

International Conference

**(Re)Searching Communism:  
80 Years since the End of the Second World War.  
The Rise of Communism in Central and South-Eastern Europe**

**PROGRAMME**

**THURSDAY – 25 SEPTEMBER**

**Regele Ferdinand Hall**

(Administrative Headquarters of the Alba County Council)

**Official Opening: 9<sup>00</sup> – 9<sup>20</sup>**

***World War II and Its Consequences***

First Session: 9<sup>30</sup> – 11<sup>30</sup> | Moderator: SORIN ARHIRE

**IOAN BOLOVAN** (Babeş-Bolyai University of Cluj-Napoca, Romanian Academy)

*Romanian Post-War Scenarios for the Reorganization of Central and South-Eastern Europe (Population Exchange and Transfer)*

**ALIAKSANDR PIAHANAU** (KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, Sweden)

*Balancing the Soviet Factor: Slovak-Hungarian Relations during World War II*

**TILMAN LÜDKE** (Senior Researcher, Near and Middle East Arnold-Bergstraesser - Institute, Germany)

*Fear of Communism or of the Soviet Union? Turkey in the Immediate Post-War Period*

**ALEKSANDAR ZIVOTIC** (Faculty of Philosophy, Belgrade University, Serbia)

*Transitional Path from the British Policy of "Equal Influence" to Soviet Domination: Foreign Policy Positioning of Yugoslavia at the End of World War II (1944–1947)*

**MARTIN GABCO** (Nation's Memory Institute, Bratislava, Slovakia)

*The Year 1945 and the Process of Forming Anti-Communist Resistance in Slovakia*

**Coffee break: 11<sup>30</sup> – 11<sup>45</sup>**

***The Rise of Communism in Europe (I)***

Second Session: 11<sup>45</sup> - 13<sup>00</sup> | Moderator: IOANA URSU

**VLADIMIR CVETKOVIC** (Institute for Recent History of Serbia, Belgrade)

*The Communist Party of Yugoslavia and the Communist Party of Romania's Path to Power*

**FLORIN-RĂZVAN MIHAI** (The National Institute for the Study of Totalitarianism, Bucharest, Romania)

*In the Name of the "Democratic Sun": Candidacies of the Bloc of Democratic Parties in Romania's 1946 Parliamentary Elections*

**NEMANJA MITROVIĆ** (Institute for Contemporary History, Belgrade, Serbia)

*Fraternal Ties or Hidden Agendas? Josip Broz Tito's 1947 Visit to Romania and Its Transition to People's Democracy*

**LUNCH: 13<sup>15</sup> – 14<sup>30</sup>**

**Senate Hall - Apor Palace (1 Decembrie 1918 University of Alba Iulia)**

***The Rise of Communism in Europe (II)***

Second Session: 14<sup>30</sup> – 15<sup>45</sup> | Moderator: IOANA URSU

**ANDREEA DAHLQUIST** (The Romanian Association for Baltic and Nordic Studies, Târgoviște, Romania)

*Swedish Humanitarian Help at the Beginning of Romania's Communization*

**ISTVÁN PAPP** (Historical Archives of the State Security Services, Hungary)

*The Second Communist Experiment in Hungary: National Adaptation in 1945*

**DRAGOȘ URSU** (National Museum of the Union, Alba Iulia, Romania)

*The Beginnings of Communist Repression: Aiud Penitentiary between 1944 and 1948*

**Coffee break: 15<sup>45</sup> – 16<sup>00</sup>**

***Europe in the First Decade of Communism***

Third Session: 16<sup>00</sup> – 17<sup>45</sup> | Moderator: BOGDAN POPA

**VLASIS VLASIDIS** (University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki, Greece), **ELENI PASCHALIDOU** (University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki, Greece)

*Between Truman Doctrine and Stalin Death: Greece and its Neighbours during the First Phase of Cold War*

**ZSOLT VITÁRI** (University of Pécs, Institute of History, Department of Contemporary History, Hungary)

*The Place and Possibilities of Nationalities in the Emerging Communist Dictatorship in Hungary, with Special Regard to the Germans*



**IOANA URSU** (National Museum of the Union, Alba Iulia, Romania)

*Informative Surveillance in the 1950s: A Case Study of Clergy and Intellectuals*

**ELISA CHIVEREAN** (George Emil Palade University, Târgu Mureș, Romania)

*The Anatomy of Silence: Memory, Fear, and the Institutional Violence of Early Communism in South-Eastern Europe*

**KEZBAN ACAR** (Manisa Celal Bayar University, Turkey), **BURCU OZDEMIR** (Manisa Celal Bayar University, Turkey)

*The Construction of Citizenship in Soviet and Kemalist Education Models: A Comparative Analysis of the Pioneer Organization and the Village Institutes*

