

## Poland 1989: Negotiations, (Re)Constructions, Interpretations

October 23-25, 2019, Aleksander Brückner Center for Polish Studies, Halle (Saale)

### Wednesday, October 23

4:30 pm

**“Warming-up”:** Film “Dzieci rewolucji” / “Children of the Revolution” by Maria Zmarz-Koczanowicz

6:30 pm

Yvonne Kleinmann (Halle) / Basil Kerski (Gdańsk)

**Welcome and Opening of the Conference**

KEYNOTE LECTURE

Leszek Balcerowicz (Warsaw)

**Changes after Socialism in a Comparative Perspective**

*Reception*

### Thursday, October 24

9:00-9.15 am

Paulina Gulińska-Jurgiel (Halle)

**Introductory Remarks**

9:15-11:00 am

Panel I: Transformations: People – Places – Attitudes

Piotr Filipkowski (Warsaw)

**Global Forces and Local Knowledge: Ship-Building and Narrating Polish Transformation**

Michał Przeperski (Warsaw)

**An Apolitical Community? Poles before June 1989**

Magdalena Latkowska (Warsaw | Munich)

**"Language of Change" - the year 1989 from the perspective of German and Polish writers**

Chair: Joachim von Puttkamer (Jena)

*Coffee Break*

11:30 am-1:15 pm

Panel II: Negotiations of a Political Compromise

Helmut Fehr (Erlangen)

**„Umkämpfter Kompromiss“ – Zur Dynamik der Verhandlungen am Runden Tisch 1989**

Klaudia Rok (Cracow)

**“Fighting Solidarity” – Critique of the Round Table Agreement**

Joachim von Puttkamer (Jena)

**No thick lines. Laying the foundations of parliamentary democracy in Poland 1989/90**

Chair: Paulina Gulińska-Jurgiel (Halle)

*Lunch*

2:30-4:15 pm

Panel III: (Re)Constructions and Reorientations

Nina Seiler (Zurich)

**1989 and the Transformation of Female Gender Discourses**

Hans-Christian Trepte (Leipzig)

**In Search of an Adequate Novel about the Democratic Change of 1989/90: A Paradigmatic Approach**

Andrzej Turkowski (Warsaw)

**The Polish Space of Opinion on Russia: Origins and Structures**

Chair: Claudia Kraft (Wien)

*Coffee Break*

5:00-6:30 pm

Panel IV: Sediments of Remembering

Krzysztof Okoński (Bydgoszcz)

**Wenn ein Kulturphänomen zu einem Fremdwort wird: Zur Wahrnehmung des "Zweiten Umlaufs" nach 1989**

Joanna Kurczewska and Marta Karkowska (Warszawa)

## **1989, Polish Transformation and its Interpretations among Representatives of the Political Elite – Temporal and Methodological Perspectives**

Chair: Patrick Wagner (Halle)

7:00 pm

*Conference Dinner*

**Friday, 25 October**

9:00-10.30 am

Panel V: No/A reason to celebrate? Debates on Commemoration Days

Piotr Tadeusz Kwiatkowski (Warsaw)

**Victory of Freedom, or the Beginning of a New Enslavement? Memories Related to the Anniversary of the Fall of Communism in Poland**

Paweł Fiktus (Wrocław)

**Anniversaries of the Round-Table-Talks: 1999, 2009, and 2019 in Comparative Perspective**

Chair: Basil Kerski (Gdańsk)

*Coffee Break*

10:45 am-12:45 pm

Panel VI: Conflicting Interpretations

Marta Baranowska (Toruń)

**On the Essence of Violent Social Changes and Narratives about Them: The Example of Poland in 1989**

Andrzej Pabisiak (Cracow)

**A Failed Beginning? The Symbolic Transformation of 1989 in Polish Memory**

Dawid Mohr (Rostock)

**Controversial founding myths - contemporary struggles for power of interpretation about Solidarność and the Round Table**

Chair: Piotr Filipkowski (Warsaw)

Paulina Gulińska-Jurgiel & Basil Kerski

**Final Remarks**

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