

► Legacies from the socialist era have shaped post-1989 societies in Eastern Europe. What exactly qualifies as socialist legacies and what their causal significance has been remain issues of academic and public debate. The 30th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall is a good moment to move these discussions forward. How can we think more systematically about the last three decades of political, economic and social change across Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union? Thirty years are a time span that can be conceptualised as a set of legacies, too. What types of trajectories have emerged, and how have the choices and experiences of the early post-1989 or post-1991 period shaped subsequent developments?

The **ZOIS Conference 2019** will explore these legacies of post-socialism, with a particular focus on the role of youth and generational change, liberal values and conceptions of Europe, as well as city architecture and everyday life in urban settings. Additionally, a panel discussion will concentrate on conceptual issues arising from the experiences of Eastern Europe over the last thirty years, including the terminology “post-socialism”, “post-communism”, and “Global East”. As in previous years, each panel and interactive discussion at the ZOIS Conference will bring together perspectives from different academic disciplines.

The ZOIS Conference will culminate in a keynote lecture by Ivan Krastev from the Centre of Liberal Strategies, Sofia.

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30 Years since 1989: The Legacies of Post-Socialism

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Programme

9.00 am Registration

9.30 am Welcome

9.45–11.15 am

Panel 1: Post-Socialist European Identity – Hopes and Disillusionment

Joanna Wawrzyniak (University of Warsaw):
Poland and Europe: the Dynamics of Memory

Mitchell Orenstein (University of Pennsylvania):
Social Impacts of Post-Socialist Transition

Regina Heller (Universität Hamburg):
Russia and the European Promise

Discussant: Jörg Forbrig (German Marshall Fund, Berlin)
Chair: Regina Elsner (ZOiS)

11.15–11.45 am Coffee Break

11.45 am–1.15 pm

Panel 2: Youth and Authoritarian Regimes – Eastern Europe in Comparative Perspective

Anna Sanina (HSE, Saint Petersburg):
Legislative and Institutional Backgrounds of Public Policy for Patriotic Education in Contemporary Russia

Félix Krawatzek (ZOiS):

A New Generation? Comparing the Political and Social Values of Youth in Eastern Europe

Christian Schwarz (Philipps-Universität Marburg):
Protests Without Politics? Young People’s Perspectives on ‘the Political’ in North Africa and West Asia (NAWA) since 2011

Discussant: Stefan Kirmse (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)

1.15–2.00 pm Lunch

2.00–3.30 pm

Parallel Discussion Sessions: The Post-Socialist City

Room 1 City of the Future?

Philipp Meuser (Architect and publisher, Berlin): Astana (Nur-Sultan) as an Example of the “Eurasian City”

Alima Bissenova (Nazarbayev University): The Trials to Achieve Modernity and Middle-Class-ness in Astana’s New Housing Projects

Room 2 Lviv – A Borderland City?

Andrey Kurkov (Ukrainian novelist and scriptwriter, Kyiv): Jimi Hendrix – Or Literary Perspectives on Lviv

Tarik Cyril Amar (Koç University, Istanbul): Lingered Legacies, or: Why Post-Communism Is Not Enough

Room 3 Post-Soviet Monocities

Ievgeniia Gubkina (Center for Urban History of East Central Europe, Lviv): Slavutych – The Last Soviet Nuclear City’s Promises

Marija Dremaite (Vilnius University): Visaginas – Expiring Identity of a Nuclear Town. What’s Next?

3.30–4.00 pm Coffee Break

4.00–5.00 pm

Panel Discussion: Post-Socialism, Post-Communist Transition, Global East? – Conceptualizing Legacies of Change since 1989

Margarita Balmaceda (Seton Hall University)
Juliane Fürst (ZZF Potsdam)
Tatjana Thelen (Universität Wien)
Chair: Gwendolyn Sasse (ZOiS)

5.00–6.00 pm

Poster Session (Postgraduate Student Projects)

6.30–8.00 pm

Keynote lecture: Imitation and its Discontents – Reflections on the Politics of Resentment in Eastern Europe

Ivan Krastev (Centre for Liberal Strategies, Sofia)

8.00–9.30 pm Reception