

**In Stalin's Shadow– Exporting the Soviet Model to Central Eastern  
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**Speakers**

**Miklós Mitrovits's – Different Paths to Stalinism in Central Eastern Europe. Reasons and Consequences.**

**Miklós Mitrovits** is a research fellow at the Institute of History of the Research Centre for the Humanities of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and a member of the Contemporary History research team. His area of research is the political and social history of Eastern Central Europe (1945–1991), as well as political and cultural relations between the countries of Eastern Central Europe. In regard to Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary, he researches comparative historiography with special emphasis on Polish-Hungarian ties. Since 2014 he has been a member of the “Polska 1944/45–1989” Editorial Council. He was awarded the Knight's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland in 2014.

**Tatiana Viktorovna Volokitina – Soviet Concepts about Central Eastern Europe in 1945–1947**

**Tatiana Volokitina** is a senior research fellow at the Institute of Slavic Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences; head of the division researching the history of Eastern Europe after World War II. Her main area of research is the history of Eastern Europe, and especially that of Bulgaria. After the change in the political and economic system, she led the way in publishing Soviet documents. Many of her volumes address the issue of Stalinism, and the relationship between the Soviet Union and the Eastern European countries.

**Mark Kramer – The Sovietisation of Central Eastern Europe. Theory and Practice.**

**Mark Kramer** is the project leader of Cold War Studies at the Centre for Russian and Eurasian Studies at Harvard University. He is mainly interested in international relations, the history of the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, as well as the changes in the political and economic systems. He has had many books published on the history of the former socialist countries.

**Mária Palasik – The Activity and Arrest of Béla Kovács**

**Mária Palasik** is a Candidate of Historical Sciences, a habilitated doctor, a researcher at the Historical Archives of the Hungarian State Security, and head of the Department of Scientific and Cultural Relations. Her area of research is Hungarian political and social history after World War II. She is the author and co-author of many books, a regular speaker at academic conferences, and the European coordinator of scientific projects. As a recognition of her professional achievements the European Commission endowed her with the title of Jean Monnet Professor in 2004.

### **Maciej Korcuć – The Impossible Mission, Stanisław Mikołajczyk**

**Maciej Korcuć** is a staff member of the Public Education Office of the Polish Institute of National Remembrance in Cracow. He initially researched the independent partisan movement in Poland, and his recent area of interest is the crimes committed by the communist regime against Polish society.

### **Jiří Kocian – The Death of Jan Masaryk**

**Jiří Kocian** is a research fellow at the Contemporary History Institute of the Czech Academy of Sciences, and a professor at the Charles University in Prague. He is a member of the Czech-Austrian Committee of Historians. He is the author of many monographs and studies. His main area of research is the history of Czechoslovakia between 1945 and 1948.

### **Marcin Zaremba – A Brief History of Postwar Fear: Poland 1944–1947**

**Marcin Zaremba** is a research fellow at the Institute of Political Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences, and a lecturer at the Institute of History of the University of Warsaw. His area of research is the 20th-century history of Poland. His major works address issues of the national legitimacy of the communist regime, and the history of Polish society in 1944–1947.

### **József Ö. Kovács – Resistance Put Up by the Peasants of Hungary**

**József Ö. Kovács** is the county deputy director-general of the National Archives of Hungary, a lecturer of Pázmány Péter Catholic University, and a core member of the Doctoral School of History. His area of research is modern and contemporary social history, with special emphasis on changes in rural areas. In his recent publications he mainly addressed the historical issues of the communist dictatorship and peasant society, but his area of interest extends to Hungarian and international social historiography and its methodology.

### **Jiří Pernes – Czechoslovakian Society and the Czech Coup of February 1948**

**Jiří Pernes** is a research fellow at the Institute of Contemporary History of the Czech Academy of Sciences, and a lecturer at the Jan Masaryk University in Brno and the university of Ústí nad Labem. His research projects focus on the 19th- and 20th-century history of Bohemia, Moravia and Czechoslovakia. In his most recent books he deals with the crisis of the communist system in the fifties and its reign of terror.

### **Stefano Bottoni – Characteristics of Stalinism in Romania**

**Stefano Bottoni** is a research fellow at the Institute of History of the Research Centre for the Humanities of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and a member of the Contemporary History research team. His areas of research include the policy towards national minorities in East Central Europe in 1945–1989, efforts to build a state in Romania in the socialist era, and the history of Hungary after 1945, with special emphasis on the Hungarian-Romanian inter-state and inter-party relations. His book titled *Long Awaited West. Eastern Europe since 1944* was published in the USA in 2017.

## **Péter Vukman – Tito, the Stalinist and the Anti-Stalinist**

**Péter Vukman** is a lecturer at the University of Szeged. His main area of research is the 19th- and 20th-century history of the Balkan Peninsula, and within that the history and foreign policy of Yugoslavia, as well as the Hungarian-Yugoslav and Yugoslav-Soviet relations after 1945.

## **Presiding chairs**

**Réka Földváryné Kiss** is a historian, the president of the Committee for National Remembrance, and the Hungarian coordinator of the Steering Committee of the European Network Remembrance and Solidarity (ENRS). She teaches courses on church history at the Faculty of Theology of Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church in Hungary. Her main areas of research are the relationship between the church and the state in Hungary during communism, retributions and political trials after the Revolution of 1956, and social history after 1945.

**Gergő Bendegúz Cseh** is the director-general of the Historical Archives of the Hungarian State Security. His areas of research include Hungary's international relations after World War II, as well as the activity of the Allied Commission in Hungary and the activity of allied commissions across Europe.

**Zsuzsanna Varga** is a full professor and Doctor of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. She is the head of the Department of Modern and Contemporary Hungarian History of ELTE BTK, and the leader of the Modern Hungarian History Doctoral Programme of ELTE BTK's Doctoral School of History. Her area of research is Hungary's agrarian history in the 20th century. Since 2010 she has been a board member of the European Rural History Organisation (EURHO).