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Negotiations, (Re)Constructions, Interpretations

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

Venues:

October 23:
Martin-Luther-Universität
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October 24-25:
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Picture: Well-known and unknown protagonists of the Polish transformation 1989, collage (Janine Hesse)
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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

Dinner

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 (Warszawa)
The 1989 Transformation and Its Influence on the Polish Space
of Opinion on Russia

Chair: **Claudia Kraft** (Wien)

Coffee Break

5:00 – 6:30 pm

PANEL IV: SEDIMENTS OF REMEMBERING

Krzysztof Okoński (Bydgoszcz)
Wenn ein Kulturphänomen zum Fremdwort wird: Zur Wahrneh-
mung des “Zweiten Umlaufs” nach 1989

Joanna Kurczewska & Marta Karkowska (Warsaw)
1989, Polish Transformation and Its Interpretations among
Representatives of the Political Elite – Temporal and Methodo-
logical Perspectives

Chair: **Patrick Wagner** (Halle)

7:00 pm

Dinner

Friday, October 25

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: **Yvonne Kleinmann** (Halle)

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)

FINAL REMARKS