



## Education for Human Right through the History of the Communist Regimes in Eastern Europe and Former Soviet Union

International Conference

27 – 28 September 2012

Venue: Bucharest, Hotel Ramada Majestic, Calea Victoriei 38-40

27 September 2012

### 9.30 - Opening Speeches

**Raluca Grosescu**, Respiro – Human Rights Research Centre, **Ovidiu Voicu** – Soros Foundation, **Andrei Muraru** – The Institute for the Investigation of Communist Crimes and the Memory of the Romanian Exile, **Doru Dumitrescu**, Ministry of Education Romania

### 10.00 – 11.30 : *Teaching the History of the Communist Regime: Sensitive and Controversial Issues*

- *Conflicting Interpretations in Teaching the History of the Communist Regime in Estonia* - Uve Poom, Unitas Foundation, Estonia

- ***Sensitive and Controversial Issues in Teaching the History of Communism in Romania*** - Mihai Stamatescu, Institute for the Investigation of Communist Crimes and the Memory of the Romanian Exile, Romania
- ***Attitudes to Communist History in the Context of Nationbuilding: The Case of Armenia*** - Alexander Iskandaryan, Caucasus Institute Foundation, Armenia

### **Discussions**

11.30 – 12.00 Coffee Break

### **12.00 – 13.30: The history of communism in post-communist textbooks**

- ***The History of the Communist Regime in the Post-communist German Textbooks*** - Hanna Grzempa, Georg Eckert Institute for international research of textbooks, Germany
- ***Rewriting the History of Communism in Postcommunist Romanian Textbooks*** - Raluca Grosescu, Respiro – Human Rights Research Centre, Romania
- ***Teaching Communism from a Skill Development Approach: The Albanian Case*** - Aurora Guxholli, Institute for Education Development, Albania

### **Discussions**

13.30 – 15.00 Lunch

### **15.00 – 17.00: Teaching the History of the Communist Regime: The Current situation in the Region I**

- ***Silence in the Bulgarian Schools about the History of Communism*** - Vasili Kadrinov, Hannah Arendt Institute, Bulgaria
- ***Soviet past – black spot? White page? Shining pride?*** - Tamara Edelman, Moscow History Teachers Association, Russian Federation
- ***Lets Talk about Freedom - The Meeting with a Witness History*** - Iga kazimierczyk, Center for Citizenship Foundation, Poland
- ***The World Memory Film Project*** - Michael Kirtley, Journalist, USA

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**9.30-10.00 - Opening Speeches**

**Matthijs van Bonzel**, Ambassador of Kingdom of Netherlands in Romania, **Neela Wilkemannova**, Executive Director, The Platform of European Memory and Conscience, **Liliana Preoteasa**, Ministry of Education (TBC)

**10.00- 11.30: Teaching the History of the Communist Regime: The Current situation in the Region II**

- ***The Communist Regime in the History Curricula and Textbooks in the Republic of Moldova*** - **Sergiu Musteață**, The National Association of Young Historians of Moldova, Republic of Moldova
- ***Teaching the totalitarian past. Challenges, methods and good practices in Lithuania*** - **Ronaldas Racinskas**, International Commission for Evaluation of the Crimes of the Nazi and Soviet Occupation Regimes in Lithuania, Lithuania
- ***Experience of the Museum of the Occupation of Latvia in teaching about totalitarian regimes*** - **Davis Pumpuris**, Museum of the Occupation of Latvia, Latvia

**Discussions**

11.30 – 12.00 Coffee Break

**12.00 – 13.30: Good Practices in Teaching the History of the Communist Regime I**

- ***Teaching the History of Communism through Family Stories*** - **Jelka Piškurić**, Study Centre for National Reconciliation, Slovenia
- ***The Stories of Injustice*** - **Nada Aliova**, People in Need Foundation, Czech Republic
- ***The education work in the Berlin-Hohenschönhausen Memorial*** - **Helmuth Frauendorfer**, Berlin-Hohenschönhausen Memorial, Germany

**Discussions**

13.30 – 15.00 Lunch

**15.00 – 17.00: Good Practices in Teaching the History of the Communist Regime II**

- ***The use of contemporary Peer-Perspective in teaching*** - Marina Zavacka, Institute of History, Slovak Academy of Sciences
- ***Communism and the Cold War through Oral Histories*** - Tamas Baranyi, Terror Haza, Hungary
- ***Strategies and resources for teaching the History of Communism in Romania*** - Adelina Tintariu, Institute for the Investigation of Communist Crimes and the Memory of the Romanian Exile, Romania

***Discussions***