

**Expectations and predicaments:  
the Socialist regimes and pan-European cooperation in the 1970s**

**FIRST PUBLIC WORKSHOP of ERC Project PanEur1970s**

**23 - 25 November 2017**

*Sala del Capitolo, Badia, European University Institute, Florence, Italy*

Organiser: Federico Romero (PanEur1970s Principal Investigator)

In this workshop the PanEur1970s team presents its scientific approach and preliminary findings. They will be discussed by a panel of experts, as well as a broader academic audience. The discussants include distinguished scholars who sit on the project's board of advisors and other experts. As PanEur1970s interacts with other projects and several fields of historical research, other scholars working on related issues will also present their research findings. A conclusive roundtable will discuss and assess the further development of PanEur1970 project, its approaches, questions and goals. Comments and suggestions will help the Principal Investigator and the entire PanEur1970s team to plan its future work, refine the main research questions, enrich its methodology.

**EVENT PROGRAMME**

**Thursday 23 November**

- 14:15-14:30    Opening
- 14:30-15:30    Max Trecker (Institute for Contemporary History Munich-Berlin)  
The 'Grapes of Cooperation?' Bulgarian and East German Plans to Build a Syrian  
Cement Industry from Scratch
- Discussant: André Steiner (Zentrum für Zeithistorische Forschung, Potsdam)
- 15:30-16:30    Victor Petrov (EUI)  
The Porous Curtain: Bulgarian Scientific-Technical Intelligence, Electronics, and  
Technology Transfer Between East and West 1964-1990
- Discussant: Suvi Kansikas (University of Helsinki and EUI)
- 16:30-17:00    *Coffee break*
- 17:00-18:00    Elitza Stanoeva (EUI)  
Bulgaria, Western Europe, and the EEC: The Entanglement of State Diplomacy and  
Economic Cooperation
- Discussant: Svetozar Rajak (London School of Economics)
- 20:00            *Dinner*

### Friday 24 November

- 9:30-10:30      Benedetto Zaccaria (EUI)  
Yugoslavia and Western European integration: research hypotheses and questions  
Discussant: Silvio Pons (Università di Roma-Tor Vergata)
- 10:30-11:30    Maximilian Graf (EUI)  
Desire, Dependence and Demarcation: The GDR and the West in the "long 1970s"  
Discussant: Gottfried Niedhart (Universität Mannheim)
- 11:30-12:00    *Coffee break*
- 12:00-13:00    Adelina Stefan (EUI)  
Between East and West: Socialist Romania and the European Economic Community  
during the 1970s  
Discussant: Pavel Kolář (EUI)
- 13:00-14:30    *Lunch*
- 14:30-15:30    Pavel Szobi (EUI)  
Czechoslovakia and Western Europe in the long 1970s  
Discussant: André Steiner (Zentrum für Zeithistorische Forschung, Potsdam)
- 15:30-16:30    Pal Germuska (MoD Military History Institute and Museum, Budapest)  
East-West Bridge-builders? Hungarian Elites and the European Integration  
Discussant: Vladislav Zubok (London School of Economics)
- 16:30-17:00    *Coffee break*
- 17:00-18:00    Aleksandra Komornicka (EUI)  
Poland opening towards the West, 1970-1980, creating consumer socialism  
Discussant: Gottfried Niedhart (Universität Mannheim)
- 20:00            *Dinner*

### Saturday 25 November

- 09:30-10:30    Angela Romano (EUI)  
Behind-the-Scenes Meetings and Chats between EC officials and Socialist diplomats  
and experts  
Discussant: Vladislav Zubok (London School of Economics)
- 10:30-11:00    *Coffee break*
- 11:00-13:00    **Round table on PanEur1970s' approach, research questions and goals**  
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Vladislav Zubok