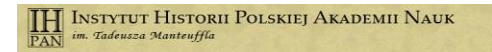


# The Roots of the Collapse of the Soviet Union and the Eastern Bloc – Economic Aspects

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## Conference program

Thursday, 16th May 2013

16:00 Opening session

Stefan Karner (Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Research on War-  
Consequences, Graz)

Cezary Mik, (Vice-Rector, University of Stefan Kardinal Wyszyński)

Wojciech Kriegseisen (Director of the Institute of History Polish Academy of  
Sciences)

Jan Rydel (European Network Remembrance and Solidarity)

Herbert Krauss (Ambassador of the Republic of Austria to Poland)

## **Panel 1**

### **16:30 – 17:45: Economy Soviet Style**

Chair: Mark Kramer (Harvard University)

Paul R. Gregory, Relative economic performance of the soviet economy

(Hoover Institute)

## **Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> May 2013**

### **Panel 2 (part I)**

#### **9:00 – 10:30: Soviet Union**

Chair: Paul R. Gregory (Hoover Institute)

Boris Khavkin, They predicted the Collapse of the USSR: Andrei Amal'rik,

Andrei Sakharov, Mikhail Gorbachev, Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn (RGGU, Moscow)

Bogdan Musial, The role of energy sources in the soviet economy after 1945

(UKSW)

Stefan Karner, Planned economy in the USSR 1985-1991 (Boltzmann Institute,

Graz)

#### **10:30 – 11:00** Coffee Break

### **Panel 2 (part II)**

#### **11:00-12.15: Soviet Union**

Chair: Zbigniew Lewicki (UKSW)

Andrej Zamoyski, The costs of the fight against alcoholism and the Chernobyl catastrophe (Minsk)

Mikhail Prozumenshchikov, Economic advisors of Mikhail Gorbachev and their reform proposals (Russian State Archives for Contemporary History)

Paweł Kowal, The Development of the Oligarch System in the countries of the former Eastern Bloc: Key questions (Institute of Political Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences)

Commentator: Ol'ga Pavlenko (RGGU, Moscow)

#### **12:15 – 14:00 Lunch**

### **Panel 3**

#### **14:00 – 15:30: The economic crisis and society in the Eastern Bloc countries in the 1980s**

Chair: Ol'ga Pavlenko (Russian State University for the Humanities)

Antoni Dudek, The polish crisis – the collapse of the economy and attempts at reform (Uniwersytet Jagielloński, Kraków)

Burkhard Olschowsky, Between pretension and reality – decline of East German economy (European Network Remembrance and Solidarity, Warsaw)

Oldrich Tuma, The economic situation in Czechoslovakia in the late 1980s

(Czech Academy of Science, Prague)

Commentator: Raphael Krüger (Berlin)

**15:30 – 16:00** Coffee Break

#### **Panel 4**

**16:00 – 17:45: The economic crisis and society in the Eastern Bloc countries**

**in the 1980s**

Chair: Peter Ruggenthaler (Boltzmann Institute, Graz)

Csaba Békés, Hungary – role model? (Corvinus University, Budapest)

Iskra Baeva, Bulgaria in 1980s – the price of being the most faithful satellite of Soviet Union (Kliment Ohrid University, Sofia)

Mark Kramer, Romania: The perils of debt repayment (Harvard-University)

### **Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> May 2013**

#### **Panel 5**

**9:30 – 10:45: The Western Soviet Republics of the USSR in the 1980s**

Chair: Serhii Plokhii (Harvard University)

Jan Szumski, Economic situation in Bjelorussia (UKSW, Warsaw)

Volodymyr Viatrovych, The last years of the KGB in the Ukraine 1985-1991

(National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy)

David J. Smith, Making the case for independence: the economic policies of the Baltic governments during 1990-91 (Uppsala University / Glasgow University)

Commentator: Zbigniew Lewicki (UKSW)

**10:45 – 11:15: Coffee Break**

#### **Panel 6**

**11:15 – 12:45: East-West relations I**

Chair: B. Khavkin (RGGU, Moscow)

Bogdan Musial, The last hope? West Germany in the plans of the Kremlin (UKSW)

Manfred Wilke, West Germany and the economic crisis in the Eastern Bloc in the 1980s (Boltzmann-Institute, Graz and Berlin)

Axel Lebahn, The backdrop of the German-Soviet negotiations concerning the construction of the Jamal pipeline (Free lance strategic Russia consultant – Göttingen – , former Deutsche Bank)

**12:45 – 14:30 Lunch**

#### **Panel 7**

**14:30 – 16:00 East West relations II**

Chair: Marek Kornat (UKSW)

Mark Kramer, US-embargo policy against the Soviet Bloc and its effects

(Harvard University)

Serhii Plokhii, American humanitarian aid to the Soviet Union in 1991

(Harvard University)

Anthony Kemp-Welch, Great Britain and the economic crisis in the Eastern

Bloc in the 1980s (University of East Anglia)

Commentator: Jens Boysen (German Historical Institute, Warsaw)

**16:00 – 16:30 final discussion**

Mikhail Prozumenshchikov, Mark Kramer, Bogdan Musial, Ralf Ahrens Ahrens

(Center for Contemporary History, Potsdam)