



UNIVERSITATEA
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International Conference
**Churches and Political Power during Communism:
Individual Biographies and Institutional Mechanisms**
(Alba Iulia, Romania, 20-23th September 2023)

Programme (Draft)

WEDNESDAY – 20th SEPTEMBER

Arrival/ Accommodation
(Hotel Transilvania & Hotel Vila Preciosa)
Dinner - **19:00-21:00** (Hotel Transilvania)

THURSDAY – 21th SEPTEMBER

Apor Palace ("1 Decembrie 1918" University)
Official Opening - 9:30 - 9:50

First Session - 9:50 – 12:45
(Cosmin Budeancă – chair)

- PhD Máthé Áron - vice-chair, Committee of National Remembrance, Budapest, Hungary
Deceiving Documents? The Case of Sándor Joó, a Calvinist Pastor
- PhD habil. Mirosław Szumiło - researcher, Institute of National Remembrance, Warsaw, Poland
John Paul II and the Activities of the Opposition in the Countries of the Soviet Bloc
- PhD Radu Preda – professor, Faculty of Orthodox Theology, Babeș-Bolyai University of Cluj-Napoca, Romania
The Church in Communism. Towards a Theology of Memory

Coffee-Break (11:10-11:20)

- PhD Marcin Zwolski - researcher, Sybir Memorial Museum in Białystok, Poland
The Fight for Remembrance. Clergy Repressed by the Soviet Union in the Sybir Memorial Museum's Transmission
- PhD habil. Bánkuti Gábor - associate professor, University of Pécs, Department of Modern History, Pécs, Hungary
The Catholic Church in Hungary and Romania under the Communist dictatorship. A comparative analysis.
- PhD Dorin Demostene Iancu - chair, The Archives of the Romanian Patriarchate, Romania
The Relations between the U.S.S.R and The Vatican in 1963, According to Soviet Documents

Exhibition Opening (National Museum of the Union) - 13:00



Lunch - 14:00 – 15:00

("1 Decembrie 1918" University Restaurant)

Second Session - 15:00 – 18:30

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(Dragoș Ursu – chair)

- PhD Mirel Bănică - researcher, The Institute for the History of Religions, Bucharest, Romania
Strategies of Survival. Decree 410 and Its Effects on Contemporary Romanian Monasticism. A Sociological Approach
- PhD habil. Rafał Łatka - associate professor, Institute of National Remembrance, Poland / "Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński" University, Warsaw, Poland
A Realist and a Prophet - the Role of Card. Stefan Wyszyński for Poland during the Communist Rule
- PhD Ion Xenofontov - professor, Faculty of History, The Moldova State University, Chișinău, Republic of Moldova
The Situation of Monasteries in Soviet Moldova
- PhD Marius Silveșan - assistant professor, The Baptist Theological Institute of Bucharest/ High-School 'Marin Preda', Bucharest, Romania
Baptists from Romania and the Revolution of December 1989

Coffee-break (16:40-16:50)

- PhD habil. Cosmin Budeancă - researcher, The Institute for the Investigation of the Communist Crimes and the Memory of the Romanian Exile, Bucharest, Romania
"Condemned by Communists like 'Vatican's Spy'" The Biography of Roman-Catholic Priest Ștefan Tătaru
- PhD Ruxandra Canache - curator, Museum of the Horrors of Communism, Bucharest, Romania
Hidden Galleries: Clandestine Religion in the Secret Police Archives
- PhD student Maria Buțcu - Faculty of History, The Moldova State University, Chișinău, Republic of Moldova
A controversial destiny - The Priest Vasile Țepordei
- PhD student Dragoș Vlădescu - „Nicolae Iorga” Institute of History, Bucharest, Romania
Romanian-British Church Relations during the Communist Regime
- PhD Ioana Ursu - post-doctoral researcher, "1 Decembrie 1918" University of Alba Iulia / National Museum of the Union, Alba Iulia, Romania
The Discourse of Repression. Narrativity and Semantics Inside the Securitate File of the Burning Bush from Antim Monastery

Festive Dinner – 19:00

(Vila Preciosa Restaurant)



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FRIDAY – 22th SEPTEMBER

Third Session - 9:30 – 14:15

Apor Palace („1 Decembrie 1918” University)

(Ioana Ursu – chair)

- PhD habil. Radoslaw Domke - professor, University of Zielona Góra, Department of Recent History, Zielona Góra, Poland
The image of a Church in Polish Communist Films (1968-1989)
- PhD habil. Jan Nicolae - professor, Faculty of Orthodox Theology, "1 Decembrie 1918" University of Alba Iulia, Romania
Tensions between the Church and the State during the 1950s, as Reflected in Father Ioan Iovan's Memoir
- PhD Ana Maria Iancu - researcher, "Ion I.C. Brătianu" Institute of Political Science and International Relations, Romanian Academy, Bucharest, Romania
Lesser Known Aspects from the History of the Union of Democratic Priests
- PhD student Adrian Nicolae Petcu - researcher, The National Council for the Study of the Securitate Archives, Bucharest, Romania
Institutions of Repression and Religious Cults in Communist Romania (1948-1989)
- PhD Denisa Bodeanu - researcher, The National Council for the Study of the Securitate Archives, Bucharest, Romania
The Desert of the Uttered Words... Conversations of Catholic Bishop Márton Áron, Taped by the Securitate between 1956 and 1980

Coffe-Break (11:45-12:00)

- PhD Răzvan Perșa - lecturer, Faculty of Orthodox Theology, "Babeș-Bolyai" University of Cluj-Napoca, Romania
Legal and Canonical Mechanisms for the Oppression of Priests during the Communist Period. Case Study: Father Arsenie Boca
- PhD Csongor Jánosi - researcher, Pokoly Association Cluj-Napoca, Romania
Life Itinerary of a Transylvanian Reformed Priest during the Communist Regime. Dénes G. Fülöp (1931-2005)
- PhD Rev, Eduard Fartan - London/ "Babeș-Bolyai" University of Cluj-Napoca, Romania
Greek-Catholic Bishop Ioan Suciu and Orthodox Bishop Nicolae Popovici facing Communism. Parallels and Convergences
- PhD Dragoș Ursu - post-doctoral researcher, "1 Decembrie 1918" University of Alba Iulia/ National Museum of the Union, Alba Iulia, Romania
The Controversies of a Dramatic Biography. Bartholomew Ananias' Mission to America in the Context of the Recalibration of State-Church Relations under Ceaușescu
- PhD habil. Kiss Reka - chairperson, The Committee of National Remembrance, Budapest, Hungary
Dilemmas and Survival Strategies in the Hungarian Reformed Church during the Communist Regime

Conclusions



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Lunch - 14:30-15:30

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Guided Tour in the Alba Iulia citadel - 16:00-18:00

Dinner - 19:00

("1 Decembrie 1918" University Restaurant)

SATURDAY - 23th SEPTEMBER

Departure

Useful addresses:

Hotel Transilvania – Piața Iuliu Maniu, no. 11

Hotel Vila Preciosa – st. Lucian Blaga, no. 10

"1 Decembrie 1918" University of Alba Iulia (Apor Palace) – st. Gabriel Bethlen, no. 1

National Museum of the Union – st. Mihai Viteazul, no. 12-14

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