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9.30 OPENING

Prof. Dr. Katharina Bluhm and
Dr. Mihai Varga, FU Berlin:
**Introduction. Delineating our approach
on New Conservatism**

10.00-17:30
**POLITICAL ECONOMIC TRANSITION AND
THE RISE OF NEW CONSERVATISM**
moderated by Prof. Dr. Katharina Bluhm, FU Berlin
and Ewa Dąbrowska, University of Amsterdam

Prof. Dr. Andrei Yakovlev, Higher School
of Economics, Moscow:
**When and why ordinary people and elites
in Russia started to turn to non-liberal thinking?**

Prof. Dr. Katharina Bluhm, FU Berlin:
**Russian ideologues and their core concepts
for a conservative countermovement
against neoliberalism**

11.30-12.00 Coffee Break

Prof. Dr. Krzysztof Jasiński, Polish Academy
of Sciences, Institute of Philosophy and
Sociology, Warsaw:
**"Conservative modernization"
and the rise of populism in Poland.
The case of law and justice**

Prof. Dr. Jochen Roose and
Prof. Dr. Pawel Karolewski,
University of Wrocław:
**The Electorate of Right Populist Parties.
Poland in comparative perspective**

13.30-14.30 Lunch

Dr. James Dawson and Dr. Sean Hanley,
University College London:
**The illiberal drift of East-Central European
liberal mainstream: Lessons from
a discursive institutionalist account of pre-
and post-accession politics in Bulgaria
and the Czech Republic**

Dr. Martin Mendelski, MPIfG Cologne:
**Explaining post-communist transformation
through vicious and virtuous reform cycles**

16.00-16.30 Coffee Break

Dr. Dušan Spasojević, Belgrade University:
**Serbian Progressive Party: From nationalist
radicalism to pro-European populism**

Prof. Dr. Urban Vehovar, Primorska
University, Koper, Slovenia:
**Slovenia – a case of unreflected
conservatism**

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9.30-11.30
GENEALOGIES OF CONSERVATIVE IDEAS
moderated by Prof. Dr. Mark Bassin,
Södertörn University

Prof. Dr. Paul Robinson, University of Ottawa:
**Universalism and particularism in
Russian conservatism**

Ewa Dąbrowska, University of Amsterdam:
**In search of subjectivity. Conservatism
and economic nationalism in contemporary
Poland and Russia**

Dr. Áron Buzogány and
Dr. Mihai Varga, FU Berlin:
**Of 'clotted structures' and intellectual
circles: Ideational foundations of illiberal
democracy in Hungary**

11.30-11.45 Coffee Break

11.45-17:30
ACTORS AND STRATEGIES
moderated by Dr. Ivan Boldyrev, HSE

Dr. Tobias Köllner, University of Magdeburg:
**Religious and political conservatism in
post-socialist Russia: Empirical findings from
ethnographic fieldwork**

Dr. Antonija Petričušić, Mateja Čehulić and
Dr. Dario Čepo, University of Zagreb:
**In the name of discrimination: Capturing
the democratic process by conservative
religious political movement in Croatia**

Dr. Zorica Mršević, Belgrade University:
**New Conservatism and freedom
of assembly**

13.45-14.30 Lunch

Dr. Tina Gažovičová, CVEK Bratislava:
**Anti-refugee discourse and
New Conservatism in Slovakia**

Sonja Schiffrers, FU Berlin:
**Empowering Illiberalism.
How Russian-Georgian interactions
challenge civil liberties**

15.30-15.45 Coffee Break

17.00-17.30
Prof. Dr. Katharina Bluhm and
Dr. Mihai Varga, FU Berlin:
**Wrap-up session.
Some tentative conclusions**