

“Eastern Europe’s New Conservatives: Varieties and Explanations from Poland to Russia”

Freie Universität Berlin

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Program

Opening 9.30

Prof. Dr. Katharina Bluhm and Dr. Mihai Varga (FU Berlin) Introduction. Delineating our approach on New Conservatism

1. Political Economic Transition and the Rise of New Conservatism (moderated by Prof. Dr. Katharina Bluhm, FU Berlin and Ewa Dąbrowska, University of Amsterdam) 10.00-17:30

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

Coffee break 11.30-12.00

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

Lunch 13.30-14.30

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

Coffee Break 16.00-16.30

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

Dinner 19.00

Day 2

2. Genealogies of Conservative Ideas (moderated by Prof. Dr. Mark Bassin, Södertörn University) 9.30-11.30

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

Coffee Break 11.30-11.45

3. Actors and Strategies (moderated by Dr. Ivan Boldyrev, HSE) 11.45-17:30

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

Lunch 13.45-14.30

Dr. Tina Gažovičová (CVEK Bratislava): Anti-refugee discourse and new conservatism in Slovakia

Sonja Schiffers (FU Berlin) Empowering Illiberalism. How Russian-Georgian Interactions Challenge Civil Liberties

Coffee Break 15.30-15.45

Wrap-up session: Some tentative conclusions (Katharina Bluhm, Mihai Varga) 17.00-17.30

Farewell Dinner 20.00