

# **The End and the Beginning: The Revolutions of 1989 and the Resurgence of History**

**November 9, 2009  
(Day 1)**

**University of Maryland**  
Margaret Brent Room  
Stamp Union Building  
College Park, MD 20742

**8:30 – 9:00 a.m.** Opening Ceremony

Dr. C. D. Mote, President of the University of Maryland

H.E. Adrian Vieriță, Ambassador of Romania to the U.S.A.

Senator Jim Rosapepe, Former U.S.A. Ambassador to Romania

**Breakfast break**

**9:15 – 11:15 a.m.** *1989 and the Legitimacy Crisis of Socialism*

Discussant: Charles Gati, Johns Hopkins University

Agnes Heller, The New School

“Twenty Years After”

Bradley Abrams, Czechoslovak Studies Association

“Consumption and Political Legitimization in East-Central Europe: The Czechoslovak Case”

Catalin Avramescu, University of Bucharest

“Communism and the Experience of Light: Electrification and Legitimization in Romania before 1989”

Ioan T. Morar, journalist

“Romanian Media: From Party Loudspeaker to the Voice of the Oligarchs”

**11:15 – 11:30 a.m. Coffee Break**

**11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.** Keynote lecture – Vladimir Tismaneanu, University of Maryland and Bogdan Cristian Iacob, Central European University

“Communism and Nationalism in Romania Before and After 1989”

**12:30 – 2:00 p.m. Lunch buffet**

**2:00 – 4:00 p.m. *Intellectuals, Human Rights, and the Grammar of Dissent***

Discussant: Mills Kelly, George Mason University

Noemi Marin, Florida Atlantic University

“1989 or the Return of Rhetoric: Totalitarian Discourse and Its Impact on Communist Romania”

Jeffrey Herf, University of Maryland

“An Insufficiently Noted Precursor of 1989: Comments on the Historical Significance of the Battle of the Euromissiles of 1979 to 1983”

Iulia Motoc, New York University

“The Struggle for Human Rights and the Demise of Communism”

Nick Miller, Boise State University

“Was There a Serbian Havel?”

**6:30 p.m. – Romanian Ambassador’s Residence**

*(Admission is by invitation only.)*

*1989 and Radio Free Europe: Broadcasting Freedom*

A. Ross Johnson, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

“What We Did and Why. Radio Free Europe Broadcasts in 1989”

Emil Hurezeanu, journalist

“Radio Free Europe and the End of Ceausescu’s Regime”

Discussant: Vladimir Tismaneanu, University of Maryland

*Reception to follow the panel*