Two-day seminar/workshop: “Reform Communism since 1945”
Final programme

Venue: Room 01.02, Arts Building I, UEA, Norwich, NR4 7TJ

Saturday 22 October

10.30 registration, coffee

11.00 – 12.45 Session 1.
Francis King, UEA: Welcome and introduction, and survey: “Defining ‘Reform Communism’”
Marina V. Khmelnitskaya, Oxford: “Housing policy in the late Soviet period: ideational transformation, the policy process and the struggle for power”
Graham Taylor, London: “Reform communism compared with 17th century movements”

12.45 – 1.45 lunch

1.45 – 3.30 Session 2.
Marko Fuček, Zagreb: “Tito’s Youth: Titoism and its Application through People’s Youth Organization, 1948-1952”
Jana George, Jena: “Socially critical films in the 1960s/70s in Yugoslavia from a historical perspective”
Katalin Miklossy, Helsinki: “Interactive Socialism: Institutional reformism in the Eastern Bloc”

3.30 – 4.00 coffee

4.00 – 5.45 Session 3.
Hans Asenbaum, Vienna: “Reform Communism from below - Alternative Democratic Ideas of the Russian Informal Movement during the Perestroika Period”
Vasil Paraskevov, Shumen: “The Decline of Socialism in Bulgaria: Mikhail Gorbachev, Todor Zhivkov and the Soviet Perestroika, 1985-1989”
Nevena Stoyanova Vlaykova, Oxford: “The Prague Spring and the season that never came - Bulgaria’s reflection of the invasion in Czechoslovakia in 1968”
Dieter Segert, Vienna: “Communist reformers as a major driving force of changes in late East Central European Socialism - a comparison”

Sunday 23 October

9.30 – 11.15 Session 4.
György Péteri, Trondheim: “‘Acquisitive Society’ and State Socialism. Lifestyle Issues and Consumerism in the Policies and Discursive Practices of Kádárist Hungary”
András Pintér, Budapest: “How theory and practice interact in socialism”
Nigel Swain, Liverpool: “Research Institutes in Late Kádár-Era Hungary”

11.15 – 11.30 coffee

11.30 – 1.15 Session 5.
Daniel Gordon, Edge Hill: “The French Communist Party and Immigration, 1961-1981: Failure or Success?”
Sebastian Seng, Mainz: “The Relations between the East German (SED) and Spanish Communist Parties (PCE) from 1971 to 1978”
Hugo Radice, Leeds: “Marxist dissidents in Eastern Europe and their critical analyses of ‘actually existing socialism’ in the 1960s and 1970s”

1.15 – 2.15 lunch

2.15 – 4.00 Session 6.
Andrew Pearmain, Norwich: “The uses and abuses of Gramsci”
David Purdy: “Transforming and Transcending Capitalism: Reflections on the Eurocommunist Experience”
Mike Waite: “Was reform communism possible?”

4.00 – 4.30 Summary and conclusion
Matthias Neumann