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# **Young People and Social Change after the Fall of the Berlin Wall**

**Anniversary seminar of youth research, policy and practice**

**Budapest, Central European University (CEU), Nador u. 9**

**November 20, 2009, 9:30 – 18:00**

9:30 – 13.15

## **Morning Plenary**

Popper Room

Chair: Carmen Leccardi, University of Milan-Bicocca, Italy

Institutional Greetings:

Carmen Leccardi, Research Committee "Sociology of Youth", ISA

Marta Medlinska, Partnership between the European Commission  
and the Council of Europe in the field of Youth

Vera Asenova, Center for the Study of Imperfections in Democracies, CEU

10:00 – 11:15

Presentations:

Ken Roberts, University of Liverpool, UK

"1989: So hard to remember and so easy to forget"

Discussant: Siyka Kovacheva, University of Plovdiv, Bulgaria

11:15 – 11.30 Coffee break

11:30 – 12:45

Mirjana Ule, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia

"Reconstruction of Youth in Postsocialism. Expectations and dilemmas"

Discussant: Herwig Reiter, University of Bremen, Germany

12:45 – 13:15 Open debate

13:15 – 14:45 Buffet lunch

14:45 – 18:00

**Afternoon working groups**

16:45 – 17:00 Coffee break

## **I Youth transitions in post-communism**

Popper Room

Chair: Siyka Kovacheva, University of Plovdiv, Bulgaria

Presentations:

1. Metka Kuhar, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia

“Frozen transitions? Young people in the Balkans”

2. Smiljka Tomanović, University of Belgrade, Serbia

“State of Youth in Serbia: General Overview”

3. Joachen Tholen, University of Bremen; Gohar Khachatryan, Caucasus Research

Resource Centre Yerevan; Rusudan Velidze, BCG; Gary Pollock, Manchester Metropolitan

University; Ken Roberts, University of Liverpool

“Transition to adulthood in rural villages Caucasus”

4. Ewa Krzaklewska, Jagiellonian University, Poland

“Transition to adulthood: national or ‘globalized’ approach?”

## **II Inequality and uncertainty**

Room M201

Chair: Carles Feixa, University of Lleida, Spain

Presentations:

1. Anja Gvozdanović, Institute for Social Research, Zagreb, Croatia

“Some Democratic Values and Attitudes of Students and Youth in Croatia”

2. István Murányi, Zoltán Berényi, University of Debrecen, Hungary

“The role of democracy interpretation at teenagers' prejudice”

3. Michaela Pyšňáková, Masarykova University, Brno, Czech Republic

“The ‘post-revolutionary’ Czech consumer generation”

4. Timea Soos, Berkeley, US / CEU Budapest, Hungary

“The process of commodification in post-socialist Eastern Europe and its effect on the youth: Who inhabits the space of abjection now?”

5. Martin Fero, University of Trnava, Slovakia

“Particularities in motivational structure of young managers after the breakdown of state socialism in Slovakia”

### **III Western and eastern, or modern youth?**

Gellner Room

Chair: Herwig Reiter, University of Bremen, Germany

Presentations:

1. Rory Archer, ex CEU, Hungary, Germany

“Western or eastern, or modern youth? Balkan hybrid folk genres and (trans)nationalism”

2. Elena Omelchenko, ‘Region’ Centre, Ulyanovsk, Russia

“Generation R(ecession)?”

3. Vladimir Rizov, NPSSPEO “M.V. Lomonosov”, Bulgaria

“Marks of the socialist past - Knowledge, interpretation and attitude of young people in Bulgaria towards the monuments built during the socialist regime”

4. Tanja Sekulić, Letterio Pantò, University of Milano-Bicocca, Italy

“Born in '89. The burden of the past and the biographical construction among European young people: twenty-year-old youngsters from two European cities - Milan and Sarajevo - confronted.”

5. Christine Steiner, German Youth Institute, Munich, Germany

“Radically Modern? East German Youth After the German-German Unification”

### **IV Cross-border cooperation in research, policy, and practice**

Senate Room

Chair: Lyudmila Nurse, UK

Presentations:

1. Stanka Parac, Marco Boaria, Srdjan Cvijić, Camille Gangloff, Association of Local Democracy Agencies, Council of Europe, Strasbourg, France

“Youth in Transition and Conflict”

2. Adina Martina Calafateanu, London Metropolitan University/Maastricht, Romania/Netherlands

“Transition or adaptation? - The Communist Youth Union vs. Youth Non-governmental Associations”

3. Marcin Sinczuch, University of Warsaw, Poland

“The structural dimensions of intergenerational communication process. The case of Poland”

4. Sorin Mitulescu, University of Bucharest “Dimitrie Cantemir”, Romania

“Youth vision about the future in 1985 and in 2006. A comparative analysis”

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