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**“Continuity and Change in the Economic Trajectories of
Central, East and South-East Europe in the Long 20th Century”**

Thursday, 26 June 2025

9:00–9:15 **Opening remarks: Ulf Brunnbauer, Matthias Morys**
(Leibniz IOS, Regensburg, University of York)

9:15–11:00 **New Economic Concepts of the Interwar Period**

Chair: **Mélanie Sadozai** (DIMAS, Regensburg)

Gabriel Godeffroy (Pantheon-Sorbonne University Paris 1): “The Promoters of Economic Cooperation between the Successor States of Austria-Hungary during the Interwar Period”

Nataša Henig Miščič (Institute of Contemporary History, Ljubljana): “Customs Policy and International Trade in the Kingdom of Serbs, Croats, and Slovenes during the 1920s: The Interplay of National and Regional Interests”

Martin Ivanov (University of Sofia): “Two Competing Views on Interwar Bulgaria”

11:00–11:30 **Coffee break**

11:30–13:15 **Long-term trends and challenges**

Chair: **tbd**

Marcin Wroński (Warsaw School of Economics): “Intergenerational Mobility over Nine Generations: Evidence from Poland, 1800–1984”

Gábor Demeter (HAS Research Centre for the Humanities, Institute of History, Budapest): “Core-Periphery Characteristics of Literacy and Educational Attainment in Hungary since the End of the 19th Century”

Leonard Kukić (University of Carlos III, Madrid): “The Burden of Memory: Persistence of Ethnic Conflict in Yugoslavia”

13:15–14:15 Lunch break

14:15–16:00 Tsarist Russia and the Soviet Union until the Second World War

Chair: Viktor Malein (Lund University)

Steve Nafziger (Yale University and Williams College): “Reform, Property Rights and Resistance to Soviet Collectivization”

Natalya Naumenko (George Mason University): “The Economic Consequences of the 1933 Soviet Famine”

Julia Zimmer (University Carlos III, Madrid): “Selection into Revolution and Terrorism: Drivers of Radicalization in the Russian Empire”

16:00–17:30 Break

17:30–19:00 First keynote speech

Tamás Vonyó (Bocconi University, Milan): “The Deadweight of War: Economic Backwardness in Eastern Europe”

19:00–21:00 Reception

Friday, 27 June 2025

9:00–10:45 How Do Companies React to Political Upheaval?

Chair: **tbd**

Zachary Mazur (Museum of the History of Polish Jews, Warsaw): “Postimperial Banking: Jewish-Owned Financial Institutions from Imperial Russia to Poland, 1890–1920”

Ségolène Plyer (University of Strasbourg): “Two Echoing Transitions? Medium-Sized Czech Entrepreneurs in the Upheavals of 1918 and 1989”

Brigitte le Normand (Maastricht University): “Yugoslavia and International Shipping in the Long 20th Century”

10:45–11:15 Coffee break

11:15–12:45 Second keynote speech

János Mátyás Kovács: “The Story of the Prodigal Son. Did Economic Thought Develop under Communism?”

12:45–13:45 Lunch break

13:45–14:45 Roundtable discussion: “The Future of Central and Eastern Europe”

Moderator: Gábor Egry

Arevik Gnutzmann-Mkrtchyan (Leibniz IOS, Regensburg)

Elżbieta Kwiecińska (Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw)

Brigitte le Normand (Maastricht University)

Cindy Wittke (Leibniz IOS, Regensburg)

14:45–16:15 Trade and Other Vehicles for Economic Change

Chair: **tbd**

Doris Hanzl-Weiss (Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies): “Eastern Europe before Transition: Exploring Historical Trade Data on External Economic Relations in CESEE’s Command Economies”

Slavo Radošević (University College London): “Central and Eastern Europe between Domestic and Foreign Led Modernization: A Long-Term View”

16:15–16:45 Coffee break

16:45–18:30 The Rise and the Fall of the Soviet Union

Chair: **tbd**

Andrei Markevich (University of Helsinki): “Soviet Industrialization and American Skilled Labor: Transfer of Technologies and Productivity”

Mario Holzner (Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies): “The Jockey, Horse and Racetrack Revisited: Why Did CESEE’s Command Economies Collapse?”

Marvin Suesse (Trinity College Dublin): “The Industrial Geography of Eurasia in the 20th Century Soviet Planners Meet Tsarist Fundamentals”

18:30–18:45 Concluding remarks