



THE TRANSREGIONAL CENTER FOR DEMOCRATIC STUDIES AND RESEARCH NETWORK 1989  
PRESENT A SYMPOSIUM

**1989 AND BEYOND: THE FUTURE OF DEMOCRACY**

Friday April 18 and Saturday April 19, 2008

THE NEW SCHOOL FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH

79 FIFTH AVENUE, NINTH FLOOR

NEW YORK CITY

(Entrance at 6 East 16th Street between Fifth Avenue and Union Square West)

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Friday, April 18

9-9:30am WELCOME BREAKFAST

I **9:30-11:30am 1989: The New Politics and New Political Genres**

Moderator: Richard Bernstein (Department of Philosophy, The New School for Social Research)

Jeffrey Goldfarb (Department of Sociology, The New School for Social Research)

"1989 and The Not So Lost Treasure of the Revolutionary Tradition, or Senator Obama and the Politics of Small Things"

Elzbieta Matynia (Department of Sociology, The New School for Social Research)

"1989: Politics of Democratic Performativity"

Barbara Falk (Department of Defense Studies, Canadian Forces College)

"1989 and the Post-Cold War Era: Were the 'Wrong' Lessons Learned from the Fall of Communism?"

Martin Butora (Institute of Public Affairs, Bratislava) "Modernization, Illiberalism and Civil Society"

II **11:45am-1:45pm New Processes, Practices, and Acquired Knowledge**

Moderator: Irena Grudzinska-Gross (Institute for Human Sciences, Boston University)

**Andrew Arato** (Department of Sociology, The New School for Social Research)  
"Redeeming the Still Redeemable: Post-Sovereign Constitution Making"  
paper presented by Andreas Kalyvas

**Peter Molnar** (Center for Media and Communication Studies, Central European University) "Laws and Policies—Enabling or Withholding the Development of Liberal Democratic Culture"

**Monroe Price** (Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania)  
"Complexity of Media Reform in a Time of Polarization and Commercialization"

**Joanna Regulska** (Department of Women's and Gender Studies, Rutgers University)  
"Governance or Self-governance: Threats and Benefits Twenty Years Later"

## BREAK FOR LUNCH

### III 3-4:45pm The Future of Social and Political Claims-making

**Moderator: Andreas Kalyvas** (Department of Political Science, The New School for Social Research)

**Nancy Fraser** (Department of Political Science, The New School for Social Research)  
"1989 and Beyond: Shifting Landscapes of Political Claims-Making"

**David Ost** (Political Science Department, Hobart and William Smith Colleges)  
"Reexamining the Economic Consensus of 1989"

**Lauren Paremoer & Jennifer Yvette Terrell** (Department of Political Science, The New School for Social Research) "Fulfilling the Promise of Social Rights: HIV/AIDS and Land Reform in South Africa"

**Sarah Taylor** (Department of Political Science, The New School for Social Research)  
"1989: Gender in the Negotiated Transitions in El Salvador and Guatemala"

### IV 5-7:00pm Communism, Post-communism, and Post-post-communism: Spaces, Actors and Action

**Moderator: Jeffrey Goldfarb** (Department of Sociology, The New School for Social Research)

**Monica Ciobanu** (Department of Sociology, College at Plattsburgh, State University of New York) "Transitional Justice and the Politics of Memory in Post-Communism: the Romanian Truth Commission"

**Radim Marada** (Department of Sociology, Masaryk University, Brno) "Between Past and Future Revisited: Collective Memory and the Waiting for a New Generation"

**Mateusz Halawa** (University of Warsaw/Department of Sociology, The New School for Social Research) "Hide Grandma's I.D! Notes on Identity and New Media in Post-Communist Poland"

**Alexander Mirescu** (Department of Political Science, The New School for Social Research)  
"How We Even Got to 1989: Church-State Relations and Emergence of Free Space"

**Karolina Pietras** (Department of History and Political Science, University of Paris IV—Sorbonne) "East German and Polish Opposition during the Last Decade of the Cold War"

## RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

Saturday April, 19

9:30–10:00am BREAKFAST

I 10:00 am–12:00pm States, Regions and Beyond

**Moderator: Elzbieta Matynia** (Department of Sociology, The New School for Social Research)

**Florentina Harbo** (Norwegian Institute for Strategic Studies, Oslo)

“The Role of the State in the 1989 Events”

**Anna DiLellio** (Graduate Program in International Affairs, The New School)

“The Missing Democratic Revolution: 1989-2008 Serbia's Anti-European Choice”

**Elidor Mehilli** (Department of History, Princeton University)

“The 1989 That Never Was: Collapse and Survival in the Communist Periphery”

**Thomas Bierschenk** (Department of Anthropology, The New School for Social Research)

“The Republic of Benin – An African Model of Democracy?”

**Xiaoyang Tang** (Department of Philosophy, The New School for Social Research)

“Beyond the Red Tiananmen”

II 12:15–2:15pm Global Academy: New Fields, Research Interests, Lenses and Approaches

**Moderator: Janos Kis** (Department of Philosophy, Central European University)

**Chris Armbruster** (Research Network 1989, Germany)

“Soviet Illegitimacy, the Negotiated Revolutions of 1989 and the Quality of Democracy in Europe”

**Paul Blocker & Gerard Delanty** (Department of Sociology, University of Sussex)

“European Democracy after 1989: East-West Reciprocity and Shifting”

**Mara Lazda** (History Department, Eugene Lang College) “1989 in the Baltic States and Reconceptualizations of Nationalism”

**Amy Sodaro** (Department of Sociology, The New School for Social Research) “1989 and the Recovery of Memory”

BREAK FOR LUNCH

III 3:30–4:30pm Concluding Voices: The Insider and the Outsider

**Jonathan Schell** (Writer; Correspondent, *The Nation*)

**Martin Palous**, (Ambassador of the Czech Republic to the United Nations)

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