

11.15 – 12.45      **2nd Block** – Moderation: Ondrej Podolec (Nation´s Memory Institute, Bratislava)

- TOMÁŠ VILÍMEK (Institute of Contemporary History, Prague): Awakened society? The transformation of the social atmosphere in Czechoslovakia in the late 1980s
- JOSEF HALLA (Historian, Prague): Attempts to formulate political attitudes in the Czechoslovak dissent in 1987-1989 and how to apply these ideas and their actors after November 1989
- RÓBERT LETZ (Comenius University, Bratislava): The role of the Christian dissent in the fall of the communist regime in 1989
- MARTIN HOMZA (Comenius University, Bratislava): Students of Comenius University before the 16 November 1989 on the example of the Faculty of Arts
- BEÁTA KATREBOVÁ BLEHOVÁ (Nation´s Memory Institute, Bratislava): *Annus mirabilis* 1989 and the Slovak political exile

12.45 – 13.45      Break

13.45 – 15.15      **4th Panel: Sources and Remembrance Policy**

**1st Block** – Moderation: Daniela Tvrdoňová (Slovak National Archive, Bratislava)

- OLEGA PAVLENKO (Russian State University for the Humanities, Moscow): 1989 in the personal Documents of the Soviet Diplomats and Officials
- ZORA MACHKOVÁ (National Archives of the Czech Republic, Prague): Year 1989 in the collections of the National Archives of the Czech Republic
- SVĚTLANA PTÁČNÍKOVÁ (Security Services Archive, Prague): From Palach's Week to Lorenc's Shredding. Events of 1989 in the sources of the Security Services Archive

15.15 – 15.30      Coffee break

15.30 – 17.15      **2nd Block** – Moderation: Peter Barta (Slovak National Museum)

- TAJANA GERBOCOVÁ (Slovak National Archive, Bratislava): Public against Violence fund in the Slovak National Archive
- MARTIN CEBER, ALENA BOLFOVÁ (State Archive in Banská Bystrica): November 1989 in the archive funds of the State Archive in Banská Bystrica
- MARGITA BANDOLOVÁ, ERIK DULOVIČ (State Archive in Košice): Sources to November 1989 in the State Archives in Košice and its departments
- KAMIL NEDVĚDICKÝ (Ministry of Justice of the Czech Republic, Prague): Limits of post-November justice

17.30 – 19.00      **Round Table**

Moderation: Jozef Hajko

- Guests: Ján Budaj, Ladislav Snopko, Vladimír Ondruš, Juraj Alner

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### From a totalitarian regime to democracy

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CONFERENCE PROGRAM

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1st DAY: Tuesday, 12 November

9.00 – 10.30 **Opening of the Conference**  
Moderation: Peter Jašek (Nation's Memory Institute, Bratislava)

#### Keynote lectures

- WOLFGANG MUELLER (University of Vienna): 'The End of our Era is at Hand.' The East European Revolutions 1989/1990 in Perspective
- JAMES KRAPFL (McGill University, Montreal): Methodological questions in the Study of the 1989 Revolutions

10.30 – 10.45 Coffee break

10.45 – 12.30 **1st Panel: International context of the Revolutions**  
Moderation: Beáta Katrebová Blehová (Nation's Memory Institute, Bratislava)

- MICHAIL PROZUMENŠČIKOV (Russian State Archive of Contemporary History, Moscow): Reaction of the Leadership of the USSR on the Events in Czechoslovakia
- MARK KRAMER (Harvard University): The Impact of the 1989 Upheavals on the Soviet Union
- ALEKSANDR CIPKO (Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow): Gorbachev's perestroika spawned "velvet revolutions" in Eastern Europe
- ETIENNE BOISSERIE (Institute national des langues et civilisations orientales, Paris): Perceptions and analysis of the Revolution in Czechoslovakia in France

12.30 – 13.30 Break

13.30 – 15.00 **2nd Panel: Revolutions in Eastern Block**  
**1st Block** – Moderation: Burkhard Olschowsky (Federal Institute for Culture and History of the Germans in Eastern Europe, Oldenburg)

- MAXIMILIAN GRAF (Austrian Institute of History, Rome): The „Peaceful Revolution“ in Perspective: Reassessing the Reasons for the Fall of the Berlin Wall and the Dissolution of the German Democratic Republic
- RAFAŁ ŁATKA (Institute of National Remembrance, Warsaw): The Catholic Church in Poland – Key Factor in the Transformation Process?
- ÁRON MÁTHÉ (Committee of National Remembrance, Budapest): Pan-European Picnic and the Fall of the Iron Curtain
- PHILIPP LESIAK (Ludwig Boltzmann Institute, Graz): Austria and the Opening of the Iron Curtain

15.00 – 15.15 Coffee Break

15.15 – 17.15 **2nd Block** – Moderation: Maximilian Graf (Austrian Institute of History, Rome)

- MIROŚLAW SZUMIŁO (Institute of National Remembrance, Marie Curie-Skłodowska University, Lublin): Polish Union Workers Party in the Face of political Transformation in Poland in 1989
- FLORIN ABRAHAM (National University of political Science, Bucharest): Romanian Revolution of December 1989: from the historical Event to the topic of political Mythology
- LEO JANSON (World Energy Council, Riga): An Industrial Element in Resistance to the Soviet Regime: A unique Case of the Riga Metro Project in late 80s
- ALEKSANDAR JAKIR (University Split): Can we actually speak of a „Democratic Revolution“ in 1989 in Case of Croatia?

17.30 – 19.00 **Round Table**  
Moderation: Pavol Demeš  
Guests: Ivan Bába (Hungary), Łukasz Kamiński (Poland), Richard Cummings (USA)

2nd DAY, Wednesday, 13 November

9.00 – 11.00 **3rd Panel: The Velvet Revolution and Slovakia (Czechoslovakia)**  
**1st Block** – Moderation: Martin Homza (Comenius University, Bratislava)

- VIKTOR NIKITIN (Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow): Czechoslovak-Soviet Relations. From perestrojka to the dissolution of the Soviet Union (1986-1991)
- JAN KALOUS (Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes, Prague): „Stake in the fence“. Miloš Jakeš and his idea of perestrojka in Czechoslovakia
- PAWEŁ FIKTUS (University Wrocław, Higher School of Law, Wrocław): The Velvet Revolution from the Polish perspective
- MARTIN MOCKO (Historian, Bratislava): The Revolution in the Communist Party of Slovakia
- ONDREJ PODOLEC (Nation's Memory Institute, Bratislava): The End of Political Repression: Changes in Criminal Law after November 1989

11.00 – 11.15 Coffee break