University)

*The Dynamics of Elections in Unrecognised Post-Soviet States: Abkhazia, Nagorno-Karabakh and Transnistria, 2011-12*

**Oxana Kharitonova** (Higher School of Economics, Moscow)

*Post-soviet institutions in comparative perspective*

10.45 - 11.00 Break

11.00 - 12.30 Panel 3:

**Economy and Regional Security in the post-communist world**

**Sandra Martinsone** (Independent scholar)

*Political economy of economic reforms in Latvia: expectations, promises, implementation and consequences*

**Paolo Sorbello** (University of Glasgow)

*Pipeline politics, hegemony, and integration in the Caspian region: a Gramscian appraisal*

**Eoin McNamara** (University of Tartu)

*The Death Knell of the Vancouver-Vladivostok Ambition? Assessing the Impact of an Enlarged NATO on the Security Dynamics of the Post-Soviet Area*

**Elena Druică** (University of Bucharest)

*The first five minutes of transition in Romania: between standard and behavioural economic discourse*
11.00 - 12.30 Panel 4:

Conflict, Competition and Civil Society in the South Caucasus

Sinéad Walsh (Trinity College Dublin)

Building peace and security in Azerbaijan: the impact of women’s civil society activism

Karolina Ó Beacháin Stefańczak (Independent scholar)

Gender and elections in recognised and unrecognised states; the 2012 contests to the legislatures of Georgia and Abkhazia

Irakli Chkhaidze (Tbilisi State University / Ilia State University)

The “Rose Revolution”: New Trends of the Post-Soviet Georgian Nationalism

David Matsaberidze (Iv.Javakishvili Tbilisi State University)

The Institutional Nature of the Formation and Maintenance of the Conflicting Georgian-Abkhazian Identities

12.30 - 13.30 Lunch

13.30 - 15.00 Panel 5:

Nation - Building, Foreign Policy and Regional Security in Post – Soviet Central Eurasia

Murad Ismayilov (University of Cambridge)

State, Identity, and the Politics of Music: Eurovision and Nation – Building in Azerbaijan

Lisa Luscombe (Independent scholar)

Language of education and linguistic identity among Azerbaijani students

Frederik Coene (University of Ghent)

Go West: Georgia’s European identity and its role in domestic politics and foreign policy objectives

Berivan Akin (Gediz University, Izmir and Kadir Has University, Istanbul)

Azerbaijan’s Transition Deadlock
Panel 6: Education and Academia during and after communism

Libora Oates-Indruchová (Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for European History and Public Sphere)


Svetlana Hristova (Bulgarian Academy of Sciences)

*The educational selectivity effects of the European social funds: the case of Bulgaria*

Jennifer Bruen (Dublin City University)

*Edukator, Indoktrinator? The Impact of the Collapse of the German Democratic Republic (GDR) on Political Education in its Schools*

Vera Sheridan (Dublin City University)

*Finding a post-conflict future after 1956: the educational aspirations of young Hungarian refugees in the USA*

Break

Panel 7: Politics, Protest and the Postcolonial in Poland and the Czech Republic

Hanna Trojanowska (University of Siedlce)

*Changes in the portrayal of Polish archetypes in advertising in the post-Communist era*

Marta Zimniak-Halajko (University of Warsaw)

*Faces of contemporary Polish nationalism. Ideologies of social movements*

Natalia Palich (Independent scholar)

*Have we ever been postcolonial? Displacement(s) and affirmation(s) in Central European postcolonial discourse*

Karol Haratyk (University of Warsaw)

*Housing issue. Civil issue. The Tenants Movement in Poland*
15.20 - 16.50 Panel 8:

**Us and Them: Identity and Citizenship in Post-Communist Europe**

*Miraslau Shpakau* (European Humanities University in Vilnius)

*National identity and contesting historical narratives in post-communist Belarus*

*Alenka Švab* (University of Ljubljana)

*The interplay between hatred and political correctness: privatization of homosexuality in post-communist Slovenia*

*Inese Malasenoka* (University of Durham)

*Insiders and Outsiders: What is Citizenship and Who Decides?*

*Tamara Gella* (Orel State University)

