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## Summer School Programme (Ninth Edition)

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Summer School Rector **Stéphane Courtois**  
Chairman **Romulus Rusan**  
*Sighet, 10-17 July 2006*

The “**Chronology of the Cold War**” Exhibition and the “**Living Museum**” Colloquium (14-16 July 2006)  
have been organised as part of the European Commission  
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*Summer School courses are held in the conference room of the Memorial to the Victims of Communism and to the Resistance*

*The Sighet Memorial to the Victims of Communism and to the Resistance (Founding President: Ana Blandiana) is a project of the Civic Academy Foundation, continued, since 1993, under the aegis of the Council of Europe*

## Monday, 10 July

Arrival of participants

10.30-12.30 *Guided tour of the Sighet Memorial to the Victims of Communism and to the Resistance*

12.30-13.30 Official opening of the Summer School

**Ana Blandiana**, *President of the Civic Academy Foundation*

**Constantin Ticu Dumitrescu**, *President of the AFDPR*

**Gunter W. Dill**, *Director of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation Representative Office in Bucharest*  
and

Opening of new exhibition spaces

*“You will learn the Truth”*

*“The repression of Culture (Imprisoned Writers)” – Ana Blandiana*

*“The Anticommunist Resistance in Maramures”*

*“Forced Labour” (Ioana Boca and Robert Fürtös)*

14.00-15.30 Lunch

16.30-17.30

**Dan C. Mihăilescu** (Bucharest)

*Communism as Genetic Inheritance*

17.30-18.00 Discussions

18.00-18.15 Break

18.15-19.30

**Dana Țăranu, Cornel Țăranu** (Cluj)

*The Memory of Models. Nicolae Mărgineanu, Erich Bergel*

19.30-20.00 Discussions

20.30-21.30 Dinner

## Tuesday, 11 July

9.00-9.45

**Cicerone Ionițoiu** (Paris)

*When I was as young as you*

9.45-10.00 Break

10.00-10.45

**Virgiliu Țârău** (Cluj)

*1946 – The Student Strike and November Elections*

10.45-11.30 Discussions

Sighet is an “opening” through which the history of one half of Europe is released and makes room for the freedom of truth.

*Jardar Seim (1995)*

Thanks to the numerous translations in the “Black Book of Communism”, I travel widely in Eastern Europe. I have not yet discovered in any other ex-communist country initiatives with the same breadth as Sighet. There are, of course, related initiatives, but which are, for the time being, far from achieving the quality of what has been done at Sighet. With its historical and scientific dimension, (...) the Sighet Memorial should be taken as a model.

*Stéphane Courtois (1999)*

11.30-11.45 Break

11.45-12.30

**Nicolae Noica** (Bucharest)

*Builders and Buildings destroyed under Communism*

12.30-13.00 Discussions

13.30-15.00 Lunch

16.00-16.45

**Boris Movilă** (Kishinev)

*The Resistance in Bessarabia (1944-1990)*

16.45-17.00 Break

17.00-17.45

**Anatol Petrencu** (Kishinev)

*Bessarabia since 1990*

17.45-18.00 Break

18.00-19.00 Discussions

19.30-20.30 Dinner

21.00-22.00 *Concert*

### **Wednesday, 12 July**

9.00-9.45

**Dennis Deletant** (London)

*Romanians and the British Intelligence Services during the Second World War*

9.45-10.15 Discussions

10.15-10.30 Break

10.30-11.15

**Ioan Holender** (Vienna)

*After 1956, from Timișoara to Vienna*

11.15-11.45 Discussions

11.45-12.00 Break

12.00-13.00

*Oral History Workshop.* Ana Blandiana, Romulus Rusan, Corina Cimpoieru and Andreea Cârstea

13.30-15.00 Lunch

I appreciate the unique and highly useful Sighet Memorial Project, and Mrs Ana Blandiana, the soul of this project, whom I have had the pleasure to meet on the occasion of a visit to Bucharest.

*Václav Havel (2001)*

16.00-16.45

**Luiza Palanciuc** (Paris)

*The Sense of Rupture: Identity, Alterity and Continuity in Post-Communist Society*

16.45-17.15 Discussions

17.15-17.30 Break

17.30-18.15

**Dorin Dobrinu** (Jassy)

*The Anticommunist Resistance in the Romanian Mountains*

18.15-18.30 Discussions

18.30-18.45 Break

18.45-19.30

**Gheorghe Ceaușescu** (Bucharest)

*The Elimination of Classical Culture in Education under Communism*

19.30-20.00 Discussions

**Thursday, 13 July** (The “**Living Museum**” Colloquium, as part of the European “Culture 2000” Programme, takes place concomitantly with the Summer School)

9.00-9.45

**Anneli Ute Gabany** (Berlin)

*The Personality Cult in the Ceaușescu Period*

9.45-10.15 Discussions

10.15-10.30 Break

10.30-11.15

**Christian Östermann** (Washington)

*New Directions in the Study of the Cold War*

11.15-11.45 Discussions

12.00-13.00

Exhibition opening of “*The Chronology of the Cold War*”

Romulus Rusan (International Centre for the Study of Communism – Bucharest)

Christian Östermann (Cold War International History Programme – Washington DC)

Dennis Deletant (University College London – University Amsterdam)

13.30-15.00 Lunch

16.00-16.45

**Sorin Antohi** (Budapest)

*History and Memory in Eastern Europe*

16.45-17.00 Break

17.00-17.45

Let our meeting in this high place of remembrance honour the victims of persecution, and let the debates allow a better understanding of the mechanisms that led to this tragedy and, likewise, let them throw into relief the energies that allowed its defeat, so that our world might be able to learn from the lessons of history.

