

Politics of Symbolization Across Central and Eastern Europe

Strategies, Conflicts, Solutions

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6 April

10.00 Opening and Introduction

10.30-12.30 Session I

Central and Eastern Europe as Spaces of Semiosis

Paul Blokker *University of Bologna* Symbolization in Constitutional Politics

Peeter Selg *Tallinn University* No Elegant Solutions for Wicked Problems: a Relational Approach to Politics of Symbolization

Tomasz Zarycki *University of Warsaw* Field of Power and Mechanics of Semiosis: Political, Economic and Cultural Aspects of Redefinition of the Symbolic Cleavages in Post-Communist Poland

13.30-15.30 Session II

Time, Memory and History: Symbolic Conflicts over Remembrance and Forgetting

Luba Jurgenson *Sorbonne University* Policies of Symbolization Through Museums, Monuments, Memorials in Central and Eastern Europe

Joanna Nowicki *Université de Cergy-Pontoise* Controversies over Symbolism of Reconciliation and Forgiveness

Elżbieta Hałas Polymorphous Time of Transformation in Poland and the Semiosis of History

16.00-18.00 Session III

The Dominating and Liberating Power of Symbols: Secular and Religious

Hubert Knoblauch *Technical University, Berlin* Urbi et Orbi: Pope Benedict's Visit to Berlin as a Communicative Event

Ulf Hedetoft *University of Copenhagen* The Crowned Eagle and the Mythical Turul: Populism and the Symbolization of National Identity in Poland and Hungary

Nicolas Maslowski *University of Warsaw* The Symbols of the Dissent in Central European Politics Since 1989

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10.00-12.00 Session IV

Symbolic Politics of European (Dis)Unification

Laure Neumayer *Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne* A Common Historical Narrative for Central Europe? Reappraising Communism in European Institutions

Rok Zupančič & Faris Kočan *University of Ljubljana* Credits for What? Symbolic Power of the European Union in Bosnia-Herzegovina

Valentin Behr *University of Strasbourg / University of Warsaw* From Anticommunism to Antiliberalism. "Europe" in the Eyes of Polish Conservative Intellectuals

13.00-15.30 Session V

Symbolic Construction of Communities: New Beginnings and New Divides

Dick Houtman & Anna Pless *Catholic University of Leuven* Moral Traditionalism and Authoritarianism in Post-Communist Europe: Converging Cultural Value Divides?

Aleksandra Zamarajewa "Community of Loss": Symbol of "the Nineties" and Its Role in Political Discourse in Russia

Jakub Motrenko *University of Warsaw* From Social Theory to the Politics of Symbolization and Back: The Polish Right and Sociological Interpretation of Solidarity Social Movement in the 21st Century

Tomasz Rawski *University of Warsaw* From State to Nation. Symbolizations of National Independence Day in Post-1989 Poland

15.30 Conclusions and Closure



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