*National Identity in Post-Soviet Russia*

16.50 - 17.10 Break

17.10 - 18.40 Panel 9:

**Secrets and Revelations from the Communist Past**

*Bartosz Kaczorowski* (University of Lodz)

*Communism expansion in Central and Eastern Europe at the final stage of the World War II in the eyes of Francoist Spain*

*Bruno Kaminski* (EUI, Florence)

*‘The German hydra is coming back to life’. Communist fear management in Poland (1945-1947): Emotional transformation of the post-war society*

*Helena Sheehan* (Dublin City University)

*The International Lenin School: Secrets, Sources, Scrutiny, Significance*

*Silviu-Iulian Sana* (County Library “Gheorghe Șincai” Bihor)

*Bishop under Surveillance: Iuliu Hîrțea in the Records of the State Security (1947-1978)*
17.10 - 18.40 Panel 10:

From Ceausescu to the EU: Romania in Transition

Manuela Marin (Babes-Bolyai University of Cluj-Napoca)

Propaganda and Everyday Resistance in Communist Romania. The Case of Nicolae Ceausescu’s Cult of Personality

Sabina Stan (Dublin City University)

Roland Erne (University College Dublin)

The political economy of European east-west migration. The case of Romania

Andreea Carstocea (European Centre for Minority Issues, Flensburg)

Post-communist political representation of national minorities in Romania: ethno-business and (non)accountability

Saturday 16.03

9.00 - 10.30 Panel 11:

Democratization and Political Parties in post-communist Europe

Katarzyna Grzybowska – Walecka (Cardinal Stefan Wyszynski University)

Democratization in Central Europe through political parties international cooperation

Dmytro Volodin (Polish Academy of Science)

Deliberative democratic approaches in transition: the case of post-communist countries

Iain McMenamin (Dublin City University)

Party Institutionalization in Poland

Olena Podolian (Södertörn University)

The challenge of ‘stateness’ in post-Soviet democratisation: Re-evaluation and implications for democracy in Estonia and Ukraine, 1991-present day
9.00 - 10.30 Panel 12:

**The project for the Russian cultural capital: Discourse of the power elite and opposition in Saint-Petersburg**

*Alexandra Daugavet* (Sociological Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences)

*The project for Saint-Petersburg in the public discourse of the regional power elite*

*Polina Leshukova* (Sociological Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences)

*Informal practices of social and political life of the region: elite clubs*

*Vitaly Prisekin* (NGO club of historical reconstruction "Ladoga")

*Near the historic protest discourse - reflections and a guide to action in modern Russia*

10.45 - 11.00 Break

11.00 - 12.30 Panel 13:

**Nation-Building in post-Soviet Central Asia: resistance and identity between theory and practice**

*Abel Polese* (Tallinn University)

Panel convenor

*Rico Isaacs* (Oxford Brookes University)

*Realising the ‘nation’ through Film: the state and cinema in post-Soviet Kazakhstan*

*Viktoria Akchurina* (University of Trento)

*(Re)Islamization of the periphery as an unintended consequence of state-building in Kyrgyzstan: ‘thinking with’ the divided city of Osh*

*Neil Robinson* (University of Limerick)

*Is nation-building possible in Central Asia? The difficult relationship between nation-building, state-building and regime-building*

*Filippo Menga* (University of Cagliari)

*Building a nation through a dam: the case of Rogun in Tajikistan*

*Aijan Sharshenova* (Leeds University)

*Identity mess: an overview of numerous identity (self)-perceptions in Kyrgyzstan*
11.00 - 12.30 Panel 14:

Culture, Architecture and Communism

Aleksandar Ignjatović (University of Belgrade)

Transcending Natural Limits: Architectural Imaginations of Self-Invented Yugoslav Communism in the 1950s and 1960s

Mara Marginean (Romanian Academy, “George Baritiu” Institute of History, CLUJ – NAPOCA)


Michael Quinn (N.U.I., Maynooth)

The diplomatic and cultural significance of the visit to Dublin by the Soviet composer, Dmitri Dmitriyevich Shostakovich, July 1972

Calin Valsan (Bishop's University, Quebec)

