

Conference

The Collectivization of Agriculture in Communist Eastern Europe: Comparison and Entanglements from the 1930s to the 1980s

*Berliner Kolleg für Vergleichende Geschichte Europas
(BKVGE, Koserstrasse 20, D-14195 Berlin, Room A.320)*

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Programme

Thursday, 3 July 2008

Arrival of participants

Friday, 4 July 2008

9:30 – 10:00 Welcome and Introduction: Tenets of the Conference and Plans for Publication
Constantin Iordachi and Arnd Bauerkämper

10:00 – 12:15 Dimensions of Research (I): The Soviet ‘Model’ and Types of Collectivization
Chair: Nenad Stefanov (BKVGE)

Discussion of Papers:

Lynne Viola (University of Toronto):

“Soviet Collectivization as State-Building”

11:00 – 11:15 *Coffee Break*

Nigel Swain (University of Liverpool):

“Types of Collectivizations and Socialist Agricultural Systems Compared”

12:15 – 14:00 *Lunch*

14:00 – 15:30 Dimensions of Research (II): Axes of Differentiation (‘Centre and Periphery,’ ‘Class Struggle,’ ‘Social/Ethnic Cleavages’)

Chair: Constantin Iordachi (Central European University)

Discussion of Papers:

Arnd Bauerkämper (BKVGE):

“Collectivization as Social Practice: Historical Narratives and Competing Memories as Sources of Agency in the Collectivization of Agriculture in the GDR”

Gregory R. Witkowski (Ball State University, Indiana):

“State Policy and Public Reaction: Center and Periphery in Communist Collectivization”

15:30 – 16:00 *Coffee break*

16:00 – 18:30 Studies in the Collectivization of Agriculture in Eastern Europe (I):

Discussion of Papers:

Mihail Gruev (Sofia University):

“Bulgarian Village between Two Epochs: The Case of the Northwest in the 1940s and 1950s”

Örjan Sjöberg (Stockholm School of Economics):

“Collectivization in Albania”

Melissa K. Bokovoy (University of New Mexico, Albuquerque):

“Regional variations of Yugoslav Collectivization”

19:00 *Dinner*

Saturday, 5 July 2008

9:30 – 10:30 The Collectivization of Agriculture in Eastern Europe (II):
Chair: Arnd Bauerkämper

Discussion of Papers:

Dariusz Jarosz (Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw):
 “Case Study: Collectivisation in Poland”

Jan Rychlík (Masaryk Institute, Prague):
 “General and Specific Aspects of Collectivisation in Czechoslovakia”

10:30 – 11:00 *Coffee break*

11:00 – 12:30 József Ö. Kovács (University of Miskolc):
 “Collectivization as Social Practice in Hungary”

Zsuzsanna Varga (ELTE Budapest):

“The Appropriation and Modification of the Soviet Model: The Hungarian Case”

12:30 – 14:00 *Lunch*

14:00 – 15:30 The Collectivization of Agriculture in Eastern Europe (III)
Chair: Luminita Getejel (BKVGE)

Jens Schöne (Landesbeauftragter für die Unterlagen des
 Staatssicherheitsdienstes, Berlin):
 “The Collectivization of Agriculture in the German Democratic Republic”

David Feest (University of Göttingen):
 Collectivization in the Baltic States

15:30 – 16:00 *Coffee break*

16:00 – 17:00 Approaches, Methods, and Sources

Discussion of Paper:

Constantin Iordachi (Central European University, Budapest):
 Collectivization and the Totalitarian School of Studying Communist
 Dictatorships

16:00 – 18:00 *Concluding Session:*
Chair: Arnd Bauerkämper and Constantin Iordachi

1. Chronologies
2. Publication Procedures and Work Schedule

Sunday, 6 July 2008

Visit to the *Deutsches Historisches Museum*, Berlin (optional)

Departure of participants

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