

## Short bios of the speakers

### Day 1.

#### Keynote lecture

**MARCI SHORE** is an associate professor of history at Yale University. Previously she taught at Indiana University and studied at University of Toronto and Stanford University, where she received her PhD in 2001. She is the translator of Michał Głowiński's *The Black Seasons* and the author of *Caviar and Ashes: A Warsaw Generation's Life and Death in Marxism, 1918-1968* and *The Taste of Ashes: The Afterlife of Totalitarianism in Eastern Europe*. Currently she is working on a book titled *Phenomenological Encounters: Scenes from Central Europe*, an examination of the history of phenomenology and existentialism in East-Central Europe.

#### Panel discussion: Turning Points of European Remembrance. Different approaches.

**WŁODZIMIERZ BORODZIEJ** is a history professor at the History Department of University of Warsaw. Co-director of Imre Kertész Kolleg in Jena. Editor in chief of *Polish Diplomatic Documents*, published by the Polish Institute of International Affairs. Chairman of Academic Committee of the House of European History in Brussels.

**HEIDEMARIE UHL** is a senior researcher at the Institute of Culture Studies and Theatre History (IKT) at the Austrian Academy of Sciences. Since 2001, Lecturer of Modern and Contemporary History at Graz University. Visiting Professor at Strasbourg University, Hebrew University Jerusalem and Andrásy University Budapest. Member of the ITF Task Force for International Cooperation on Holocaust Education, Remembrance, and Research, Austrian delegate to the Memorial and Museums Working Group. She published extensively on the theories of cultural memory, politics of history and memory in Austria and Europe.

**JAMES MARK** specialises in social and cultural history of state socialism in Central-Eastern Europe, politics of memory during both socialism and post-socialism and aims to connect the region to broader global histories and processes through transnational and comparative methods. Co-author of a monograph *Europe's 1968*

and author of *The Unfinished Revolution: Making Sense of the Communist Past in Central Eastern Europe*.

**PAVEL TYCHTL** studied sociology and social history at Charles University in Prague and in the New School for Social Research in New York. He worked at the Czech Academy of Sciences, voluntary sector as director of the Czech Organisation for Aid to Refugees. Since 2005, he is responsible for remembrance activities at European Commission.

## **Day 2.**

### **Panel discussion: The Collapse of Communism and Afterwards. Legacy of the Cold-War period in Europe**

**ŁUKASZ KAMIŃSKI**, historian, graduate, and researcher at Wrocław University. Since 2000 he has worked at Institute of National Remembrance (IPN), first as the Head of the Public Education Office Branch in Wrocław and then as the Head of the Department of Research, Documentation and Library Collections. In 2006, he nominated to Deputy Director of the Public Education Office and later in 2009 to its Director. In 2011 he was elected by the Polish Parliament as the President of the Institute of National Remembrance.

**MATĚJ SPURNÝ** studied history in Prague and Berlin. He published several books on the topic of nationalism, minorities, and the socialist dictatorship in post-war Czechoslovakia. He belongs to a group of young Czech historians, who are being branded as “revisionists” in the ongoing Czech debate about state socialism. He teaches modern social history at the Charles University and works as a researcher at the Institute of Contemporary History of the Academy of Science in Prague.

**MICHAL KOPEČEK** since 2003 is head of the history department at the Institute of Contemporary History in Prague. Since 2010, he lectures Czech and Central European history as an assistant professor at the Institute of Czech History at Charles University in Prague. He received his doctorate in 2005 at the Institute for Russian and East European Studies of the Faculty of Social Sciences at Charles University in Prague.

**LAURE NEUMAYER** PhD, studied at Sciences Po in Paris and College of Europe. Her current research focuses on European-level remembrance policies and she recently co-edited (with G. Mink) *History, memory and politics in Central and Eastern*

Europe – Memory Games. She also published several books and articles on the Europeanization of political competition, including *L'eupéanisation des pays d'Europe centrale: l'enjeu européen dans les transformations postcommunistes*, Paris, Belin, 2006; (with A. Roger et F. Zalewski) *L'Europe contestée. Espaces et enjeux des positionnements contre l'intégration européenne*, Paris, Michel Houdiard, 2008.

