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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 – Henry Grattan Building, Room CG04

**8.30 - 9.00** Opening – **Donnacha Ó Beacháin** (Conference Organiser) and **John Doyle** (Dean of Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, DCU) - Henry Grattan Building, Room CG04

**9.00 - 10.30** Panel 1: Room C165

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: Room CG04

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: Room C165

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*

**Christopher A. Hartwell** (Institute for Emerging Market Studies, Moscow)

*Institutional Deterioration in Transition Economies: Playing Follow-the-Leader during the Global Financial Crisis?*

**11.00 - 12.30** Panel 4: Room CG04

**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: Room CG04

**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** (Monterey Institute of International Studies)

*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*

**13.30 - 15.00** Panel 6: Room C165

Education and Academia during and after communism

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

*Academic Institutions, People and Practices in Czech Academia: A Changing of the Guard?*

**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*

**15.00 - 15.20** Break

**15.20 - 16.50** Panel 7: Room C165

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** (Jagiellonian University, Cracow)

*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: Room CG04

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

**Miraslau Shpakau** (European Humanities University, 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: Room CG04

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 Hirțea in the Records of the State Security (1947-1978)*

**17.10 - 18.40** Panel 10: Room C165

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*

**Elena Druică** (University of Bucharest)

*The first five minutes of transition in Romania: between standard and behavioural economic discourse*

**19.00 – 23.00 IARCEES SOCIAL EVENT**

Private Function Room, Matt Weldons, Ballymun Rd (across from DCU)

**Saturday 16.03**

**9.00 - 10.30** Panel 11: Room CG04

Democratization and Political Parties in post-communist Europe

**Katarzyna Grzybowska – Walecka** (Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński 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: Room CG05

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: Room CG04

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: Room CG05

**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)

*Showcasing the Romanian Socialism. Architectural Exhibitions between Politics, Economics and Cultural Diplomacy, 1950 - 1970*

**Michael Quinn** (NUI, 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: Room CG04

**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: Room CG05

**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: Room CG04

**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: Room CG05

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*

**Jurij 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 Przedpelski** (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: Room CG04

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: Room CG05

Exploring the vagaries of evolution and transformation

**João Mourato Pinto** (University of Minho)

*A pragmatist Eurasian regional integration?*

**Anastasia Lipovka** (International Academy of Business, Almaty)

*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 resonance for the re-imagining of a post-socialist Eastern Europe*