

Anniversary Seminar

EUROPE BEFORE AND AFTER 1989 Trans-national and comparative perspectives on *Eastern & Western Europe*

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10-12 June 2009, University of Padua, Italy

Observers near and far have interpreted 1989 as *annus mirabilis*, and its unexpectedly peaceful political revolution as one of the great moments in human history. While for 1989 the focus is justifiably on central and eastern Europe, events in the Soviet Union, China and South Africa were equally significant. The world changed in 1989 and a quick glance at the following German unification clarifies that 1989 impacted Europe and the world.

On the occasion of the 20th anniversary of 1989, the University of Padua, the Polish Academy of Science, Sciences Po de Paris, the GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, the Research Network 1989, the Centro Studi Veneto Jacques Maritain and the Istituto Jacques Maritain, have come together to propose a public seminar.

The seminar is a showcase for efforts of a new generation of researchers, thus promoting an ongoing engagement with 1989 as a topic of scholarly research and public debate in a generation that has some experience of the period before 1989 but grew into adulthood after 1989. Conversely, this new generation of researchers has fresh perspective on the meaning and significance on 1989 that are not coloured inevitably by the Cold War.

Panels focus on the trajectory of actors before and after 1989. A trans-national and comparative approach across Europe and the world is privileged to counter the often rather limited focus on the single national case and the regional transition-cum-transformation. The causes and consequences of 1989 can meaningfully only be understood in a wider context. A challenge may be that these new research designs require collaborative efforts and must be carried out in teams.

Arguably, the twentieth anniversary of the revolutions of 1989, is overshadowed by a conjunctural crisis in global economics, world politics and military relations – a conflagration that is said to be the most serious since World War II, and which is more and more often compared to the 1930s. While it obviously cannot be said that the revolutions of 1989 led to the crisis 2009, it does seem equally obvious that way 1989 was interpreted by key actors did play an important role. Furthermore, the political revolutions of 1989 subsequently had economic costs and the economic crisis of 2009 brings political change.

The conference participants have risen to the challenge of 2009 as another global conjuncture. We thus invite you to a number of keynotes and panels that address the global 1989, the cycle of liberal democracy, free markets and unilateralist interventionism that characterised the two decades from 1989 to 2009, and the rise of a new capitalist habitus across Europe.

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Preliminary programme

Date: Wednesday June 10th, 2009
Venue: Sala dell'Archivio Antico, Università di Padova
 Palazzo del Bo, Via VIII febbraio 1848, 2, Padova

13.00 - 14.00 **Registration**

14.00 - 14.10 **Welcome addresses**

14.10 - 14.50 **Podium**
The Global 1989: Continuity and Change in World Politics 1989 to 2009

George Lawson, Lecturer of International Relations, London School of Economics; ed. *The Global 1989: Continuity and Change in World Politics 1989 to 2009*
 Andreas Leuttsch, Lecturer in Modern History, Bielefeld University; ed. *Transnational Political Spaces*

14.50 - 16.05 **Panel session**
China and the Global Politics of Regionalization

Emilian Kavalski, University of Western Sydney, Australia
 Greg Anderson, University of Alberta, Canada
 Ralph Pettman, University of Melbourne, Australia

Coffee break

16.30 - 17.10 **Keynote Speech**
1989, the challenge for human rights and democracy

Antonio Papisca, University of Padova

17.10 - 18.30 **Panel session**
The boundaries of Europe: Analysing discourse on European identity

Nienke de Deugd, University of Groningen, The Netherlands
 Stefan van der Poel, University of Groningen, The Netherlands
 Barbara Falk, University of Toronto, Canada
 Nicole Gallina, ZHB Lucerne, Switzerland
 Petro Kuzyk, University of Groningen, The Netherlands

18.30 - 19.00 **Special programme**
Learning from 'Paths Not Taken': An audiovisual presentation on the politics of representation

Ivor Stodolsky, Aleksanteri Institute of the University of Helsinki, Finland
 Marita Muukkonen, FRAME - The Finnish Fund for Art Exchange, Finland

Date: Thursday, June 11th, 2009

Venue: Sala dell'Archivio Antico, Università di Padova
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09.00 - 10.15 **The new Capitalist Habitus of Europe: How social and political actors respond to the changing capitalist environment (Part I)**