### **Panel discussion: The Next Generation. New interpretations of recent European history**

**IRIT DEKEL** is a research fellow at the department of Social Sciences of Humboldt University where she leads an international research project in cooperation with the Hebrew University of Jerusalem *Domesticating Cosmopolitanism: a Comparative Study of Historical Home Museums in Germany and Israel*. She is also a faculty member at Bard College Berlin. She studied political transformation at the Holocaust Memorial in Berlin.

**SANDRA VOKK** is a project coordinator at the Unitas Foundation in Estonia. Her academic background is a blend of cultural studies, anthropology, and governance. She organized an academic research competition as part of the Baltic Sea Region history educational project "Different Nations - Shared Experiences", as well as developed the Bridging the Baltic e-campaign to enhance unity and neighborliness among youth in the Baltic Sea Region. Sandra is the Project Manager of the Collect Our Story initiative and the YourFilm project.

**ZOFIA WÓYCICKA** studied history and sociology at the Warsaw University. Since 2011 she has worked as a curator at the House of European History in Brussels. She specialized in 20<sup>th</sup> century Polish history and history of Central and Eastern Europe. She is an author of *Arrested Mourning. Memory of Nazi Camps in Poland, 1944-1950*.

**LENKA KOPRIVOVA** graduated from Russian and Eastern European Studies at the Faculty of Social Sciences of Charles University in Prague. Her main field of interest is national minorities in Central and Eastern Europe. Since 2009, she works at the Memory of Nations as the coordinator of international cooperation. She is also representative of Croatian minority in the Czech Republic at the Czech Government Council for National Minorities and in the Croatian Government Council for Croats abroad.

## **Day 3.**

### **Final lecture**

**PIETER LAGROU** is a professor at Université Libre de Bruxelles. He studied at the University of Leuven, Yale University and the European University Institute in Florence. He taught at the Université d'Aix-Marseille and Sciences-Po Paris and he was a researcher at the Institut d'Histoire du Temps Présent in Paris. Among his publications are: *The Legacy of Nazi-occupation. Patriotic Memory and National Recovery in Western Europe, 1945-1965*; *'Historical trials': getting the past right – or the future?* (with Christian Delage and Peter Goodrich); *The Scene of the Mass Crime. History, Film and International Tribunals*.

### **Final discussion**

**SIOBHAN KATTAGO** obtained her PhD from the New School for Social Research and she held a postdoctoral fellowship at the Remarque Institute in New York University. She is currently a faculty member in the department of Philosophy at Tallinn University in Estonia. Her research interests include collective memory, philosophy of history, political philosophy and 20th-century European history. She is an author of *Ambiguous Memory: The Nazi Past and German National Identity* and *Memory and Representation in Contemporary Europe. The persistence of the Past*. She is currently editing *The Ashgate Research Companion to Memory Studies* with Ashgate Publishers.

**DUŠAN KOVÁČ** is a Slovak historian, President of the Slovak Historical Society and President of the Commission internationale des études historiques slaves of CISH. 1990 – 2011 he was President of the Slovak National Committee of Historians, 2004 - 2008 Vice-President of Slovak Academy of Sciences. He specializes in Slovak and Central European history in 19th and early 20th century. He is a member of: Austrian Academy of Sciences, Collegium Carolinum (Munich), Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Learned Society of the Slovak Academy of Sciences, Royal Historical Society (London), and Slovak Academic Society.

**OLDŘICH TŮMA** is a Czech historian, Director of the Institute of Contemporary History at the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic. He is one of the most renowned Czech historians focusing on the post-war history of Czechoslovakia. His recent work deals with analysis of totalitarian regimes and the mechanisms of their functioning. At the Institute of Contemporary History he has supervised numerous oral history projects that aim to reconstruct historical memory of the period after 1948

in Czechoslovakia. Member of the Scientific Council of European Network Remembrance and Solidarity since January 2013.