Politics of Symbolization Across Central and Eastern Europe

Strategies, Conflicts, Solutions

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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 Nowicka 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 Masłowski 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 1 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 Strasbour / 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