

Informations

International Conference: Disintegration and Integration in East-Central Europe (1919-post-1989)

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The conference will approach themes dedicated to the historical idea of integration in Central and Eastern Europe: 1919-post 1989. The Colloquium will be divided into four sections:

Section I: The end of Empires and the attempts at creating a new balance (1919-1945)

- major ententes giving rise to a new system throughout Europe;
- the thesis of the two Europes (industrial vs. agrarian): unity and fracture, convergence and divergence;
- integration projects in the interwar period: motivation, institutional approach and means preceding the Second World War (i.e. Pan-Europa, the Briand Project within the League of Nations, a federated Mitteleuropa, the Danube Federation etc.);
- crises in East-Central Europe: from economic isolation to the Great Depression;
- the anti-totalitarian resistance movements as origins of the post-1945 European integration process;
- the role of the East-Central-European exile in developing European unification projects;
- the revival of integration projects after the Second World War.

Section II: The end of the Nazi “Empire” in East-Central Europe and the creation of a new “Empire” in the East (1945-1989)

- research and views on forced integration projects attempted by the Communist Parties in the East;
- a Western perspective on the East-European course of action;

- the Marshall Plan: an engine of Western reconstruction;
- what type of Europe did the Soviets want to build? The role of Comecon.

Section III: 1989: the end of Europe's division. A new Europe through integration

- the influence of East-Central Europe's past in the process of European integration: continuity and discontinuity;
- historical inheritance and political values in the relations between East-Central European states and the European Communities in the early 1990s; consequences;
- the foundations of the Visegrad Group; the role of common monarchs in the past; the Hungarian, Czech, Romanian and Polish Diaspora's role in European integration after 1989.

Section IV: The West's approval of Europe's Eastward enlargement – a starting point for Europe's new future

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This announcement also represents a first call for papers to be submitted [title and 200-250-word abstract] by 15 October 2012.

Paper selection/screening process:

Papers will be selected based on a double-blind review process. Authors will receive an acceptance notice from the Organising Committee by November 15th, 2012.

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The conference aims to: involve EU and non-EU academics, researchers preparing a doctorate or having post-doctoral experience; focus on the creation of joint transna-

tional activities and structural links with academic institutions in other countries; produce research result that cannot be achieved through scientific activities within a national framework.

The papers presented in the international conference DISINTEGRATION AND INTEGRATION IN EAST-CENTRAL EUROPE (1919 – post-1989) will appear in the "Publications of the European Union Liaison Committee of Historians" series, published by Nomos.

Conference webpage: <http://neweurope.centre.ubbcluj.ro/> and site of the Groupe de liaison des historiens auprès de la Commission européenne: www.eu-historians.eu.