100 Years of Communist Experiments

Conference, Center for the Study of Post-Communist Societies

University of Maryland, College Park

Thursday, November 16th—Friday, November 17th 2017

**Day One**

**9:15-9:30 Opening Remarks:** Goals of the Conference

Dean Gregory Ball (College of Behavioral and Social Science, U-MD)

Vladimir Tismaneanu

**9:30-11:00 Panel One: Communism as a Fantasy of Salvation**

Mark Kramer, Jeffrey Herf, Mykola Riabchuk, Vladimir Tismaneanu

Moderator—Vladimir Tismaneanu

11:00-11:15 Coffee Break

**11:15-12:45 Panel Two: Economics**

Steven Rosefielde, Serguey Braguinsky, Peter Rutland, Michael S. Bernstam, Paul D. Aligica,

Moderator—Paul D. Aligica

**2:00-3:30 Panel Three: Politics**

Leon Aron, Margaret A. Pearson, Venelin Ganev, Marius Stan

Moderator—Vladimir Tismaneanu

3:30-3:45 Coffee Break

**3:45-5:15 Panel Four: Culture**

Marci Shore, András Bozoki, Noemi Marin, Mircea Mihaies, Piotr H. Kosicki

Moderator—Noemi Marin

**Day Two**

**9:00-11:30 Conclusion: Does Communism Have a Future?**

Breakfast buffet, 9:00-10:00

Roundtable debate and discussion,10:00-11:00

Closing remarks, looking ahead: 11:00-11:30

Presentation Titles and Order

Panel 1: Communism as a Fantasy of Salvation

**Herf**—German Communism, the Jews and Israel: From the Antifascism of World War II to the Undeclared Wars of the Cold War

**Tismaneanu**—Intellectuals and Communism: From Illusions to Dissidence

**Riabchuk**—Soviet and Western Imperialism in Ukraine, 100 Years and Counting

**Kramer**—The Purpose of *The Black Book of Communism*

Panel 2: Economics

**Rosefielde**—Communist Economics: Theory and Practice

**Rutland**—Looking Back at the Soviet Economy

**Bernstam**—Incentives, Coercion, and Redistribution: Comparing Market, Communist, and Developing Economies

**Braguinsky**—The Rise and Fall of the Planned Economy and its Long-Lasting Effect on Post-Communist Transformation

Panel 3: Politics

**Aron**—The Sway of a Millenarian State: From Petrograd to Raqqa

**Stan**—Tito's Brand of Leninism: Lessons from a Failed Project

**Pearson**—The CCP's Communist Toolkit: Mobilization Vs. Institutionalization

**Ganev**—The Resilience of Anti-Anti-Communism and the Valorization of Nostalgia

Panel 4: Culture

**Marin**—Communist Rhetoric: Authority, Public Argument and National Identity

**Bozoki**—Cultural Politics and the Role of Intellectuals

**Mihaies**—Lost in Protochronia: Ideological Dada in Ceausescu's Romania

**Shore**—Philosophical Lessons from the Bolshevik Experiment

**Kosicki**—Catholicism Beyond Communism: Religion, the Grammar of Political Ideology, and the Future of Social Justice

Friday Roundtable

Past Imperfect, Modern Risks

Panel Overview and Participant Affiliations

**Panel 1: Fantasies of Salvation**  **Panel 2: Economics**

Mark Kramer (Harvard University) Steven Rosefielde (U. of N.C at Chapel Hill)

Jeff Herf (UMD) Serguey Braguinsky (UMD)

Mykola Riabchuk (Academy of Sciences, Ukraine) Peter Rutland (Wesleyen Univ.)

Vladimir Tismaneanu (UMD) Michael S. Bernstam (Hoover Institution)

 Paul Dragos Aligica (George Mason Univ.)

**Panel 3: Politics** **Panel 4: Society and Culture**

Leon Aron (American Enterprise Institute) Marci Shore (Yale Univ.)

Margaret A. Pearson (UMD) Andras Bozoki (CEU)

Venelin Ganev (Miami Univ. Ohio) Noemi Marin (Florida Atlantic Univ.)

Marius Stan (Romanian Cultural Institute) Mircea Mihaies (U. of the West, Timišoara)

 Piotr H. Kosicki (UMD)