**Coffee break: 17<sup>45</sup> – 18<sup>00</sup>**

### ***Cultural Histories of Communism***

Fourth Session: 18<sup>00</sup> – 19<sup>30</sup> | Moderator: DRAGOȘ URSU

**BOGDAN POPA** (Nicolae Iorga History Institute, Romanian Academy, Bucharest)

*The Nationalisation of Book Trade in Romania after 1948*

**TUDOR ROȘU** (National Museum of the Union, Alba Iulia, Romania)

*The Image of Elvis Presley in Early Communist Romania*

**ALEXANDRU-CRISTIAN VOICU** (The National Institute for the Study of Totalitarianism, Bucharest, Romania)

*Unlikely Communist Strategies and Instruments to Seize Power: Romanian Postage Stamps in the Aftermath of the Communist Takeover (1945–1952)*

**MARIUS ROTAR** (1 Decembrie 1918 University of Alba Iulia, Romania)

*Sexual Deviance and Clandestinity in the Early Communist Romania*

**DINNER: 20<sup>00</sup>**

## FRIDAY – 26 SEPTEMBER

**Senate Hall - Apor Palace** (1 Decembrie 1918 University of Alba Iulia)

### ***West and East: Alternative Perspectives about Communization***

Fifth Session: 9<sup>00</sup> – 11<sup>20</sup> | Moderator: TUDOR ROȘU

**IVAN LAKOVIĆ** (University of Montenegro, Historical Institute)

*Western Armaments under the Red Star. US Military Aid to Yugoslavia 1951-1958*

**ANDRZEJ OLEJKO** (Państwowa Akademia Nauk Stosowanych, Jarosław, Poland)

*Flights to Freedom: Escapes of Polish Military Aviation Pilots to the West in the 1950s and Their Consequences.*

**RADU TUDORANCEA** (Nicolae Iorga History Institute, Romanian Academy, Bucharest)

*Romanian Political Climate as Reflected in the Analysis of the US Legation in Bucharest (Late 1940s – Early 1950s)*

**PAUL NISTOR** (A.D. Xenopol History Institute, Romanian Academy, Jassy)

*The Sovietization of Romanian Institutions and the Suppression of Societal Resistance: A Perspective from the United States Legation in Bucharest (1945–1974)*

**ALEXANDRU D. AIOANEI** (A.D. Xenopol History Institute, Romanian Academy, Jassy)

*The War Diary of the British Military Mission: A New Perspective on the Communization of Romania*

**MURAT DEMIREL** (Nevsehir Hacı Bektaş Veli University, Turkey), **İLBEY ÇOBAN** (Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey)

*North Atlantic Treaty Organization's Views towards the Hungarian Revolution of 1956 in Archives*

## ***Churches in Communism***

Sixth Session: 11<sup>35</sup> – 13<sup>30</sup> | Moderator: IOANA URSU

**DORIN-DEMOSTENE IANCU** (The Archives of the Romanian Patriarchate, Romania)

*The Resumption of Romanian-Russian Church Relations after World War II, Seen from Moscow*

**GÁBOR BÁNKUTI** (University of Pécs, Institute of History, Department of Contemporary History, Hungary)

*Ideological and Political Backgrounds of Communist Church Policy and Their Changes in Hungary after 1945*

**SZYMON MIKRUT** (University of Zielona Góra, Poland)

*On the Ruins of Communism – Loss and Recovery the Building of School in Pniewy by Ursuline Order as an Example of New Policy the Church and the Country*

**ANA MARIA IANCU** (Ion I.C. Brătianu Institute of Political Sciences and International Relations of the Romanian Academy, Bucharest, Romania)

*An “Atypical” Communist and His Contribution to the Communization of Romania: Priest and Teacher Dumitru Cumpănașu (1900–1987), Prefect of Dolj (1945–1949) and Inspector General in the Ministry of Internal Affairs (1949–1952)*

**IULIAN BUDĂU** (Faculty of Roman Catholic Theology, Cluj-Napoca, Romania)

*The Jesuit Order under the communist regime in Romania: reaction, resilience, martyrdom*

**IRAH KUCEROVA** (Charles University Prague, Czech Republic)

*The Geopolitical Context of World War II in Central Europe*

## **CONCLUSION**

**LUNCH: 13<sup>30</sup> – 14<sup>30</sup>**

**Guided Tour in the Alba Iulia citadel: 15<sup>00</sup> – 18<sup>00</sup>**

**DINNER: 18<sup>00</sup>**



**Organizing Committee:**

Daniel Dumitran, 1 Decembrie 1918 University of Alba Iulia

Sorin Arhire, 1 Decembrie 1918 University of Alba Iulia

Ioana Ursu, National Museum of the Union Alba Iulia

Dragoş Ursu, National Museum of the Union Alba Iulia

**Useful addresses:**

1 Decembrie 1918 University of Alba Iulia (Apor Palace) – 5 Gabriel Bethlen Street

Administrative Headquarters of the Alba County Council – 11 Mihai Viteazul Street

**Contact persons:**

DRAGOŞ URSU

E-mail: [dragos.ursu@uab.ro](mailto:dragos.ursu@uab.ro)

Mobile: +40(0)752266088

SORIN ARHIRE

E-mail: [sorinarhire2015@gmail.com](mailto:sorinarhire2015@gmail.com)

Mobile: +40(0)720738534