

CONFRONTATION - COOPERATION - COORDINATION

Christian Churches in the Soviet Bloc

International workshop PROGRAM

Venue: 1088 Budapest, Vas utca 10.
(Hungarian Committee of National Remembrance)

Date: 26 September 2017

From **9.30** onwards: Arrival

10.00-10.30

Attila Pók (HAS-ENRS), **Réka Kiss** (NEB-ENRS): Welcome note

András Fejérdy (HAS), **Burkhard Olschowsky** (BKGE): Short introduction

10.30-12.00

Panel I: State-Church relationships, Church policies; ideology versus pragmatism

Władysław Bułhak (IPN): Polish and Hungarian cooperation in the foreign intelligence operations against the Roman Catholic Church and the Holy See

András Fejérdy (HAS): Regular meetings of the Church policy leaders in the Soviet Bloc

Burkhard Olschowsky (BKGE): Comparative considerations of the state-Church relations in the GDR and Poland

Stanislava Vodičková (ISTR): Czechoslovak state and the local Catholic Church under the communist rule (1948-1989)

Discussion

12.00-13.15 Buffet lunch

13.15–15.00

Panel II: National and ethnic characteristics; professional careers and religiosity

Michal Sklenář (ISTR): National element of the action against the Roman Catholic Church in Communist Czechoslovakia after 1948

Stefano Bottoni (HAS): Between religious survival and national function: The Hungarian Christian denominations in communist Romania

Pavol Jakubčín (UPN): Pro-regime organisations of Catholic priests in Czechoslovakia

Anca Sincan (Gheorghe Șincai Institute of the Romanian Academy): Central policy, local solutions: church building in 1980s Transylvania

Discussion

15.00–15.45 Coffee break

15.45–17.15

Panel III: Motives for cooperation or confrontation; human rights movements and the Church

Réka Kiss (NEB–ENRS): Divide et impera! The communist Church policy and options of the Hungarian protestant churches

Markus Meckel (ENRS): Opposition movements, churches, peaceful revolution in 1989

Markéta Doležalová (ISTR): Catholic Church and human rights initiatives in Czechoslovakia

Discussion

17.15–17.30 Short break

András Fejérdy (HAS), **Burkhard Olschowsky** (BGKE): Short summary

19.00 Dinner