

Call for Contributions

“After 25 Years: The Central and Eastern European Totalitarianisms in Retrospect”

3rd Annual Interdisciplinary Conference on Totalitarianism for PhD Students

Time: December 4-5, 2014

Place: Cluj-Napoca, ROMANIA

Organizers: The Institute for the Investigation of Communist Crimes and the Memory of the Romanian Exile „Babeş-Bolyai” University, Cluj-Napoca

The 3rd Annual Interdisciplinary Conference on Totalitarianism for PhD Students – “After 25 Years: The Central and Eastern European Totalitarianisms in Retrospect” is a forum for the presentation of the PhD students’ research results in the fields of history, political sciences, sociology, arts, literature, etc.

The conference encourages an international and cross-disciplinary exchange between PhD students engaged in research on Central and East-European totalitarianisms, the history of communism and post-communism, Holocaust studies. The goal of the conference is to support networking and collaboration between PhD students who work on specific topics related to the aforementioned research themes.

We welcome papers from research areas dealing with different aspects of Central and East-European totalitarianisms. The papers selected by a jury will be presented and discussed in several panels under the supervision of distinguished Senior Academics.

Target group: PhD students specialized in anthropology, cultural studies, ethnology, history, media studies, philosophy, political sciences, social geography and sociology.

Topics of interest for submission include, but are not limited to:

- Communism / communisms of Central and Eastern Europe
- Intellectuals, culture, and art in a totalitarian state
- Ideology and propaganda
- History of science
- Memory and identity
- Individual or collective biographies under totalitarianism
- Repression and social control
- Resistance and dissidence in a totalitarian society
- Gender
- Daily life under communism

Abstract submission: Interested participants should send abstracts of 300 words and short CVs to phdconference@iiccmer.ro <mailto:phdconference@iiccmer.ro>, by Sunday, October 19, 2014. All submitted abstracts should report original, previously unpublished research results.

Abstracts should be in Word (.doc, .docx) format with the following information and in this order:

- a) author(s),
- b) affiliation,
- c) e-mail address,

- d) title of abstract,
- e) body of abstract,
- f) up to 10 keywords.

The authors of accepted proposals will be informed by November 3, 2014.

Paper submission: Full papers should be submitted by November 30, 2014 to be circulated among conference participants, the chairs and the discussants. The papers which will be presented during the Conference should meet these criteria.

There will be no registration fee. Lunches and coffee will be provided. Accommodation will be covered by the organizers. Funding for travel is available on an individual basis based on request.