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International Zoom conference

**Post-Communist Europe 1990–2000**

22–23 June 2026

Programme



## **Day I: 22 June (Monday)**

10:00–10:15: Opening Remarks

10:15–12:00: Panel 1: Memory, Historical Narratives and Symbolic Politics

12:00–12:30: Break

12:30–14:30: Panel 2: Internal and External Dynamics of Change

14:30–14:45: Concluding Remarks for Day 1

## **Day II: 23 June (Tuesday)**

10:00–12:00: Panel 3: Statehood and Political Transformation

12:00–12:30: Break

12:30–14:30: Panel 4: Culture, Institutions and Methodological Approaches

14:30–15:00: Final Discussion and Closing Remarks

**Notes for Speakers:** 15 minutes per presentation;

30–45 minutes for Q&A at the end of each panel.

**22 June (Monday)**

**10:00–10:15**

**Opening Remarks**

**10:15–12:00**

**PANEL 1: Memory, Historical Narratives and Symbolic Politics**

**Moderator: Tjaša Konovšek**

**Davor Pauković (Faculty of Media and Public Relations, University of Dubrovnik)**

Politics of Memory in Croatia: Contested Legacies of Socialist Yugoslavia

**Claudia-Florentina Dobre („N. Iorga” Institute of History, Bucharest)**

The Cultural Trauma of Communism and the Politics of Memory in Post-Communist Romania

**Anna Zadora (University of Strasbourg)**

Between Rupture and Continuity: Memory Politics and History Education in Post-Soviet Belarus (1991–2000)

**Zorančo Malinov, Stojanče Kostov (Institute of Folklore “Marko Cepenkov”, Skopje)**

Public Holidays in Macedonia, Serbia and Bulgaria in the First Decade of the Post-Communist Period

**12:00–12:30**

**Break**



**12:30–14:30**

**PANEL 2: Internal and External Dynamics of Change**

**Moderator: Miroslav Radivojević**

**Danijel Radović (University of Belgrade – Faculty of Philosophy)**

Divergences between Germany and France Addressing the Yugoslav Crisis, 1991–1992

**Vladimir Putyatin (Faculty of History, Lomonosov Moscow State University)**

The Croatian Democratic Union of Bosnia and Herzegovina: The Formation of the Party and the Problem of Choosing a Political Leader

**Biljana Ristovska-Josifovska (Institute of National History, Skopje)**

The First Decade of the Macedonian State in the Post-Communist Period: On the Edge of Internal Challenges and International Politics

**Ivica Bocevski (PhD Student at the Institute of National History, Skopje)**

From Reformism to Nationalism: Electoral Realignment between the Two Rounds of Macedonia's 1990 Elections

**Miroslav Radivojević (University of Belgrade – Faculty of Philosophy)**

The End of an Era? The International Role in the Overthrow of Slobodan Milošević

**14:30–14:45**

**Concluding Remarks for Day 1**

**23 June (Tuesday)**

**10:00–12:00**

**PANEL 3: Statehood and Political Transformation**

**Moderator: Biljana Ristovska-Josifovska**

**Irada Baghirova (Institute of History, Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences, Baku)**

The Process of State-Building in Azerbaijan, 1991–2000: Following the End of the Cold War and the Collapse of the Soviet Union

**Gunel Musayeva (Institute of History and Ethnology, ANAS, Baku)**

The Role of Energy Diplomacy in Azerbaijan's Foreign Policy

**Kakha Phutkaradze, Tamaz Phutkaradze, Marine Aroshidze (Shota Rustaveli State University, Batumi)**

Georgia's Transformation Paradigm: From Post-Communist Nihilism to Global Actorness

**David Klimeš (Charles University, Prague)**

The Transformation of Czech Journalism After 1989: A Regional Comparison

**Nataša Kotlar-Trajkova (Institute of National History, Skopje)**

The Influence of Socio-Political Changes from 1990 to 2000 on the Work of the Macedonian State Archive

**12:00–12:30**

**Break**



**12:30–14:30**

**PANEL 4: Culture, Institutions and Methodological Approaches**

**Moderator: Nataša Didenko**

**Katerina Mladenovska-Ristovska (Institute of National History, Skopje)**

Ancient Macedonia in Macedonian Historical Narratives after 1991

**Eleni Sideri, Elina Kapetanaki (University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki)**

Teaching Yugoslav and Post-Yugoslav Cinema in Greece After 1990: Beyond the “Balkan Gaze”

**Nataša Didenko (Institute of National History, Skopje)**

Cultural Policies and the Macedonian Music Scene, 1990–2000: Between Tradition and Transition

**Tjaša Konovšek (Institute of Contemporary History, Ljubljana)**

Education, Memory, State: Methodological Premises of a Research Agenda

**Antony Hoyte-West (Nottingham Trent University)**

Upheaval and Uncertainty in an Upended Society: The End of Communism in João Cerqueira’s *Perestroika*

**14:30–15:00**

**Final Discussion and Closing Remarks**

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