

Conveners

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Thursday September 3, 2015		
Until 12:45	Arrival of participants in Bern Meeting point, Main Building «West», University of Bern	
13:00 - 13:30	Bus transfer to Schloss Münchenwiler	
13:30 - 14:00	Light buffet lunch / coffee, tea	
14:00 - 14:30	Welcome and introduction: Julia Richers, Benjamin Schenk	
14:30 - 16:30 Panel 1 Events as commemorated “turning points” in history		
<i>Rayk Einax (Giessen)</i>	Forgotten Glory – Minsk and the First Congress of the RSDLP	
<i>Lauri Viljanen (Helsinki)</i>	Finnish Communist Expatriates, Memory and Interpretations of History of the Finnish Civil War in Interwar Soviet Union	
<i>Andrea Talabér (Florence)</i>	Communist Memories in Communist States: The Appropriation of Czechoslovak and Hungarian Commemorative Events for Communist Legitimacy	
<i>Ron Blom (Amsterdam)</i>	Commentary	
16:30 - 17:15	Coffee break, Check in	
17:15 - 18:45 Panel 2 Commemorating the Great Patriotic War in Russia		
<i>Anne Hasselmann (Basel)</i>	The Central Museum of the Red Army as a Site of Memory	
<i>Tatiana Voronina (Basel)</i>	Past as a Socialist Realism Project: The Narrative Structure of the Soviet Historical Discourse about WWII	
<i>Julia Richers (Bern)</i>	Commentary	
19:00 Keynote lecture: Maria Todorova (Urbana Champaign): Shared or Contested Heritage? Commemorating Socialism and Communism in Europe		
Friday September 4, 2015		
08:30 - 10:30 Panel 3 Commemorating Lenin and Stalin in Eastern and Western Europe		
<i>Maria Silina (Montréal)</i>	Memorial Industry: V. I. Lenin Commemoration in Soviet Russia from 1924 till Nowadays	
<i>Barbara Martin (Geneva)</i>	The Discussion on Stalin as an Object of Research in Historical Perspective: Towards a New Approach	
<i>Eliza Kriza (Coburg)</i>	The Stalin Plaque in Vienna	
<i>Benjamin Schenk (Basel)</i>	Commentary	

10:30-11:00	Coffee break	
11:00 - 13:00 Panel 4 Concrete memories / Constructed heritage		
<i>Dimitrina Popova (Sofia)</i>	The Prefabricated Concrete Housings as Architectural Heritage of Socialism in Sofia, Bulgaria	
<i>Dominika Czarnecka (Warsaw)</i>	Feeling at Home in the Post-Soviet Base in Poland: Cultural Practices and Politics of Memory	
<i>Raino Isto (College Park, Maryland)</i>	“An Itinerary of the Creative Imagination:” Bunk’Art, Avant-Garde Practices of Memory Production, and the Touristic Experience of the Socialist Past in Contemporary Albania	
<i>Nikolas Dörr (Berlin)</i>	Commentary	
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 - 16:00 Panel 5 Dealing with the Socialist heritage today		
<i>Oleksandra Gaidai (Kyiv)</i>	Lenin Statues in Post-Soviet Ukraine: Legislation, Practices and Attitudes	
<i>Stanislav Holubec (Jena)</i>	Marx, Lenin and Commemoration of Socialism in Three Countries: Former GDR, Czech Republic and Slovakia	
<i>Rasa Balockaitė (Kaunas)</i>	The Trouble with Soviet Heritage: Rethinking Indirect Violence of Totalitarianism	
<i>Christina Diac (Bucharest)</i>	Commentary	
16:00 - 16:30	Coffee break	
16:30 - 18:30 Panel 6 Spaces and practices of memory		
<i>Melinda Harlov (Budapest)</i>	A Square that Has Seen It All: The '56-ers Square in Budapest	
<i>Codruta Pohrib (Maastricht)</i>	Archiving Romanian Communist Childhood: Online (m)lieux de mémoire?	
<i>Nutsa Batiashvili (Tbilisi)</i>	What Are Sites of Memories for?	
<i>Brigitte Studer (Bern)</i>	Commentary	
18:30 - 19:30	Dinner	

20:00 - 21:30 Evening talks Commemorating communism and socialism in Europe in practice		
<i>Gennadii Kuzovkin (St. Petersburg)</i>	Commemorating Communism in Russia Today: The NGO Memorial	
<i>Nikolas Dörr (Berlin)</i>	Sites of Memory of Communist Dictatorships. A Documentation	
Saturday September 5, 2015		
8:30 - 10:00 Panel 7 Historical sites as lieux de mémoire		
<i>Anna Kršinić Lozica (Zagreb/Paris)</i>	Performing Memory in Kumrovec: From Mini-Yugoslavia to Contested Heritage	
<i>Kathleen Beger (Regensburg)</i>	Where Future Meets Past – The Soviet Pioneer Camp Artek as a Site between Socialist Utopia and Memory	
<i>Sandrine Mayoraz (Basel)</i>	Commentary	
10:00 - 10:30	Coffee break	
10:30 - 12:00 Panel 8 The conference of Zimmerwald (1915) – historical event and lieu de mémoire		
<i>Jürg Ulrich (Basel)</i>	The Conference of Zimmerwald (1915). Its Historical Significance for the Development of the Communist International	
<i>Julia Richers (Bern)</i>	“Zimmerwald” between Memory and Oblivion in Russia and Switzerland	
12:15-13:15	Lunch	
13:30-14:30	Bus transfer to Zimmerwald	
15:00	Commemorative event in Zimmerwald Return to Münchenwiler	
19:00	Dinner	
20:00 - 21:00	Final Discussion	
Sunday September 6, 2015		
09:00 - 09:30	Bus transfer from Münchenwiler to Bern, departure of participants	