Anti-communist persecutions in the 21st century
University of Bern, 21-23 April 2017

21 April
14:00 Welcome
14:30 Introductory remarks: Christian Gerlach (Universität Bern)

15:00-16:30 Panel 1: State control and anti-communist persecution
Chair: Padraic Kenney (Bloomington)

Frank Jacob (City University of New York): Continuities and Discontinuities of Anti-Communist State Action in Modern Japan

Martin Schröder (Universität Halle-Wittenberg): Governing the hinterland – anti-communist action and the establishment of state power in rural Venezuela during the 1960s and 1970s

James Shrader (University of California, San Diego): A Laboratory of Violence: Race, Nation-Building, and Latin America’s Cold War in Comparative Perspective

16:30-16:50 Break

16:50 – 18:20 Panel 2: Religion, race and anti-communism
Chair: Julia Richers (Bern)

Christoph Dieckmann (Fritz-Bauer-Institut, Frankfurt a.M.): Anti-communist persecutions in Lithuania 1918-1944

Robbie Lieberman (Kennesaw State University): The Black and Red Scare in the 20th Century United States

Clemens Six (Rijksuniversiteit Groningen): Christian agency in anti-communist persecution? A historical-theological approach

19:30: Catered Dinner for Conference

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9:30-11:00 Panel 3: Legal persecution
Chair: Robbie Lieberman (Kennesaw)

Daniel Vallès Muñio (Universitat Autonoma de Barcelona): The Spanish anti-communist judicial system, results and solutions from the Spanish transitional justice

Barbara Falk (Canadian Forces College/Royal Military College of Canada/University of Toronto): The Smith Act Trials and Systemic Violence: Anti-Communist Persecution and Prosecution in America, 1949-1957

Martin Löhnig (Universität Regensburg): Political Justice in Western Germany during the 1950s

11:00-11:20 Break

11:20-12:20 Panel 4: Persecutions of communists in socialist countries
Chair: Brigitte Studer (Bern)

Cristina Diac (National Institute for the Study of Totalitarianism-Romanian Academy, Bucharest): Symbolic violence against veterans of the Spanish Civil War in Central and Eastern Europe


12:30-2:00 Lunch break

14:00-15:00 Panel 5: Nation-building and anti-communism
Chair: Frank Jacob (New York)

Kim Dong-Choon (Sung Kong Hoe University, Seoul): Anticommunism as Continuation of Colonialism in Northeast Asia

Elisa Kriza (Universität Bamberg): "We don’t want the Olympics, we want a revolution!" Communism and Anti-Communism in the Student Massacre on Tlatelolco Square in Mexico City (1968)

15:00 - 15:20 Break

15:20-16:50 Panel 6: Non-state persecutors
Chair: Moritz Feichtinger (Bern)

Ernesto Bohoslayvsky (Universidad Nacional de General Sarmiento, Buenos Aires) and Magdalena Broquetas (Universidad de la República, Montevideo): Non-state anti-communism and political violence in Argentina and Uruguay, 1958-1973

Amaryllis Logotheti (Pantheion University, Athens): The religious justification of the anti-communist persecutions in Greece (1945-1955)

Jan-Philipp Pomplun (Technische Universität Berlin): Anti-communist Mass Violence and Political Radicalisation – German Paramilitarism after the Great War

16:50-17:10 Break
17:10-18:30 Panel 7: Paradigms of violence
Chair: Elisa Kriza (Bamberg)

Kiril Feferman (Hebrew University, Jerusalem/University of Southern California): From "Bolshevik Plague" to Victims of "Judeo-Bolshevism": Nazi policies towards Communists in the Occupied Soviet Territories, 1941-44

Janis Nalbaddiadis (Humboldt-Universität, Berlin): The Role of Communism in Greek and Argentinian Torture Centres during the Military Dictatorships

Martina Safitry (Indonesian Historical Society, Jakarta): Clean Body and Clean Environment: Health Metaphor in an anti-communist campaign in Indonesia; a preliminary analysis

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9:30- 11:00 Panel 8: Survival strategies
Chair: Daniel Vallès Muñio (Barcelona)

Christian Gerlach (Universität Bern): Indonesian narratives of survival and their relation to societal persecution

Natalia Jarska (Institute of History of the Polish Academy of Sciences/Institute for National Remembrance, Warsaw): Anti-communist persecution and gender in interwar Poland

Padraic Kenney (Indiana University): “So that they leave the prison cage as conscious revolutionaries”: Performing Communism in the Polish Prison

11:00- 11:20 Break

11:20- 12:50 Panel 9: Experience, memory, trauma
Chair: Wendy Goldman (Pittsburgh)

Amurwani Dwi L (Direktorat Sejarah, Kementrian Pendidikan dan Kebudayaan Republik Indonesia, Jakarta): From the Political State to Plantungan

Grace Leksana (Universiteit Leiden): Remembering 1965 in Indonesia: Complexities of the memory of violence against communists

Manon Bourguignon (Université de Lausanne): Political affiliation, a transmitted feature? Transmission dynamics for the children of Chilean political exiles living in Switzerland

12:50 - 13:50 Final discussion

13:50 End of conference

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