International and pluridisciplinary conference

1989 IN THE EAST: BETWEEN ORDER AND SUBVERSION

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Thursday, November 7, Polish Library in Paris 6, quai d’Orléans, 75004 Paris

8:30 Registration

9:00-9:30 INTRODUCTION
Carole SIGMAN (CNRS, ISP, SFERES) and Françoise DAUCÉ (EHESS, CERCEC, SFERES)
Georges MINK (ICCEES)
Pierre ZALESKI (Historical and Literary Polish Society)
Benjamin GUICHARD (BULAC)

9:30-11:10 1989: IN THE UNCERTAINTY OF THE EVENT
Chair: Michel DOBRY (University of Paris I, CESSP)
Discussion: Silvia SERRANO (Sorbonne University, Eur’Orbem, CERCEC)
Jérôme HEURTAUX (CEFRES): Poland, 1989. Was it the first electoral revolution?
Catherine GOUSSEFF (CNRS, CERCEC): Burying the “counter-revolution”. Imre Nagy’s funerals in 1989
Piotr WCIŚLIK (Institute of Literary Research, Polish Academy of Sciences): Whose nail?
Whose coffin? The eclipse of Polish dissident media activism in 1989

11:10-11:25 Coffee break
11:25-13:00  THE RECONFIGURATIONS OF THE STATE
Chair: Pascal Bonnard (Université Jean Monnet de Saint-Etienne, TRIANGLE)
Discussion: Guillaume Mouralis (CNRS, Centre Marc Bloch)
Sylvain Dufraisse (University of Nantes, Centre nantais de sociologie): Fighting “the Hydra our sport is the victim of” (Y. Vlasov): the reforms and transformations of state policy in sports (1985-91)
Anne Le Huérou (University of Paris Nanterre, ISP): The creation of OMON: the genesis and first challenges of a policing and law enforcement agency in the USSR
Yaroslav Startsev (Russian Academy of Sciences, Institute of Philosophy and Law): How politics comes through the Soviet official discourse during Perestroika (1985-91)

13:00-14:00  Lunch break

14:00-15:30  THE RECONSTRUCTIONS OF THE ECONOMIC WORLD
Chair: Amélie Zima (Université Paris 1, CERCEC, IRSEM)
Discussion: Bernard Chavance (University of Paris Diderot, LADYSS)
Svetlana Barsukova (Higher School of Economics) and Caroline Dufy (Sciences Po Bordeaux, Centre Emile Durkheim): Legalizing the second economy during Perestroika: the example of individual plots and the private agricultural production
Isaac Scarborough McKean (Liverpool John Moores University): Importing Sour Grapes: How economic liberalization spurred political liberalisation in Soviet Tajikistan

15:30-15:45  Coffee break

15:45-17:00  ROUNDTABLE. HOW DIFFERENTIATED WAS THE SOCIALIST SPACE?
Chair: Georges Mink (CNRS, ISP)
Graeme Gill (University of Sydney): Populism and 1989
Olivier Ferrando (Sciences Po Paris): Understanding the ethnic mobilisations in Central Asia in 1989
Roman Krakovsky (University of Genève, Global Studies Institute): The fall of communism as an outcome of the existential crisis of the 70s

17:00-18:00  NEWS ON RESEARCH ON 1989: PROJECTS AND SOURCES
Chair: Carole Sigman (CNRS, ISP)
Olga Zdravomyslova (The Gorbachev Foundation): 1989: The experience of the Gorbachev democratisation and its significance for today’s Russia (research project)
Salomé Kintz and Alexis Ligotski (La contemporaine, ex-BDIC): La contemporaine’s collections on the USSR and Eastern Europe on the late 1980s and early 1990s
Aglaé Achecova (Bibliothèque universitaire des langues et civilisations-BULAC): BULAC’s sources on 1989
Friday, November 8, BULAC (Auditorium) 65, rue des Grands Moulins, 75013 Paris

8:30 Coffee

9:00-10:40 THE URBAN AND ENVIRONMENTAL MOBILISATIONS
Chair: Marie-Claude MAUREL (EHESS, CERCEC)
Discussion: Katja DOOSE (EHESS, CERCEC)

Julie DESCHEPPE (European University Institute, INALCO, Centre de recherche Europees-Eurasie-CREE): The patrimonial turn of the 1980s in the USSR or the erosion of the Communist project through the treatments of monuments
Laurent COUMEL (INALCO, CREE): A protest technocracy: the academic environmentalism in the USSR (1986-89)
Iwona BOJADZIEWA (University of Warsaw, Institute of Sociology): The environment and its discourses as a part of the neoliberal turn in the 1989 Poland

10:40-10:50 Coffee break

10:50-12:30 RETHINKING THE CATEGORIES OF THE SOCIAL ISSUES (I)
Chair: Nadège RAGARU (CNRS, CERI)
Discussion: Laure de VERDALLE (CNRS, Centre Marc Bloch)

Karine CLÉMENT (EHESS, CERCEC): Social mobilisations and the issue of social classes in Russia from 1989 on
Arlind QORI (University of Tirana): The role of the working class in the fall of bureaucratic socialism in Albania (1990-91)
Levon ABRAHAMI (National Academy of Sciences of Armenia, Institute of Archaeology and Ethnography): The beginning of the end of Communism? The 1988 rallies in Armenia

12:30-13:30 Lunch break

13:30-14:50 RETHINKING THE CATEGORIES OF THE SOCIAL ISSUES (II)
Chair: Anne BAZIN (Sciences Po Lille, CERAPS)
Discussion: Gilles FAVAREL-GARRIGUES (CNRS, CERI)

Irina GORDEEVA (St. Philaret’s Christian Orthodox Institute): “Neformaly for Peace”: Soviet Peace Committee and informal youth in the period of Perestroika
Xavier HALLEZ (EHESS, CETOBAC): Green Triangle and Red Tractor: two groups of artists eager for freedom in Soviet Kazakhstan
14:50-16:10 THE SOCIAL SCIENCES IN A TIME OF CHANGE

Chair: Gabrielle CHOMENTOWSKI (CNRS, CHS)
Discussion: Alain BLUM (EHESS, INED, CERCEC)

Pierre-Louis SIX (Sciences Po Lyon): Scholars or politicians? The institutionalisation of political science during Perestroika in the USSR
Anne MADELAIN (INALCO, CREE): The emergence of the “peoples” in Yugoslavia in 1988-89: the mobilisations and the difficulties to think out the collapse of a society

16:10-16:25 Coffee break

16:25-18:00 THE INTERNATIONAL CIRCULATIONS

Chair: Kathy ROUSSELET (FNSP, CERI)
Discussion: Laure NEUMAYER (University of Paris I, CESSP)

Katerina KESA (INALCO, CREE): The transnational action of the Baltic movements for independence in the USSR (1988-91)
Guillaume SAUVÉ (University of Montréal): Catching up with Eastern Europe: the new temporality and old dilemmas of the Russian democratic movement (1989-90)
Afrim KRASNIQI (Academy of Albanian Studies, Institute of History): Importing models from abroad and social pressure from inside: the Albania’s case

18:00 Cocktail

You are also welcome to the BULAC exhibition

1989: BACK TO HISTORY
(from Oct. 4 to Nov. 9, reading room, garden level, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.)

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