Building Bridges: Linking Memories of Past Dictatorships in Europe through Museums and Memorial Sites

Faculty of Political Science, University of Bucharest, 3-5 December 2018
Calea Plevnei Nr. 59, Room P5

Monday 3 December

Opening remarks: 14.30 – 14.45
Raluca Grosescu, Gruia Bădescu, Nelly Bekus


- Ioana Boca, (Sighet Memorial, Romania)
- Joao Matos, Peniche Museum of Resistance and Freedom (Portugal)
- Evgeniia Nesterova, (Gulag Museum, Russia)
- Darko Bavoljak and Goran Antunac (Goli Otok "Ante Zemljar" Association, Croatia)
Moderator: Raluca Grosescu (University of Bucharest & University of Exeter)

Coffee Break: 16.45 - 17.00

17.00 – 19.00: Memorializing Sites of Dictatorial Violence. Local Particularities and International Collaborations II.

- David Gonzalez, (EUROM, Spain)
- Luis Tavares Pereira, (Stalin Museum, Georgia)
- Anar Khassenova (Alzhir Museum, Kazakhstan)
- Paolo Cortesi (Belene Memorial project, Bulgaria) and Mila Mosheleva (Sofia Platform)
Moderator: Marius Stan (University of Bucharest)
Tuesday 4 December

9.00 – 9.30: Memorializing Sites of Dictatorial Violence. Local Particularities and International Collaborations III.
- Cosmin Budeanca, Dalia Báthory, Irina Hasnaș-Hubbard (IICCMER Romania): Growing a Romanian Memory Web - Linking Projects of Memorialisation of the Recent Past

9.30 – 11.00 General discussion on common themes and threads
Moderator: Nelly Bekus (University of Exeter)

Coffee Break: 11.00 - 11.30

11.00-13.00: Site Memorializations after Dictatorships: Perspectives from Academic Research
- Eleni Kouki (Athens University)
- Gruia Badescu, (University Oxford & University of Konstanz)
- Nelly Bekus (University of Exeter)
Moderator: Anemona Constantin (University of Bucharest)

13.00 – evening: Visit to Pitesti Prison Memorial. Guided Tour by Maria Axinte

Wednesday 5 December

9.00 – 10.00: Debrief: Pitesti memorial
Moderator: Gruia Badescu

10.00 – 11.00: Presentation of funding programmes
- Irina Cios (AFCN, Romania)
- Gabriela Nicolau (Europe for Citizens, Romania)
- Maria Florea (Black Sea Trust, Romania)
- Ophelia Leon (IC-MEMO)

Coffee Break: 11.00 - 11.15

11.15-12.45: Brainstorming on Potential Collective Projects & Concluding Remarks
Moderator: Raluca Grosescu (Exeter University)

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