



Sculpture group "Parade of the Sacrificed" by Aurel Vlao

Reckoning with the Past: Perpetrators, Accomplices and Victims in Post-Totalitarian Narratives and Politics

April 28, 29, 30, 2006

The Fluno Center • 601 University Avenue

Friday, April 28 – Morning Session – 10:00 - 1:00

Welcome and Introduction:

Stanley G. Payne, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Co-organizer

Jeffrey Herf, University of Maryland

"Confronting the Nazi Past after 1945 and the Communist Past after 1989: A Comparative Perspective on German Memory, History and Politics"

Franziska Seraphim, Boston College

"The Social Politics of the Past in Japan: Negotiating War Legacies and Postwar Democracies, 1945-2005"

1:00 – 2:30 Lunch

Friday, April 28 – Afternoon Session – 2:30 - 6:30

Luca La Rovere, University of Rome "La Sapienza"

"The Exam of Conscience of the Nation: The Lost Debate About Collective Guilt in Italy, 1943-1945"

Eva Kovacs, Center for Central European Studies, Teleki Foundation, Budapest

"Innocent Culprits - Silent Communities: The Austrian Case"

Refreshment Break

Laird Boswell, University of Wisconsin-Madison

"French Victims in German Uniform: Denying the Past in the French Borderlands"

Ivo Banac, Yale University

"Between Pavelic and Tito: Living with Twentieth-Century Croatian History"

Saturday, April 29 – Morning Session – 9:00 - 1:00

Ignacio Fernández de Mata, University of Burgos

"From Invisibility to Power: Spanish Victims and the Manipulation of Their Symbolic Capital"

António Costa Pinto, Institute of Social Science, University of Lisbon

"Dealing with Authoritarian Legacies: The "New State" and Portugal's Democracy"

Refreshment Break

David Chandler, Monash University

"Cambodia Deals with the Past: Collective Memory and Induced Amnesia"

Christopher Kaplonski, William Paterson University

"Neither Truth Nor Reconciliation: Perpetrators, Victims and the Pragmatics of Political Violence in Post-Socialist Mongolia"

Lunch 1:00-2:30

Saturday, April 29 – Afternoon Session – 2:30 - 6:30

Slawoj Szynkiewicz, Institute of Archaeology and Ethnology, Polish Academy of Sciences

"How Perpetrators Have Overshadowed the Victims: Polish Debates on the Totalitarian Past"

Janos Kovacs, Institute for Human Sciences, Vienna

"Accomplices Without Perpetrators: Discourses of Decommunization in Hungary"

Refreshment Break

Irina Livezeanu, Pittsburgh University

"Romanians and the Holocaust: Revisiting the Past Under the Gaze of 'Europe' and NATO"

Milan Hauner, University of Wisconsin-Madison

"Crime and Punishment in Prague 1948-9: The Strange Case of Karel Vas and Gen. Heliodor Pika"

Sunday, April 30 – 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Concluding Session

Anatoly Khazanov, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Co-organizer
"Whom to Mourn and Whom to Forget? (Re)Constructing Collective Memory in Contemporary Russia"

Edward Friedman, University of Wisconsin-Madison

"Sheep Raised on Wolf Milk: Victimization, Memory and Political Amnesia in China"

Refreshment Break

General discussion

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