

## Anniversary Seminar

# EUROPE BEFORE AND AFTER 1989 Trans-national and comparative perspectives on *Eastern & Western Europe*

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*10-12 June 2009, University of Padua, Italy*

Observers near and far have interpreted 1989 as *annus mirabilis*, and its unexpectedly peaceful political revolution as one of the great moments in human history. While for 1989 the focus is justifiably on central and eastern Europe, events in the Soviet Union, China and South Africa were equally significant. The world changed in 1989 and a quick glance at the following German unification clarifies that 1989 impacted Europe and the world.

On the occasion of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 1989, the University of Padua, the Polish Academy of Science, Sciences Po de Paris, the GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, the Research Network 1989, the Centro Studi Veneto Jacques Maritain and the Istituto Jacques Maritain, have come together to propose a public seminar.

The seminar is a showcase for efforts of a new generation of researchers, thus promoting an ongoing engagement with 1989 as a topic of scholarly research and public debate in a generation that has some experience of the period before 1989 but grew into adulthood after 1989. Conversely, this new generation of researchers has fresh perspective on the meaning and significance on 1989 that are not coloured inevitably by the Cold War.

Panels focus on the trajectory of actors before and after 1989. A trans-national and comparative approach across Europe and the world is privileged to counter the often rather limited focus on the single national case and the regional transition-cum-transformation. The causes and consequences of 1989 can meaningfully only be understood in a wider context. A challenge may be that these new research designs require collaborative efforts and must be carried out in teams.

Arguably, the twentieth anniversary of the revolutions of 1989, is overshadowed by a conjunctural crisis in global economics, world politics and military relations – a conflagration that is said to be the most serious since World War II, and which is more and more often compared to the 1930s. While it obviously cannot be said that the revolutions of 1989 led to the crisis 2009, it does seem equally obvious that way 1989 was interpreted by key actors did play an important role. Furthermore, the political revolutions of 1989 subsequently had economic costs and the economic crisis of 2009 brings political change.

The conference participants have risen to the challenge of 2009 as another global conjuncture. We thus invite you to a number of keynotes and panels that address the global 1989, the cycle of liberal democracy, free markets and unilateralist interventionism that characterised the two decades from 1989 to 2009, and the rise of a new capitalist habitus across Europe.

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## Preliminary programme

**Date:** Wednesday June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
**Venue:** Sala dell'Archivio Antico, Università di Padova  
 Palazzo del Bo, Via VIII febbraio 1848, 2, Padova

13.00 - 14.00 **Registration**

14.00 - 14.10 **Welcome addresses**

14.10 - 14.50 **Podium**  
**The Global 1989: Continuity and Change in World Politics 1989 to 2009**

George Lawson, Lecturer of International Relations, London School of Economics; ed. *The Global 1989: Continuity and Change in World Politics 1989 to 2009*

Andreas Leutzsch, Lecturer in Modern History, Bielefeld University; ed. *Transnational Political Spaces*

14.50 - 16.05 **Panel session**  
**China and the Global Politics of Regionalization**

Emilian Kavalski, University of Western Sydney, Australia

Greg Anderson, University of Alberta, Canada

Ralph Pettman, University of Melbourne, Australia

*Coffee break*

16.30 - 17.10 **Keynote Speech**  
**1989, the challenge for human rights and democracy**

Antonio Papisca, University of Padova

17.10 - 18.30 **Panel session**  
**The boundaries of Europe: Analysing discourse on European identity**

Nienke de Deugd, University of Groningen, The Netherlands

Stefan van der Poel, University of Groningen, The Netherlands

Barbara Falk, University of Toronto, Canada

Nicole Gallina, ZHB Lucerne, Switzerland

Petro Kuzyk, University of Groningen, The Netherlands

**Special programme**

18.30 - 19.00

**Learning from 'Paths Not Taken': An audiovisual presentation on the politics of representation**

Ivor Stodolsky, Aleksanteri Institute of the University of Helsinki, Finland

Marita Muukkonen, FRAME - The Finnish Fund for Art Exchange, Finland

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09.00 - 10.30

**The new Capitalist Habitus of Europe: How social and political actors respond to the changing capitalist environment (Part I)**

