

General Information

Registration: Please register via our e-mail address polwiss@unifr.ch and indicate under subject «Eastern European Day». The conference is free and open for all people interested in the topic. For organizational reasons please do register until [Wednesday, September 23rd, 2009](#).

Address: University of Fribourg, Building Pérolles II
Boulevard de Pérolles 90, 1700 Fribourg
Conference: Room G140
Workshops: Room B205 / B207 / F205 / F207

Links: <http://www.unifr.ch/iicee/de/events>

How to get there: You can take at the train station «Fribourg» the bus no. 1 direction «Marly», the bus no. 3 direction «Pérolles Charmettes» or the bus no. 7 direction «Cliniques». The bus stop where you have to get off is called «Charmettes».

Situation:



EASTERN EUROPEAN DAY 2009

«Promises, Meanings
and Implications
of 1989 ...»



TWENTY YEARS AFTER
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September 25th, 2009

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Eastern European Day 2009

The Interfaculty Institute for Central and Eastern Europe (IICEE) has the honour to invite you to the 10th edition of the Eastern European Day. The objectives of the conference have been since its first implementation to foster the scientific exchange between Switzerland and Eastern Europe, to raise the audience's awareness of different process of development of civil societies and to offer a platform for networking to young and well-established scholars. This year's Eastern European Day focuses on the symbolic year of 1989. The aim of the event is to commemorate and analyse – twenty years after the breakdown of communism in Eastern Europe – the significance of the political events, the promises and the achievements.

Following the conference we will celebrate the 10th edition of the Eastern European Day with an aperitif. We cordially invite you to the conference and to join our anniversary aperitif.

Academic Swiss Caucasus Net (ASCN)

An initiative of GEBERT RÜF STIFTUNG, the Academic Swiss Caucasus Net (ASCN) is being launched with the aim to promote academic exchange between Switzerland and the republics of the South Caucasus (Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan). It will support young researchers through capacity building trainings, bilateral scientific projects and an exchange programme. The ASCN programme is run and coordinated by the Interfaculty Institute for Central and Eastern Europe (IICEE) of the University of Fribourg. More information: denis.dafflon@unifr.ch

Eastern European Studies at the Universities of Berne and Fribourg

Starting in autumn 2009 the universities of Berne and Fribourg combine their capacities to launch a new programme in Eastern European Studies. GEBERT RÜF STIFTUNG has provided initially financing for the promotion of the Bachelor and Master programmes, which offer a broad interdisciplinary approach to social anthropology, culture, history and politics of modern Eastern European societies. More information: www.osteuroopa-studien.ch

Eastern European Day 2009 – Programme

Morning				
09.15–09.40	Opening and Address of Welcome by Nicolas Hayoz, Director Interfaculty Institute for Central and Eastern Europe (IICEE) and Guido Vergauwen, Rector University of Fribourg			
09.45–10.40	Meanings of Freedom in the Balkans Sonja Biserko, Head of the Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in Serbia			
10.45–11.15	Coffee Break			
11.15–12.10	State for Freedom, State versus Freedom: How To Achieve the State of Freedom. The Dilemma of failing post-Communist transitions Ghia Nodia, Director of International School of Caucasus Studies and Professor at Ilia Chavchavadze State University, Tbilisi, Georgia			
12.15–13.10	Polish way out of communism Janusz Onyszkiewicz, former Leader of the Partia Demokratyczna Poland, former Minister of National Defence of Poland and former Vice-President of the European Parliament			
13.10–14.30	Buffet Lunch			
Afternoon – Workshops				
	Workshop 1: Promises and Realities of Political and Social Transformations in East Central Europe Christian Giordano and Nicolas Hayoz	Workshop 2: How to Deal With the Communist Past After 1989? Approaches, Successes and Problems Christophe v. Werdt	Workshop 3: Living for the True, the Good, and the Beautiful: Commitment or Disillusion 20 Years After? Edward Swiderski	Workshop 4: Tales of Transition: Literature and Historical Consciousness in East Central Europe After the Breakdown of Communism Jens Herth
	Room B 205	Room B 207	Room F 205	Room F 207
14.30–15.10	Leszek Jesien Poland. A Sketch of Europeanization with the EU in Focus: 1989–2004–2009	Paul A. Goble Eastern Europe Between Past and Future	Tatiana Barchunova Living Against: Novosibirsk Flash Mobs («Monstrations») in Novosibirsk and their Public Perception	Libuše Heczková «Verklaerte Nacht»? Literature and Historical Consciousness in Transition. The Case of Vaclav Havel, Libuse Monikova, Jachym Topol and Jan Novak
Break – 5 minutes				
15.15–15.55	Ionut Ciobanu Politics and Society in Romania: A Chronicle of an Announced Repudiation	Daniela Koleva Hope for the Past? Postsocialist Nostalgia 20 Years after	Nenad Miscevic Nation, Border and Territory – Reflecting on Croatian Experience	Maciej Urbanowski A Valley of Nonentity, a Valley of Joy – Images of Poland after 1989 in Polish Literature
16.00–16.30	Coffee Break			
16.30–17.10	Petr Skalnik Transition to Open Society as an Anthropological Problem	Andriy Portnov Post-Soviet Ukraine Dealing with its Soviet Past	Jan Wolenski From Controlled Liberalism to Real Pluralism. The Transition of Philosophy in Poland after 1989	Ioana Both How to Tell the Truth with Words: Romanian Post-Communist Literature
Break – 5 minutes				
17.15–17.55	Alexander Kiossev The East-European Transition and its Hybrid Institutional Culture	Stefan Troebst A Turn to the Worse: 1989 in Yugoslavia	Artemy Magun The Negative Revolution and its Aftermath	Michael Müller Essay and Travelogue. Two Literary Genres that have been Rediscovered During the Debate on the Yugoslavian Collapse
18.00–19.30	Aperitif with regional specialties			