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Images of the „Other“ in Central and Eastern Europe. Continuity and change in mutual perceptions between 1968 and 1989

The two decades between the crushing of the Prague Spring in 1968 and the downfall of the Communist regimes in Central and Eastern Europe in 1989 were characterised by a variety of ideas and images that existed in those societies regarding the political, societal, cultural, religious and other framework systems. Increasing cross-border impressions and experiences contributed to a gradual widening of people's "horizons" and to more differentiated patterns of thinking and behaviour, as well as, accordingly, a more complex perception of other persons' points of view. The planned conference aims to reconstruct these changes in "Images of the Other" on a national and international scale. The term of the "Other" is meant here to describe any social strata, groups or individuals perceived by a given observer as being of relevance for his/her own societal-political orientation. This could apply as well to members of their own society as to those of other nations – be it within their own alliance or across the *Iron Curtain*. The conference is expected to show the multi-level character of the societal communication processes that shaped these images, as well as to highlight the diverse contacts established by state and non-state actors in the fields of culture, media, politics, economy, education and sports. A focus will be placed on examples of cultural transfers across the borders of nations and alliances. Especially, a bottom-up approach shall be used to illustrate the social contacts and encounters that create long-lasting images and cultural patterns. As a result, we hope to get to some new insights concerning the life and perceptions of European nations during the Cold War.

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Thursday, 15 November 2012

Welcoming and introduction

16.00 – 16.05 *Ruth Leiserowitz, Vice Director of the GHI Warsaw*
Rafał Rogulski, Director of the Secretariat of the European Network Remembrance and Solidarity

Welcoming words

16.05 – 16.15 *Burkhard Olschowsky, Wanda Jarząbek, Jens Boysen*

Introduction into the conference topic

16.15 – 18.15 Panel 1 – Political and social images in late Cold War Europe

Chair: *Piotr Madajczyk, ISP PAN*

Stefan Garsztecki, Technical University Chemnitz: Die Solidarność zwischen Bedrohung und Aufbruch: Perzeption in Ostmittel- und Osteuropa

Gunter Dehnert, Catholic University Eichstätt: Modernisierung und Entideologisierung in der polnischen Opposition

Pierre Frédéric Weber, University of Szczecin: Westdeutscher Revisionismus in Ostmitteleuropa (1968-1989). Zur Normativität und Delegitimierung eines politischen Leitdiskurses

Robert Brier, GHI Warsaw: The fall and rise of totalitarianism: East-West exchanges on human rights, Communism and Peace

Commentator: *Jens Boysen, GHI Warsaw*

18.00 – 18.30 Coffee break

Keynote speech

18.30 ***Georges Mink, Warsaw/Paris***

20.00 Reception at the GHI Warsaw

Friday, 16 November 2012

09.00 – 10.45 Panel 2 – Friends, enemies, neighbours: On evolutions of 'national' relations

Chair: *Jens Boysen, GHI Warsaw*

Csaba G. Kiss, Lorand Eötvös University Budapest: Das ungarische Tschechenbild nach 1968

Elena Glushko, Moscow: "Czechs were our hope": Image of Czechoslovakia in the Soviet Union in the year 1968 and after

Christie Miedema, Duitsland Instituut Amsterdam/ University of Amsterdam: The Western Left and opposition under socialism: misunderstandings, disagreements and a dialogue 'from below'

David Tompkins, Carleton College, Northfield/Minn.: A Special Enemy: The Image of Israel in Central Europe after 1967

Commentator: *Burkhard Olschowsky, ENRS*

10.45 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 12.30 Panel 3 – Travel and trade: Encountering "friends" in the Socialist camp

Chair: *Ruth Leiserowitz, GHI Warsaw*

Sönke Friedreich, Institute for Saxonian History and Ethnology, Dresden: DDR-Touristen im sozialistischen Ausland

Daniel Logemann, Museum of the Second World War, Gdańsk: Leipziger Urlauber in Volkspolen – zwischen sozialistischem Urlaubsidyll und „polnischer Konterrevolution"

Piotr Wołoszyn, European University Viadrina/ Collegium Polonicum, Frankfurt (Oder)-Słubice: Handel zwischen dem stationierten sowjetischen Militär und der Zivilbevölkerung in Polen und in der DDR im Vergleich

Commentator: *Jerzy Kochanowski, University of Warsaw*

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch break

14.00 – 15.45 Panel 4 – The media as conveyors of images

Chair: *Wanda Jarząbek, ISP PAN*

Karolina Pietras, University of Nancy/Paris: The Polish crisis of the 1980s in West German and French media

Oleg Rjabov, Ivanovo State University: The West and the East in the caricature of the Polish SOLIDARITY

Rüdiger Ritter, University of Bremen: Die ehemaligen polnischen Ostgebiete in der Wahrnehmung der oppositionellen polnischen Publizistik im Zeitraum von ca. 1970 bis 1989

Commentator: *Ruth Leiserowitz, GHI Warsaw*

15.45 – 16.00 Coffee break

16.00 – 17.45 Panel 5 – Arts, culture and *gender* as factors of cross-border connections

Chair: *Maren Röger, GHI Warsaw*

Marianne Rostgaard, Department of Culture and Global Studies, Aalborg University: Danish-Polish cultural exchange c. 1965–1985 and European détente

Elena Korowin, Vienna: Kunstausstellungen als Mittel der Diplomatie. Eine Untersuchung der sowjetischen Ausstellungen in der Bundesrepublik 1970–1990

Eva Schäffler, University of Salzburg: Geschlechterverhältnisse in der BRD im Spiegel der DDR-Frauenzeitschrift „Für Dich"

Commentator: *Dominik Pick, ENRS*

19.00 joint dinner

Saturday, 17 November 2012

9.30 – 12.00 Panel 6 – Changing group relations in societies

Chair: *Dominik Pick, ENRS*

Silvia Petzoldt, Friedrich Schiller University Jena: Selbst- und Fremdbeschreibungen deutscher und ungarischer Minderheitenschriftsteller im kommunistischen Rumänien

Sybille Reinke de Buitrago, Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy at the University of Hamburg: Cross-Border Othering in the GDR and FRG: An Empirical Analysis of National versus Personal Perspectives

Andrzej J. Kutyłowski, University of Oslo: 'Us' versus 'them' in Poland, from the 'SOLIDARITY' breakthrough to the onset of quasi-parliamentarism (1980–1990)

Hella Dietz, Georg August University Göttingen: Die Genealogien der Aufbegehrenden: Vom Wandel der Bilder des jeweils Anderen bei Linkskatholiken und oppositionellen Linken in Polen nach 1968

Commentator: *Wanda Jarząbek, ISP PAN*

12.00 – 12.15 Coffee break

12.15 – 13.30 Final discussion

13.30 Conclusion of conference and departure