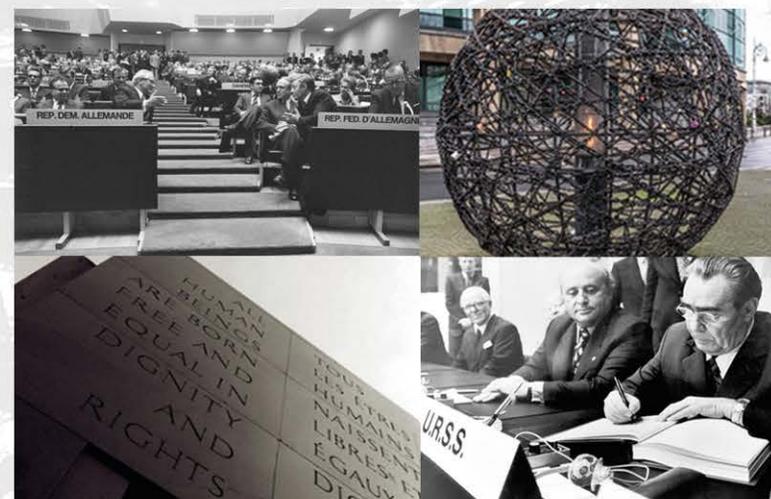
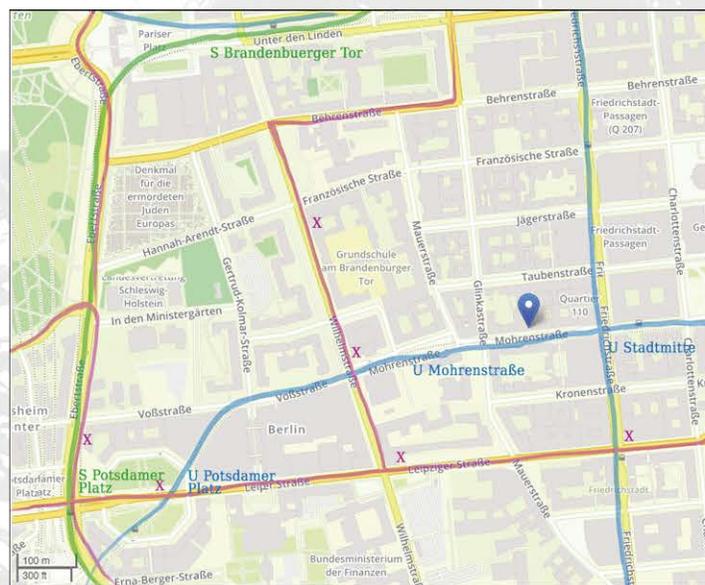


Not many ideas had such a deep impact on the world as the one of communism. Numerous states tried in many different ways to follow the concept of communism and to restructure the entire society according to its postulated ideals. In theory, communism aimed at the welfare of everyone and their equality under the law, but practically communist states often oppressed and pursued dissidents. Also, the concept of inalienable human rights had similar goals. Regardless of any belief, color, or age, these rights should be applied to everyone. But claims of human rights never took place in apolitical contexts. Rather they were used as bargaining chips and means to reach political aims or to claim an own moral superiority.

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Thursday, November 23, 2017

18:00 *Panel Discussion*

Communism and Human Rights

with **Christian Halbrock**, **Ernst Wawra**, and **Annette Weinke**

Chair: Jochen Krüger, Janis Nalbadidacis

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Christian Halbrock, born in the GDR, had a clerical family background so he was not allowed to attend high school. He was co-founder of the Environmental Library, an initiative to focus on the disastrous environmental damages caused by the GDR industry and to breach the science monopoly. After the fall of the wall he studied history and is working as a historian at the Stasi Records Agency.

Ernst Wawra studied East European History and Political Sciences in Nuremberg. He is member of the working group on the outcomes of the Helsinki accords and the Moscow civil rights movement in the 1970s and 80s. In 2010 he was a fellow at the German Historical Institute, Moscow. Today he works at the Georg-August-Universität Göttingen.

Annette Weinke studied history, journalism, and art history. She finished her PhD on investigation against Nazi perpetrators between internal German confrontation and foreign policy necessity. She was visiting professor at several US-universities and fellow in Princeton. Her main research is international law, human rights, law and justice in the GDR, and public history in post-authoritarian societies. She was part of the working group on the history of the German Foreign Ministry.



Friday, November 24, 2017

09:30 Welcome

1. „All Humans are Equal“. Between Ideal and Implementation

Chair:

10:30 **Kim Christians** (*KU Leuven*)

Beyond Agitprop? Communist Campaigns on behalf of the Third World and the Rise of Human Rights, 1960s-1980s

Comment: **Stephen Westlake**

11:15 **Elisa Kriza** (*University of Bamberg*)

Utopia for the Chosen? The Soviet Constitution of 1936 in its Context of Hope and Persecution

Comment: **Anna Safronova**

lunch break

2. Human Rights in Socialist and Inner State Discourses

Chair:

13:30 **Ana Devic** (*Educons University, Novi Sad*)

Dissidence in Socialist Yugoslavia: (Blurred?) Lines between the Participatory and Nationalist Perspectives on Human Rights

Comment: **Srdan M. Jovanović**

14:15 **Anaïs Van Ertvelde** (*Leiden University*)

Disability Rights as Human Rights in Poland after WWII

Comment: **Robert Andrzejczyk**

15:00 **Bedrudin Brljava** (*University of Sarajevo*)

Communism and Muslims in Bosnia and Herzegovina: Between Fear and Freedom?

Comment: **Eriada Cela**

coffee break

3. NGOs in Socialist States

Chair

16:30 **Robert Andrzejczyk** (*Nicolaus Copernicus University, Toruń*)

Major Amnesty International Actions in Communist Poland

Comment: **Anaïs Van Ertvelde**

17:15 **Srdan Jovanović** (*Lund University*)

Communists, Europeanists, Sorosites and Eternal Scapegoats: A Short History of the Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in Belgrade

Comment: **Bedrudin Brljava**

18:15 **Tetiana Perga** (*National Academy of Science of Ukraine, Kiev*)

Influence of Americans for Human Rights in Ukraine on the Situation in Ukrainian SSR (1980-1990)

Comment: **Elisa Kriza**

diner

Saturday, November 25, 2017

4. Human Rights as Bargaining Chips in Foreign Policy

Chair:

09:30 **Anna Safronova** (*Panthéon Sorbonne Paris I*)

The Right to Food: Use of the Argument for Humanitarian Help in a Struggle for Power by a Group of “old Cooperative Leaders” of Tsentrosojuz against the Bolshevik Regime in 1919-1920

Comment: **Ana Devic**

10:15 **Stephen Westlake** (*Central European University, Budapest*)

Did “Human Rights Radio” Kill Communism? Transnational Broadcasting and the Helsinki Final Act, 1973-1981

Comment: **Tetiana Perga**

coffee break

5. In the Shadow of Class Struggles - Fights for Women's Rights in Socialist States

Chair: **Elisa Satjukow** (*Leipzig University*)

11:45 **Eriada Cela** (*Aleksander Xhuvani University, Elbasan*)

The Right to Education Propaganda in Communist Albania: the War of Classes versus Women's Emancipation

Comments: **Kim Christians**, **Zsófia Lóránd**

short break

13:30 Final Discussion