

THE ALLURE OF TOTALITARIANISM

THE ROOTS, MEANINGS,
AND POLITICAL CYCLES
OF A CONCEPT IN CENTRAL
AND EASTERN EUROPE

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2016

18:00 // WELCOME ADDRESS

Joachim von Puttkamer, Michal Kopeček

18:15 // PUBLIC LECTURE

Clara Royer On Imre Kertész's Notion of „Totalitarianism“

20:00 // RECEPTION

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2016

10:00 // PANEL I

ON NOVELTIES AND SIMILARITIES:
EARLY CONCEPTS OF TOTALITARIANISM
IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

Chair **Paul Hanebrink**

Holly Case The Age of Questions Meets the Totalitarian Age

Mihai-Dan Cirja The Central Bank Origins of the Total State:
Totalitarianism and Capitalist Development in Interwar Romania

Áron Szele Chasing the Total State: Interwar Hungarian
Fascism and the Idea of Totalitarianism

Comment **Dietrich Beyrau**

12:00 // LUNCH BREAK

13:00 // PANEL II

STALINIZATION, DE-STALINIZATION, AND THE PROBLEMS
OF TOTALITARIANISM: CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE
IN THE EARLY POSTWAR PERIOD

Chair **Aaron Law**

Ivan Boldyrev Totalitarianism and Mathematics

Adrian Grama „Not only the liberty of the individual but also
the rights of the workers“: Exiled Trade-Unionists and the
Language of Totalitarianism during the Early Cold War

Marco Bresciani An Italian Source for the East Central European
Reflection on Totalitarianism: Nicola Chiaromonte and the Polish
Exiles and Dissidents

Comment **Dariusz Stola**

15:00 // COFFEE BREAK

15:30 // PANEL III

CONSOLIDATED COMMUNIST REGIMES,
OPPOSITIONAL THOUGHT, AND THE USES OF
TOTALITARIANISM BEFORE 1989

Chair **Petr Roubal**

Michal Kopeček Dissident Anti-Totalitarianism: Sources,
Origins, Motives. Poland and Czechoslovakia 1969–1989

Kim Christiaens „In countries where there isn't a right and
a left“: Eastern European Dissident Struggles and Resistance
Against Dictatorships in Chile and Nicaragua, 1970s–1980s

Iveta Leitane Conceptual and Historical Difficulties with
New Definitions of Totalitarianism: The Case of Latvia

Comment **Robert Brier**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2016

10:00 // PANEL IV

A NEW ANTI-TOTALITARIAN CONSENSUS? AGENDAS,
NEW SEMANTICS, AND POLITICIZATION AFTER 1989

Chair: **Holly Case**

Georgiy Kasianov On the Usage of the Concept
„Totalitarianism“ in post '91 Ukraine

Piotr Wciślik Dissident Social Critique in Transition:
The Case of „Homo Sovieticus“

Ana Luleva The Concept of Totalitarianism in the
Bulgarian Public Debates since the 1980s

Paul Hanebrink Totalitarianism, the Politics of Holocaust
Memory and the Figure of the „Jewish Communist“
in Eastern Europe after 1989

Comment **Vítězslav Sommer**

12:00 // LUNCH BREAK

12:45 // KEY-NOTE LECTURE

Aviezer Tucker Totalitarianism as a Working Hypothesis

13:30 // ROUNDTABLE

TOTALITARIANISM AFTER TOTALITARIANISM: THE USES
OF THE CONCEPT IN TWENTY-FIRST-CENTURY EUROPE

Chair **Joachim von Puttkamer**

**Ágnes Gagyi, Lutz Niethammer, Paul Vickers,
Annette Weinke**

15:00 // END OF CONFERENCE