Culture, Social Capital and Communism

12.30 - 13.30 Lunch // AGM of IARCEES

13.30 - 15.00 Roundtable

Informal economies in post-socialism: actors and dynamics

Roundtable convenors:

Abel Polese (Tallinn University)

Jeremy Morris (University of Birmingham)

Roundtable participants:

Ida Harboe (University of Aarhus)

Martin Demant Frederiksen (Independent scholar)

Olga Onoshchenko (University of Sheffield)

Anna Cieślewska (University of Warsaw)

Borbora Kovacs (University of Oxford)
13.30 - 15.00 Panel 15:

Poland: Past and Present

Jonathan Murphy (University College Cork)

*Remembering the Communist era: commemorating, constructing and contesting the recent past in Poland*

Eamonn Judge (Leeds Metropolitan University)

Beata Szymanska-Waczynska (Leeds Metropolitan University)

*Changing the Image of Former Communist Firms: The Role of Humour in Advertising*

Piotr Podemski (University of Warsaw)

*History and identity in transition: The current debate on history and civic education in Poland*

Justyna Podemska (National Defence University, Warsaw)

*The Martial Law and Wojciech Jaruzelski – Poland’s Communist Patriot or Traitor? Controversies and Interpretations*

15.00 - 15.20 Break

15.20 - 16.50 Panel 16:

Livelihood strategies and everyday politics in Central Asia: Representations and Practices

Nafisa Hasanova (Université Libre de Bruxelles)

*‘Seeing Like a Poor’: Perceptions and Representations of Poverty in Tajikistan*

Nicolas Gosset (Université Libre de Bruxelles)

*‘Maintaining the Status Quo?’ Towards a Moral Economy of Citizenship in Rural Uzbekistan*

Asel Kadyrbaeva (University of Antwerp)

*Livelihood Dynamics of Female Bazaar Traders in Kyrgyzstan*

Özgecan Kesici (University College Dublin)

*Nationalizing Kazakhstan: Pre-Soviet and Soviet Legacies*
15.20 - 16.50 Panel 17:

**Post-Communist Politics and Society in Ukraine and Poland**

**Francisco Melo** (University of Minho)

*Domestic Politics as reflex of foreign policy: Ukraine’s neo-pragmatism vis-à-vis EU and Russia*

**Juriy Hałajko** (Institute of Political Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences)

*Language Issue and the Political Economy of Ukrainian Mass Media*

**Eamonn Judge** (Leeds Metropolitan University)

*Re-thinking the applicability of Western models of CSR to post-Communist Central and Eastern Europe: the case of Poland*

**Radek Przedpełski** (Trinity College Dublin)

*An arrow across the steppe: the Great Steppe as a deterritorialisation of contemporary post-transformation Polish culture*

16.50 - 17.10 Break

17.10 - 19.10 Panel 18:

**The Western Balkans in Transition**

**Tanja Kovacic** (NUI Galway)

*Growing Up in Socialist and Post-Socialist Slovenia: Experiences from the Slovenian Karst*

**Peter Stanković** (University of Ljubljana)

*Rustic Obsessions: The Role of Slovenian Folk Pop in the Slovenian National Imaginary*

**Branislav Radeljić** (University of East London)

*Serbia’s New Government and the Politics of (no) Alternatives*

**Patrik Szeghő** (Eötvös Loránd University Budapest)

*The Evolution of Bosniak National Identity in the Course of Socialist Yugoslavia*

**Elvin Gjevori** (Dublin City University)

*Remembering the Past to Build the Future: Institutional Reform in Albania*
17.10 - 19.10 Panel 19:

Exploring the vagaries of evolution and transformation

João Mourato Pinto (University of Minho)

A pragmatist Eurasian regional integration?

Anastasia Lipovka (International Academy of Business)

Management effectiveness of representatives of different genders: Kazakhstan view

Vaiva Aglinskas (Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas)

“Living Out of a Suitcase for the Last Forty Years”: Permanent Ephemerality of a Neglected Neighbourhood in Vilnius, Lithuania

Michał Cyran (Jagiellonian University of Cracow)

Neo-tribes in post-communist Europe

Tereza Valny (Lancaster University)

Nineteenth century anthropometrics: repercussions and resonation for the re-imagining of a post-socialist Eastern Europe