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The network investigates the relationship between physical violence and state legitimacy after Stalinism. It addresses the following questions: How did the party-state control violence after Stalin? How did political legitimation change after 1956? To what extent did physical violence disappear from politics? How was physical violence in the private sphere dealt with? Did these changes contribute to the decline of communism?

The project’s international research network is contributing to the debates about the nature of communist dictatorships, to the causes of the European revolutions of 1989 and the break-up of the Soviet Union in 1991. Its aim is to strengthen international cooperation and support comparative and transnational research in the field of communist studies.

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Matěj Kotalík, Centre for Contemporary History, Potsdam
The Interaction of Hooligans, Police and Bystanders in East German 1950s–1970s Public Space

Sabine Rutar, Institute for East and Southeast European Studies, Regensburg

Commentator: Alf Lüdtke, University of Erfurt


Jan C. Behrends, Centre for Contemporary History, Potsdam
"My byli na etikh voinakh – we served in these wars."
Continuities of Violence from Afghanistan to Chechnya

Alena Maklak, Centre for Contemporary History, Potsdam
The Pursuit of Manliness: Justifying "Barrack Violence" in the Narratives of Former Soviet Army Soldiers

Robert Lučić, Centre for Contemporary History, Potsdam
Bonded in War – The Yugoslav People’s Army and Violent Communities in East Slavonia 1991

Isabel Stöhle, University of Regensburg
Conflicting Visions of Loyalty, Legitimacy and Legality: The Story of a State Security Agent on Trial in Socialist Kosovo (1968)

Commentator: Ulf Brunnbauer, Institute for East and Southeast European Studies, Regensburg

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Michal Kopeček, Institute of Contemporary History, Prague
Law and Order, “Civilised Violence” and the Revolutions of 1989 in East Central Europe

Michal Pullmann, Charles University in Prague
The State, the (in)visibility of Violence and Everyday “Normalisation” in Czechoslovakia

Jens Gieseke, Centre for Contemporary History, Potsdam
The Future of Torture after Stalin. Stasi Discourses on Violent Practices in the Age of “Socialist Legality”

Commentator: Franziska Exeler, European University Institute, Florence

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Péter Apor, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest

Jennifer Rasell, Centre for Contemporary History, Potsdam
(Violent) Care Dynamics in Children’s Homes in 1980s Hungary

Barbara Klíč-Kluczewska, Jagiellonian University of Krakow
The Culture of Violence, Socialist Modernity and Social Health. Domestic Violence in People’s Poland of 1970s and 1980s

Commentator: Ulf Brunnbauer, Institute for East and Southeast European Studies, Regensburg

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Muriel Blaive, Charles University in Prague
Modernity and Violence: Giving Birth East and West from the 1950s to the 1990s

Pavel Kolář, European University Institute, Florence
The Death Penalty and Sacrifice after 1945

Commentator: tba

CONCLUDING STATEMENTS

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