Jan Drahekoupil, University of Mannheim, Germany

Martin Mendelski, University of Frankfurt, Germany

Gavin Rae, Koźmiński University Warsaw, Poland

10.30 - 11.00

**Special programme  
Infrastructures for European Research: GESIS Services**

Dr. Agnieszka Wenninger, GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences (Service Agency Eastern Europe)

*Coffee break*

11.30 - 12.30

**Podium  
Democracy, the (neo-) liberal cycle and economic crisis**Andras Bozoki, Professor of Political Science, Central European University; ed. *The Roundtable Talks of 1989*Jacques Rupnik, Directeur de Recherche, CERI, Sciences Po de Paris; ed. *Les banlieues de l'Europe. Les politiques de voisinage de l'Union européenne**Lunch*

14.00 - 15.30

**Panel session  
New balance: The Nordic countries and European integration after the Cold War**

Robin M. Allers, University of Oslo, Norway

Norbert Götz, University of Helsinki, Finland

Lise Rye, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Norway

Carsten Schymik, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, Berlin, Germany

Kristian Steinnes, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Norway

15.30 – 16.00 **Special programme**  
**Book presentation: The new Europe: Integration and divisions 1989 to 2009**

Paul Blokker, University of Trento, Italy  
 Chris Armbruster, Research Network 1989

*Coffee break*

16.30 - 18.00 **Panel session**  
**The new Capitalist Habitus of Europe: How social and political actors respond to the changing capitalist environment (Part II)**

Clemens Buchen, European Business School, Germany  
 Kate Hudson, London South Bank University, United Kingdom  
 Stanislav Holubec, Westbohemian University, Czech Republic

**Poster:** Dorothea Keudel, Viadrina University Frankfurt, Germany

**Date:** Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009

**Venue:** Aula Nievo, Università di Padova  
 Palazzo del Bo, Via VIII febbraio 1848, 2, Padova

09.00 - 10.30 **Panel session**  
**Democracy after 1989: The impact of dissident praxis on democratic thought and structures**

Paul Blokker, University of Trento, Italy  
 Robert Brier, German Historical Institute, Warsaw, Poland  
 Alan Renwick, University of Reading, United Kingdom

**Poster:** Kacper Szulecki, University of Konstanz, Germany

10.30 - 11.00 **Special programme**  
**Writing the new Europe: a transnational publishing project based on digital peer production**

Chris Armbruster, Research Network 1989

*Coffee break*

11.30-13.00 **Panel session**  
**Counter-interpretations of the founding moment of a post-communist society: Understanding the political success**

Jérôme Heurtaux, Dauphine University, Paris, France  
 Alexandra Ionescu, University of Bucharest, Romania  
 Ioulia Shukan, Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Grenoble, France  
 Geoffroy Geraud, Dauphine University, Paris, France

*Lunch*

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**Venue:** To be confirmed

14.00-17.00      **Special programme**  
**Workshop on research funding and principal investigator**  
**awards**

## Registration Form

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Wednesday 10 June to Friday 12 June 2009

University of Padua, Via 8 Febbraio, 2 35122, Padua, Italy

### 1. Registration – Participant's details

Title	First Name	Last Name
Organisation		
Department	Position	
Street	Number	
Postal Code	Town	
Country		
Tel	Fax	
E-mail		

### 2. Please indicate which sessions you will attend:

- 10 June, afternoon
- 11 June, morning
- 11 June, afternoon
- 12 June, morning

**The Registration Fee is € 90,00.**

**Please note that the registration fee covers admission to the conference sessions and participation in the corresponding coffee breaks (10-11-12 June) and buffet lunches**

**(10-11 June). The Registration Fee DOES NOT include any reservation for accommodation. Check relevant contacts details on the conference website.**

**Return the Registration Form completed and duly signed, and the remittance of payment to the Conference Secretariat, via email ([mt.ret@maritain.eu](mailto:mt.ret@maritain.eu)) or fax (+39 0421 74653).**