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Thirty Years of the Post-Soviet Europe

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(May 31 - June 1, 2019)

Venue: Hotel Lielupe, Bulduruprospekts, 64/68, Jūrmala, Latvija
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PROGRAM

May 30

Participants arrive in Jurmala

19.00 Welcome reception. Hall "Panorāma"

May 31

From 07.00 Breakfast

08.30 – 09.00 Registration of participants

09.00 – 09.30 Opening remarks by:

Igor Jurgens, European Dialogue Expert Group, *INSOR*;

Janis Urbanovics, The Baltic Sea Forum *NGO*

Peer Teschendorf, Friedrich Ebert Foundation, Moscow Office

09.30 – 11.30 **Session 1.**

Expectations Drama: 1989 in perspective of the following 30 years

Questions for discussion:

The year 1989 both in Central Europe and former USSR became a culmination of hopes for peaceful and successful transfer from communist dictatorship to liberal political and economic order. What are these expectations today? Were they knowingly unreal? What were the main factors of the disappointment?

Moderator: Igor Jurgens, European Dialogue Expert Group, Institute of Contemporary Development

Impulse presentations:

Georgy Satarov – “INDEM” Foundation for Applied Political Researches, Russia: *Drama of Post-Communist Transit as a Source of Rethinking the Transit*

Maxim Trudoluybov – Kennan Institute, Russia: 1989 - *Great Expectations: what people of communist countries expected and didn't get*

Samuel Greene – Russian Institute, King's College, London: *"Homo Post-Sovieticus": what former soviet people learned for past 30 years?*

Andrey Melvil – National Research University "Higher School of Economics", Russia: *"Structures" and "Actors": what common transit models don't explain?*

Discussion

11:30 – 12:00 Coffee break

12:00 – 14:00 **Session 2.**

Dismantling of Communism: models, ideologies and factors

Questions for discussion:

What powers, factors and ideologies played a key role in the process of dismantling Communism in different countries of Central Europe and countries of former USSR. How it reflected on further evolution vector? Nationalist and democratic components of anti-communism: their correlation and consequences?

Moderator: Vladimir Ryzhkov, National Research University "Higher School of Economics", Russia

Impulse presentations:

Klara Geywitz – Landtag of Brandenburg, Member of Executive committee of Social Democratic Party of Germany: *Is there Still a Wall Between West and East Germany? The Long Shadow of a Divided Germany.*

Andrey Ryabov – Journal "The World Economy and International Relations": *Features of Intersystem Transformations in the Post-Soviet Space*

Adam Michnik – Polish newspaper "Gazeta Wyborcza": *Nationalism and Democracy: a view from Poland*

Balint Magyar – Central European University, Hungary: *Trajectories of Post-Communist Development in countries of Central Europe*

Discussion

14.00 – 15.00 Lunch break

15.00 – 17.00 Session 3.**1989 in Soviet History: the experience of Gorbachev's democratization and its significance for modern Russia***Questions for discussion:*

What are the reasons for the failure of Gorbachev's plan for the gradual democratization of the Soviet system? What determined the turn to the systemic crisis of Soviet power? How institutional and political experience of the perestroika influenced the vector of political development in Russia and other Post-Soviet countries?

Moderator: Olga Zdravomyslova, International Foundation for Socio-Economic and Political Studies (the Gorbachev Foundation), Russia

Impulse presentations:

Kirill Rogov – “Liberal Mission” Foundation: *“1989 and Post-Communist Trajectories of Eurasian Area*

Nikolay Petrov – National Research University “Higher School of Economics”, Russia: *The First Congress of People's Deputies in the Political History of the USSR/Russia*

Dmitriy Travin – European University in St. Petersburg: *Economic Reform and Democratization during Perestroika*

Nikolay Mitrokhin – Research Center for East European Studies, University of Bremen, Germany: *Late Soviet Nationalism: its origination in politics and 30 years of transformation*

Sergey Tsyplyaev – The Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration, Russia: *Perestroika: from over expectations to over disappointments*

Discussion**19.00 Dinner****June 1****09.00 – 12.30 Session 4. (with a coffee break)****30 years after Communism was over. Vectors of Post-Communism Development.***Question for discussion:*

Why were anti-communist revolutions predominantly velvet, and the real



decommunization was so long and difficult? Are there current problems of political development in countries of Central and Eastern Europe and Russia connected with their communist past?

Moderator: Evgeny Gontmakher, Coordinating Board of the "European Dialogue" Expert Group, Russia

First day moderators' presentations:

Igor Yurgens, Vladimir Ryzhkov, Olga Zdravomyslova

Impulse presentations:

Grigory Yavlinskiy, Vladimir Ryzhkov, Viktor Karneenka, Michail Pogrebinskiy, Ralf Fuecks, Arkady Dubnov

Discussion

June 1-2

Departure of participants

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