

The Danube Institute November, 2017 Program

100th Anniversary of the Russian Revolution

Date: November 09

Location: Párbeszéd Háza, Budapest, Horánszky u. 20, 1085

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. / 13:00–19:00

A commemoration on the 100th anniversary of the Russian revolution, the conference will explore:

- **The Collapse of Communism-**

David Pryce Jones, UK author of *The War That Never Was: The Fall of the Soviet Union, 1985-1991*, along with former **Ambassador Charles Crawford, CMG** will examine the unraveling of the USSR. How did it happen? Why were Western governments caught flat-footed?

- **Communism, Hungary and Eastern Europe-**

From Shock to Propaganda: The Image of Bolshevism in Interwar Hungary
Gergely Romsics, Senior Fellow at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Research Center for Humanities and Tom Lantos Institute Fellow, will present a lecture on the impact of the Russian revolution on Hungarian public thinking between 1918-1941. Professor Romsics will examine how this ideological and political shock created long-lasting waves that deeply influenced the Hungarian political elite and the intelligentsia.

- **Communism and Society: The Economy, the Arts, and the Intellectuals -**

Historian **Norman Stone** will discuss the attraction of communism to the intelligentsia. He will be joined by Poet, Critic and Strategist **Gyula Kodolányi** who will discuss the impact of communism on the arts, first as a revolutionary doctrine, second as a bulwark of state power, and by Professor **Julius Horvath**, who will examine the economic impact.

- **The Victims of Communism: the Unquiet Graves-**

Áron Máthé, Vice Chair National Committee on Remembrance (NEB) along with **Jaap Scholten**, author of the award winning book, "***Comrade Baron***" will focus on the millions of victims of communism and the need to ensure that their sacrifice and the crimes against them will receive the full weight of history's condemnation.

- **Professor Robert Service** responds.

Schedule of Event:

12:30-13:00—Registration

13:00-13:10—Welcoming Remarks by John O’Sullivan

13:10-14:10—The Collapse of Communism

Author David Pryce-Jones

Ambassador Charles Crawford, CMG, Q & A

14:10-15:10— Communism, Hungary and Eastern Europe

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15:10-15:50— Coffee break-snacks served

15:50-16:50— Communism and Society: The Economy, the Arts, and the Intellectuals

Historian Norman Stone, Poet Gyula Kodolányi, Professor Julius Horvath, Head of MA in Global Economic Relations Program at CEU, Q & A

16:50-17:50—The Victims of Communism: the Unquiet Graves

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17:50-18:20—Response by Professor Robert Service

Q & A, program ends

18:20-19:20—Reception

