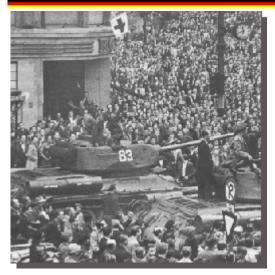
THE CRISIS YEAR 1953 AND THE COLD WAR IN EUROPE





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Venue: Kulturhaus Altes Rathaus Potsdam, Am Alten Markt

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10 November 1996

17.00

Opening and welcoming remarks

Christoph KLESSMANN (ZZF)

William TAUBMAN (Woodrow Wilson Center)

Thomas S. **BLANTON**/ Malcolm **BYRNE** (National Security Archive)

17.30

Key Note Address

Egon BAHR (Bonn)

"The Year 1953 in Germany and Its Consequences for German Politics" To be followed by a reception at the Kulturzentrum Altes Rathaus, Potsdam



11 November 1996

9:30-12.00

Session I: Origins and Consequences of the June 1953 Uprising in East Germany: Recent Research and Debate (Roundtable)

Chair: Christoph **KLESSMANN** (ZZF)

Panelists:

Gerhard **BEIER** (Kronberg)

"On the Role of the East Berlin Construction Workers"

Torsten **DIEDRICH** (MGFA Potsdam)

"Militarization as Cause of the Crisis and the Suppression of the Uprising by the Armed Forces"

Ruud van **DIJK** (Ohio University)

"The German Question Dropped, Revisited and Frozen. The Kremlin, the East Germans and the GDR, 1952-1953"

Manfred **HAGEN** (Göttingen University)

"Long-term Consequences of the June Uprising on Population and Party"

Monika **KAISER** (ZZF Potsdam)

"The SED Leadership and the Crisis of the Stalinist System"

Ilko-Sascha KOWALCZUK (Humboldt University, Berlin)

"June 17 in Recent Research: Social Classes and Political Actors"

Helmut **MÜLLER-ENBERGS** (Federal Commission for the Records of the former GDR State Security, Berlin)

"The Stasi and June 17, 1953"

12.00-13.00 LUNCH

13.00-15:45

Session II A: New Evidence on the "Beria Affair"

Chair: William **TAUBMAN** (Amherst College)

Panelists:

Lew **BEZYMENSKI** (Moscow)

Mark **KRAMER** (Harvard University)

"New Evidence on the Beria Question"

Vojtech **MASTNY** (Wilson Center)

"Missed Opportunities After Stalin's Death"

Gerhard **WETTIG** (BIOST Cologne)

"Did Beria Seek Agreement on Germany"

Vladislav **ZUBOK** (NSA)

"The Succession Struggle and Soviet Policy on Germany"

Commentators:

Amy **KNIGHT** (SAIS)

Elke **SCHERSTJANOI** (IfZ Potsdam)

15:45-16:15

BREAK

16:15-19:00

Session II B: Soviet 'Deutschlandpolitik' Before and After the June Uprising

Chair: Alexander O. CHUBARIAN (Institute of Universal History)

Participants:

Alexei **FILITOV** (Institute for Universal History, Moscow/KWI, Essen) Victor **GORBAROV** (CWIHP)

"New Russian Evidence from the Russian Military Archives"

Hope **HARRISON** (Lafayette College)

"Soviet Deutschlandpolitik before and after June 17, 1953"

Sergej Vladimirovich **MIRONENKO** (State Archive of the Russian Federation, Moscow)

Faina **NOVIK** (Russian Academy of Sciences)

"Soviet Policy Towards the GDR After June 17, 1953"

Leonid **RESHIN** (Moscow)

"The Events of June 17 in the GDR as Reflected in the Moscow Archives"

Zoia Constantinovna **VODOPIANOVA** (Storage Center for Contemporary Documentation, Moscow)

Commentator: Jochen LAUFER (ZZF)



12 November 1996

9.00-11:45

Session III: Stalin's Death and East Central Europe

Chair: Malcolm **BYRNE** (The National Security Archive)

Panelists:

Leo **GLUCHOWSKI** (Toronto University)

"The Events in Poland in 1953"

Andras B. **HEGEDUS** (Institute for the History of the 1956 Revolution, Budapest)

"The Impact of Stalin's Death in Hungary"

Wanda JARZABEK (Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw)

"New Polish Evidence on the 1953 Uprising in the GDR"

Mihai **RETEGAN** (University of Bucharest)

"Stalin's Death and the Romanian Response"

Commentators:

Andrzej **PACZKOWSKI** (Warsaw)

Jan **FOITZIK** (IfZ Berlin)

11:45-13.00 LUNCH

13.00-16.00

Session IV: The West and the 1953 Uprising

Chair: James G. **HERSHBERG** (CWIHP)

Panelists:

Richard IMMERMAN (Temple University, Philadelphia)

"'Chance for Peace?' The Initial U.S. Response to Stalin's Death"

Gary **BRUCE** (McGill University)

"The MfS, the West and the June 17 Uprising"

Klaus LARRES

"Great Britain and the June 1953 Uprising"

Michael **LEMKE**

"Adenauer and June 17, 1953"

Bernd **STÖVER** (U. Potsdam)

"American Discussions and Political Strategies after the Uprising"

Commentators:

Robert **BOWIE** (Washington)

Christian F. **OSTERMANN** (The National Security Archive)

16.00-16.30 BREAK

16.30-19.00

Session V: The Legacies and Historical Significance of the 1953 Uprising (Roundtable)

Chair: Jürgen KOCKA (Free University Berlin)

Panelists:

Mary **FULBROOK** (University College, London)

Manfred GÖRTEMAKER (Potsdam University)

Stefan **HEYM** (Berlin)

György **LITVAN** (Institute for the History of the 1956 Hungarian Revolution, Budapest)

Wilfried **LOTH** (KWI Essen)

Hans **MISSELWITZ** (Bandenburg State Agency for Political Education, Potsdam)

Edgar WOLFRUM (Free University Berlin)

End of Conference



13 November 1996

Workshop on Archival Situation and Research in Progress on Contemporary German and Eastern European History (optional)

Venue: ZZF, Potsdam

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