

Living After the Fall (?): Past-Present in Southeastern Europe
American Research Center in Sofia
June 12-13, 2014

Conference Schedule

June 12, 2014

9:30-10:30	<p>Welcome and Opening Remarks and Keynote Address Dr. Eric DeSena, Director the American Research Center in Sofia Dr. Cristofer Scarboro, King’s College and ARCS Dr. Ivaylo Dichev, Sofia University Keynote Address: Dr. Iskra Baeva, “Bulgarian Students and their Notion of the Age of Socialism”</p>
10:30-12:30	<p>Panel 1: Politics and the State after the Fall</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Belina Bedini, “The Legitimization of the Albanian Totalitarian Regime” 2) Dr.sc. Selim Bezeraj and Prof.Asoc.Dr. Muhamet Mala, “Political and Social life in Kosovo after 1989” 3) Georgi Burnaski, “Transformational Processes Among the Political Elite of the Bulgarian Turks (1990 – 1992)” 4) Dr. Natalija Perisic, “The national welfare state between socialism and liberalism – the case of Serbia” 5) Dr. Markus Wien, “Collapse and Continuity. Nation Building Policies in 20th Century Bulgaria” 6) Dr. Emilia Zankina, “Politicians Are All Crooks!” Everyday Politics in Bulgaria”
12:30-1:30	<p>Lunch Break</p>
1:30-3:30	<p>Panel 2: Culture</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Vihra Barova, “Hybrids of delayed ‘Westernization’: youth subculture identity after 1989” 2) Ruxandra Canache, “Make Love Not War: Cultural Dissent in Communist Romania” 3) Dr. Ivan Hristov, “Rethinking The Critical Heritage of Bulgarian Modernism – Twenty-Five years after the Fall of the Berlin Wall” 4) Dr. Caterina Preda, “The Art of Memorialization in Romania: ‘Project 1990’ as an anti-monument” 5) Dr. Carol Silverman, “Bulgarian Wedding Music: Nationalism, Ethnicity, and Cultural Politics”
3:30-4:00	<p>Coffee Break</p>
4:00-6:00	<p>Panel 3: Memory and Space</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Dr. Svetlana Antova, “Old Walls - New Walls. Stories and Traces of Past and Present (A Case-study of Belogradchik)” 2) Zlatina Bogdanova, “Mapping the changes: the past and the present of

	<p>the Archaeological Museum in Plovdiv, Bulgaria</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3) Alexandru Cărlan, “Prosthetic memory and post-memory: cultural encounters with the past in desinging a museum” 4) Dr. Claudia-Florentina Dobre, “Remnants of the Past: Monuments built by communists and their Destiny after the Fall” 5) Dr. Thomas Mackaman, “Their Ruins and Ours: Southeastern Europe and the American Rust Belt in Comparative Perspective” 6) Dr. Yana Yancheva, “‘<i>Our place</i>’, or where the ‘black sheep’ used to hang out”
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9:00-11:00	<p>Panel 4: Social Movements, Rights, and Justice</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Dr. Andrea Grant-Friedman, “The Russian Left and the Breakup of the Post-Soviet Sphere: Ukraine and Yugoslavia in Comparative Perspective” 2) Mariya Ivancheva, “Continuity in Rupture: the transition of the women’s movement from socialist to post-socialist Bulgaria” 3) Dr. Ana Luleva, “Transitional Justice and Memory about Communist Labor Camps in Post-Socialist Bulgaria” 4) Dr. Daniela Pastarmadzhieva, “The transformation of Bulgarian political culture in the process of transition to democracy (comparative analysis between the dominant political culture and the youth political subculture)” 5) Dr. Claudia Udrescu, “The two faces of Janus: Transition and collapse in the Romanian higher education system after 1989”
11:00-11:15	Coffee Break
11:15-1:00	<p>Panel 5: Memory and Identities</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Dr. Bridget Costello, “Irony, memory, and memorabilia: consuming the Cold War” 2) Dr. Evgenia Kalinova, “Memory and Political Use of the ‘Bulgarian Trace’ during the Transition Period” 3) Dr. Tamar Karaia, “Tendencies of Politics of Memory in Contemporary Georgia” 4) Dr. Evelina Kebelcheva, “History as a Fairy Tale -- the Bulgarian Case” 5) Jovana Vukcevic, “Commodification of the Collective Memory: Yugonostalgia as a Marketing Strategy”
1:00-2:00	Lunch
2:00-4:00	<p>Panel 6: Interrogating Dominant Discourses on Inter- and Post-Bellum South-Eastern European Societies</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Manuela Brenner, “The Construction, De- and Reconstruction of History and Memory: Local Memory Practices of the Memorial Complex at Mrakovica, Bosnia and Herzegovina” 2) Ion Matei Costinescu, “Path Dependency, World Systems Analysis, or

	<p>Alternative Modernity? Reflections on Interwar Romania and the Bucharest Sociological School”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">3) Dr. Paschalidis Panagiotis, “Rethinking the past and present of South-East European societies beyond war and nationalism: The case of post- communist Balkans”4) Dr. Victor Rizescu, “Marxism and the Left in pre-communist Romania: a study on ideological syncretism and cultural diffusiveness”5) Theodora-Eliza Văcărescu, “Othering the “Communist Enemy” in the Archives: Constructing the Jailor in the Discourse of Political Detention in Romania”
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