



FINAL CONFERENCE OF THE ERC PANEUR1970S PROJECT

Looking West: the European Socialist regimes facing pan-European cooperation and the European Community

2-3-4 December 2019

Theatre, Badia Fiesolana, European University Institute, Florence

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ABSTRACT

Looking West: the European Socialist regimes facing pan-European cooperation and the European Community (PanEur1970s) is a five-year ERC Advanced project designed to investigate the European Socialist regimes' expectations and predicaments vis-à-vis the opening of a space of pan-European cooperation in the long 1970s. With an emerging East-West détente and globalization in the background, the Socialist elites had to negotiate complex ideological, economic, and political issues originating from their attempts at integrating in the world economy, deepening their rapprochement with Western Europe and dealing with the commercial giant next door, the European Community.

Our project is now reaching completion. At this final conference we will present the key results of more than 4 years of fruitful research across seven countries. We will compare and discuss them with some of the best specialists in the field, and therefore structure the final volume scheduled for publication in late 2020. Our research intertwined international and economic history approaches to provide a dynamic portrait of the Socialist elites' paradigms, goals, and constraints in envisioning interdependence with Western Europe and cooperation with the EC. It looked at the relevant elites that shaped each country's national economic strategy. How did they plan to reconcile transformation with stability, and control the consequences of a less protected and self-enclosed environment? Were they simply driven by short-term economic goals and constraints or did they also imagine a long-term mutual opening and convergence? What views of Western Europe, and specifically of the European Economic Community (EEC), did they elaborate as co-operation intensified? Above all, how did they envision the interaction between adjacent and overlapping spaces shaped by contrasting logics: the socialist bloc and West European integration, ideological rivalry and a new rhetoric of collaboration, important bilateral relations and emerging multilateral frameworks?

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PROGRAMME

Sunday, 1 December

20:00 **Welcome Dinner** (for speakers and discussants)

Monday, 2 December

CHAIR: Pál Germuska (Hungarian National Archive, Budapest and PanEur1970s)

10:00-10:15 Opening address by Federico Romero (PanEur1970s Principal Investigator) and Angela Romano (PanEur1970s Project Manager)

10:15-11:15 Federico Romero (EUI and PanEur1970s)
Socialism between détente and globalization
Discussant: Tobias Rupprecht (University of Exeter)

11:15-11:30 **Coffee break**

CHAIR: Maximilian Graf (Istituto Storico Austriaco, Rome and PanEur1970s)

11:30-12:30 Angela Romano (EUI and PanEur1970s)
Pan-Europe: A continental space of cooperation(s)
Discussant: Péter Balázs (Central European University, Budapest)

12:30-14:00 **Lunch**, Sala Buonsanti

CHAIR: Pavel Szobi (Charles University and PanEur1970s)

14:00-15:00 Pál Germuska (Hungarian National Archive, Budapest and PanEur1970s)
Attraction and Repulsion. Hungary and European Integration
Discussant: Suvi Kansikas (Helsinki University)

15:00-16:00 Elitza Stanoeva (PanEur1970s)
Bulgaria's cooperation with the West
Discussant: Svetozar Rajak (London School of Economics)

16:00-16:30 **Coffee break**

CHAIR: Aleksandra Komornicka (EUI and PanEur1970s)

16:30-17:30 Maximilian Graf (Istituto Storico Austriaco, Rome and PanEur1970s)
Drifting Westward? East Germany and integrated Europe in the "long 1970s"
Discussant: Sara Lorenzini (Università di Trento)

19:30 **Dinner** (for speakers and discussants)

Tuesday, 3 December

CHAIR: Angela Romano (EUI and PanEur1970s)

09:00-10:00 Aleksandra Komornicka (EUI and PanEur1970s)
From the 'Economic Miracle' to the 'Sick Men of Socialist Camp': Polish Opening towards the West in the 1970s
Discussant: Silvio Pons (Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa)

10:00-11:00 Pavel Szobi (Charles University and PanEur1970s)
Czechoslovakia in the Pan-European relations during the long 1970s
Discussant: Miklós Mitrovits (Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest)

11:00-11:30 **Coffee break**

CHAIR: Benedetto Zaccaria (Università Cà Foscari, Venezia and PanEur1970s)

11:30-12:45 Lukas Dovern (Stanford University)
The Local Dimension of Global Finance: Poland and the World in the long 1970s

12:45-14:00 **Lunch**, Sala Buonsanti

CHAIR Federico Romero (EUI and PanEur1970s)

14:00-15:00 Benedetto Zaccaria (Università Cà Foscari, Venezia and PanEur1970s)
From Liberalism to Underdevelopment. Yugoslav élites facing Western European integration in the long 1970s
Discussant: Milica Uvalić (Università di Perugia)

15:00-16:00 Adelina Stefan (PanEur1970s)
Economic Détente: Socialist Romania, Western Europe, and EEC during the long 1970s
Discussant: Rossitza Guentcheva (New Bulgarian University, Sofia)

16:00-16:30 **Coffee break**

CHAIR Adelina Stefan (PanEur1970s)

16:30-17:45 Elena Dragomir (Valahia University of Targoviste)
Romania and the negotiations for a CMEA-EEC agreement in the 1970s

19:30 **Dinner** (for speakers and discussants)

Wednesday, 4 December

CHAIR: Federico Romero (EUI and PanEur1970s)

09:15-10:30 Fritz Bartel (Texas A&M University)
The Triumph of Broken Promises: Oil, Finance, and the Fall of Communism

10:30-11:00 **Coffee break**

11:00-13:00 **Round table and General Discussion**
Dorothee Bohle (EUI), Wolfgang Mueller (University of Vienna), Angela Romano (EUI and PanEur1970s), Svetozar Rajak (London School of Economics), Federico Romero (EUI and PanEur1970s)

13:00 **Lunch, Sala Buonsanti**



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