*Papa John Paul II (2002)*

I hope that, through the symposium that has gathered here at Sighet, a town symbolic for the memory of communism and for our shared recent history, you will arrive at a correct evaluation of the final period of the former system and that you will establish the consequences for a new epoch, as they unfold from this lesson of history.

*Lech Walesa (2002)*

**Harald Welzer** (Budapest)

*Memory, Truth and Trauma*

17.45-18.00 Break

18.00-18.45

**Peter Apor** (Budapest)

*Objectives and Results; Evoking the Recent Past in post-Communist Europe*

18.45-19.30 Discussions

20.00-21.00 Dinner

21.00-22.00

Poetry Evening

**Friday, 14 July**

9.00-9.45

**Ana Blandiana, Romulus Rusan**

*Dialogue about the first memorial to the victims of communism*

9.45-10.15 Discussions

10.15-10.30 Break

10.30-11.15

**Helmut Muller-Enbergs** (Berlin)

*The Communist Dictatorship as presented by Museums in Germany*

11.15-11.45 Discussions

11.45-12.00 Break

12.00-12.45

**Libuše Valentova** (Prague)

*The Memory of the Past in the Czech Republic: Between Nostalgia and Amnesia*

12.45-13.15 Discussions

13.30-15.00 Lunch

16.00-16.45

**Thierry Wolton** (Paris)

*Communism and Islamism: From one Form of Totalitarianism to Another*

16.45-17.15 Discussions

17.15-17.30 Break

17.30-18.15

**Mircea Martin** (Bucharest)

*Communism as Colonialism*

18.15-18.45 Discussions

What is unique at Sighet is the Summer School. Of course, the same thing has been attempted in other places... But from this point of view, the Memorial is unique.

*Vladimir Bukovski (2002)*

18.45-19.00 Break

19.00-19.45

**Alexandru Zub** (Jassy)

*Historical Synthesis and National Identity*

19.45-20.00 Discussions

20.00-21.00 Dinner

21.00-22.00

The film “*Sebastian*” by Lucia Hossu Longin – presentation by Andrei Oișteanu

### **Saturday, 15 July**

9.00 –9.45

**Bogdan Lis** (Gdansk)

*Historical Memory viewed as an Intrinsic Cultural Element*

9.45-10.00 Break

10.00-10.45

**T. Fiszbach** (Warsaw)

*The August 1980 Strikes: The August Negotiations and Agreements. Assessment of the Situation up to the Imposition of Martial Law*

10.45-11.30 Discussions

11.30-11.45 Break

11.45-12.30

**Frantisek Zahradka** (Příbram – Czech Republic)

*A Czech Museum of Communism*

12.30-13.00 Discussions

13.30-15.00 Lunch

16.00-16.45

Opening of the “*Hungarian Revolution*” exhibition space

**Pál Germuska** (Institute for the Study of the 1956 Revolution- Budapest)

**Ioana Boca** (International Centre for the Study of Communism- Bucharest)

**Peter Kende** (Budapest) –*The 1956 Hungarian Revolution*

16.45-17.00 Break

17.00-18.30

**Round Table:** *The Student Movement in 1956 and after 1956.* Alexandru Zub, Mihalache Brudiu, Eusebiu Munteanu, Alexandru Mihalcea, Teodor Stanca, Ioana Boca

18.30-19.00 Discussions

19.00-20.00

With admiration and gratitude for a remarkable achievement, I congratulate you with all my heart and leave in the knowledge that I shall return. I leave with the words of Ana Blandiana in my thoughts: "When justice does not succeed in being a form of memory, memory alone can be a form of justice."

*Arh. Șerban Cantacuzino (2004)*

*Test for participating pupils - Romulus Rusan, Virginia Ion, Andreea Cârstea*

20.00-21.00 Dinner

21.00-23.00

*Campfire*

**Sunday, 16 July**

10.00-13.00

**Round table:** *Channels for the Transmission of Memory in the post-Communist Period*

*Chairpersons* Ana Blandiana și Romulus Rusan

*Participants* Christian Östermann, Bogdan Lis, Tadeusz Fiszbach, Libuše Valentova, Frantisek Zahradka, Anatol Petrencu,

Boris Movilă, Gheorghe Mihai Bârlea, Mihai Dăncuș, Andrei Oișteanu,

Helmut Muller Enbergs, Anneli Ute Gabany, Stelian Tănase

13.30-15.00 *Lunch*

9.00-17.00

*Excursion for pupils*

18.30 – 20.00

*Prize-giving ceremony*

21.00

*Banquet*

**Monday, 17 July**

*Departure of participants*

The travel expenses of Mr Christian Östermann have been financed by Dr Miron Costin (Los Angeles)

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*Ana Blandiana*