

# CHURCHES AND RELIGIOUS ASSOCIATIONS

## BEHIND THE 'IRON CURTAIN'. PART TWO: 1956 – 1968

DAY 1: TUESDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER

### 13.00 – 13.15 OPENING SPEECHES

Jerguš Sivoš, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Nation's Memory Institute in Bratislava  
Piotr Samerek, Chargé d'Affaires a. i. of Republic of Poland in Slovakia  
Jozef Haľko, Auxiliary Bishop of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Bratislava

### 13.15 – 14.30 KEY SPEECHES

**MODERATOR: DR. PHIL. BEÁTA KATREBOVÁ BLEHOVÁ**

**Prof. Emília Hrabovec** (*Comenius University, Bratislava*): To Recommend Courage or Tolerate the Inevitable? The Holy See and the Catholic Church in the Face of the Communist Regimes in East Central Europe between Cold War and Détente

**Pál Hatos, PhD** (*University of Public Service, Budapest*): The 'French link': Modernist French Catholic Theology of the 20th Century and Its Impact on the Ostpolitik of the Vatican

### 14.30 – 14.45 BREAK

### 14.45 – 16.15 SESSION I:

### HOLY SEE AND EAST CENTRAL EUROPE: DILEMMAS AND CHALLENGES

**MODERATOR: PROF. EMÍLIA HRABOVEC**

**Prof. Massimiliano Valente** (*European University of Rome*): Vatican and Yugoslavia 1956 – 1968 (online)

**Milosav Đoković, PhD** (*Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Belgrade*): Persecution of the Serbian Orthodox Church in Yugoslavia after World War II – Testimonies in the Vatican Archives

**Dr. Inese Runce** (*University of Latvia*): Riga – Moscow – Rome: Apostolic Visits of Latvian Bishop Julijans Vaivods to the Vatican

### 16.15 – 16.30 BREAK

### 16.30 – 18.00 SESSION II: STATE SECURITY AND CHURCHES

**MODERATOR: PETER JAŠEK, PHD**

**Dr. Nadezhda Beliakova** (*Bielefeld University*): Secret Service and Religious Communities in the Soviet Republics Post-1958: A Closer Look at the Catholic Experience

**Prof. Mark Kramer** (*Harvard University*): The Orthodox Church, the State Security Apparatus, and Communist Rule in Bulgaria

**Dr. phil. Beáta Katrebová Blehová** (*Nation's Memory Institute, Bratislava*): The Slovak Catholic Diaspora in Italy and the Czechoslovak State Security in the Late 1950s and 1960s

DAY 2: WEDNESDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER

### 9.00 – 10.15 SESSION III:

### RELATIONS BETWEEN THE COMMUNIST REGIMES AND CHURCHES I

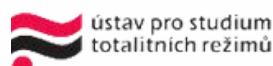
**MODERATOR: PROF. RAFAŁ ŁATKA**

**Przemysław Pazik, PhD** (*University of Warsaw*): Rules of Engagement. The Post-1956 Religious Policy in Poland  
**Bernadett Wirthné Diera, PhD** (*Committee of National Remembrance, Budapest*):

Has the Relationship Between the Hungarian Catholic Church and the Hungarian State Changed as a Result of the 1964 Holy See-Hungarian Partial Agreement?

**Dr. Burkhard Olschowsky** (*Federal Institute for Culture and History of Eastern Europe*): Churches in the GDR. Between the Will to Assert and Secularisation in the 1960s

### 10.15 – 10.30 BREAK





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**10.30 – 12.00 CONTINUATION OF SESSION III:**

**RELATIONS BETWEEN THE COMMUNIST REGIMES AND CHURCHES II**

**MODERATOR: PROF. MARK KRAMER**

**Prof. Rafał Łatka** (*Institute of National Remembrance, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University Warsaw*): The Polish Episcopate during the Political Thaw in Poland in 1956 – 1958

**Bogusław Wójcik, PhD** (*Institute of National Remembrance, Rzeszów*): Church-State Relations in Gomułka's Poland according to Lucjan Blit

**Ass. Prof. Tomáš Tandlich** (*University of Ss. Cyril and Methodius, Trnava*): Implementation of State Church Policy at Regional Level in 1960 – 1969. West Slovak Regional National Committee in Bratislava and Its Role in the System of State Control over Church and Religious Societies

**Paweł Wawryszuk, PhD** (*Kazimierz Wielki University, Bydgoszcz*): 'Religious Diplomacy' of the Communist Countries

**12.00 – 13.15 LUNCH**

**13.15 – 14.45 SESSION IV:**

**BETWEEN PRISONERS, MARTYRS AND RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES:  
THE RELIGIOUS LIFE UNDER COMMUNIST REGIMES**

**MODERATOR: MGR. MICHAL KEIM**

**Prof. Mirosław Szumiło** (*Institute of National Remembrance, Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin*): The Support of the Catholic Church in Poland for the Secret Church in Czechoslovakia (1956 – 1965)

**Kristóf Erdős, PhD** (*Committee of the National Remembrance, Budapest*): 'To Find the Way of a Faithful Christian Life'. The Room for Manoeuvre and Life of the Youth Community of a Reformed Congregation in Budapest (1956 – 1963)

**Dragoș Ursu, PhD** (*The National Museum of the Union, Alba Iulia*): Life after Prison.

The Socio-Professional Reintegration of Clerics and Former Political Prisoners in the Context of the Re-dimensioning of Relations Between the Communist Regime and the Romanian Orthodox Church in the 1960s

**PhDr. Markéta Doležalová** (*Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes, Praha*): Antonie Vojtěcha Hasmandová: A Political Prisoner of the 1950s and an Inspiring Personality Not Only of Religious Life

**14.45 – 15.00 BREAK**

**15.00 – 16.30 SESSION V: COMMEMORATION, MANIPULATION, REPRESSION:  
SOME NEW ASPECTS OF THE CHURCH STUDIES AND COMMUNISM**

**MODERATOR: PROF. MIROSŁAW SZUMIŁO**

**Zélie Baud, PhD** (*Nantes University*): Commemorative, Legal and Theological Issues behind the Beatifications of 'Martyrs of Communism' under John Paul II (1978 – 2005)

**Dr. Szuly Rita** (*Committee of the National Remembrance, Budapest*): Manipulated Traditions – New Ways of Celebration

**Ioana Ursu, PhD** (*The National Museum of the Union, Alba Iulia*): To be Christian, 'Hostile' and 'Counter-revolutionary'. The Informative Surveillance and Political Repression of 'The Burning Bush' Group, 1956 – 1964