Jan Drahekoupil, University of Mannheim, Germany
 Martin Mendelski, University of Frankfurt, Germany
 Gavin Rae, Koźmiński University Warsaw, Poland

10.15 - 10.45 **Special programme**
Infrastructures for European Research: GESIS Services

Dr. Agnieszka Wenninger, GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences (Service Agency Eastern Europe)

10.45 - 11.15 **Special programme**
Book presentation: The new Europe: Integration and divisions 1989 to 2009

Paul Blokker, University of Trento, Italy
 Chris Armbruster, Research Network 1989

Coffee break

11.45 - 13.00 **Podium**
Democracy, the (neo-) liberal cycle and economic crisis

Andras Bozoki, Professor of Political Science, Central European University; ed. *The Roundtable Talks of 1989*
 Jacques Rupnik, Directeur de Recherche, CERI, Sciences Po de Paris; ed. *Les banlieues de l'Europe. Les politiques de voisinage de l'Union européenne*

Lunch

14.00 - 15.30 **Panel session**
New balance: The Nordic countries and European integration after the Cold War

Robin M. Allers, University of Oslo, Norway
 Norbert Götz, University of Helsinki, Finland

Lise Rye, Norwegian University of Science and Technology,
Norway
Carsten Schymik, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, Berlin,
Germany
Kristian Steinnes, Norwegian University of Science and
Technology, Norway

15.30 - 16.15 **Panel session**
**Cultural diversity across Europe: Ex- and importing official
and popular re-presentations**

Magdalena Nowicka, LMU Munich, Germany
Anna Pechurina, University of Manchester, United Kingdom
Jeffrey C. Dixon, Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey
Angelika Odziemczyk, Internationales Hochschulinstitut Zittau,
Germany

Coffee break

16.45 - 19.00 **Panel session**
**The new Capitalist Habitus of Europe: How social and political
actors respond to the changing capitalist environment (Part II)**

Clemens Buchen, European Business School, Germany
Kate Hudson, London South Bank University, United Kingdom
Stanislav Holubec, Westbohemian University, Czech Republic

Poster: Dorothea Keudel, Viadrina University Frankfurt, Germany

Date: Friday, June 12th, 2009
Venue: Aula Nievo, Università di Padova
Palazzo del Bo, Via VIII febbraio 1848, 2, Padova

09.00 - 10.30 **Panel session**
**Democracy after 1989: The impact of dissident praxis on
democratic thought and structures**

Paul Blokker, University of Trento, Italy
Robert Brier, German Historical Institute, Warsaw, Poland
Alan Renwick, University of Reading, United Kingdom

Poster: Kacper Szulecki, University of Konstanz, Germany

10.30 - 11.00 **Special programme**
**Writing the new Europe: a transnational publishing project
based on digital peer production**

Chris Armbruster, Research Network 1989

Coffee break

11.30-13.00 **Panel session**
Counter-interpretations of the founding moment of a post-communist society: Understanding the political success

Jérôme Heurtaux, Dauphine University, Paris, France
Alexandra Ionescu, University of Bucharest, Romania
Ioulia Shukan, Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Grenoble, France
Geoffroy Geraud, Dauphine University, Paris, France

Lunch

Date: **Friday, June 12th, 2009**

Venue: **Faculty of Education**
University of Padua
Piazza Capitaniato, 3
Room 17 (3rd Floor)

14.00-17.00 **Special programme**
Workshop on research funding and principal investigator awards

Registration Form

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Wednesday 10 June to Friday 12 June 2009

University of Padua, Via 8 Febbraio, 2 35122, Padua, Italy

1. Registration – Participant's details

Title	First Name	Last Name
Organisation		
Department	Position	
Street	Number	
Postal Code	Town	
Country		
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E-mail		

2. Please indicate which sessions you will attend:

- 10 June, afternoon
- 11 June, morning
- 11 June, afternoon
- 12 June, morning

The Registration Fee is € 90,00.

Please note that the registration fee covers admission to the conference sessions and participation in the corresponding coffee breaks (10-11-12 June) and buffet lunches

(10-11 June). The Registration Fee DOES NOT include any reservation for accommodation. Check relevant contacts details on the conference website.

Return the Registration Form completed and duly signed, and the remittance of payment to the Conference Secretariat, via email (mt.ret@maritain.eu) or fax (+39 0421 74653).