

De-patrimonialization and re-patrimonialization in post-Soviet Europe

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Reappropriating their history and heritage was a major challenge for countries that lived under Soviet rule until 1991. The debunking of statues was the most spectacular sign of this process of identity resynchronization. At the same time, and in a more discreet but profound way, the liberation of minds was reflected in the implementation of a new narrative of the history of these countries and the creation of a new heritage offering.

Yet, more than 30 years after the fall of the Soviet empire, Russian power has not abandoned its project to control Soviet heritage. Quite the contrary, in fact. Witness the article "On the historical unity of Russians and Ukrainians" (July 12, 2021), signed by Vladimir Putin, in which history is instrumentalized and falsified to justify the war against Ukraine, denying the country's own history and identity.

But Ukraine is not the only country involved. Politicians in the Baltic States are now being accused by Moscow of "hostile actions against Russian memory", and are being prosecuted for "destroying and damaging monuments to Soviet soldiers" from the Second World War. Search warrants have been issued against them, in defiance of the principles of international law and democracy. Other countries affected by this policy include Moldova and Georgia.

This denial of history and heritage as a diplomatic weapon is a phenomenon worth reflecting on. That's why Babeş-Bolyai University (Cluj-Napoca), as part of its partnership with the DYCLAM+ European master's program dedicated to contemporary cultural heritage issues, has decided to convene a seminar, welcoming specialists in this field. The idea is to shed light on the current processes of depatrimonialization and repatrimonialization underway in post-Communist countries, as well as to analyze the ways in which these societies are remembering their Soviet past.

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Programme

9.30 – Registration & coffee

10.30 – 12.00 Ukraine (Monnet Room, Chair: Paula Mureșan)

1. **Robert Belot**, PhD, Professor, director of the DYCLAM+ Consortium, Jean Monnet University, Saint-Étienne - The relaunching of the destruction process of the Soviet heritage in Europe in the wake of the Russian-Ukrainian war
2. **Adrian-Gabriel Corpădean**, PhD, Associate Professor, Dean of the Faculty of European Studies, Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca – The shared patrimony of Romania and Ukraine in the shadow of Russia
3. **Kamil Zajączkowski**, PhD, Associate Professor, Director of the Centre for Europe, University of Warsaw - The war in Ukraine and the global battle for historical narrative and values
4. **Krzysztof Jasiński**, PhD, Professor, Centre for Europe, University of Warsaw - The war in Ukraine: different definitions of victory and the Polish perspective

10.30 – 12.00 Moldova, the Baltic states, and the Eurasian project (Veil Room, Chair: Michał Gierycz)

1. **Ludmila Coadă**, PhD, Associate Professor, Free International University of Moldova - Attitudes, Policies and (Re)Actions toward Soviet-Era Monuments in the Republic of Moldova
2. **Katerina Klimoska**, PhD, Ss Cyril and Methodius University of Skopje - Human rights and democracy derived from right on heritage - Council of Europe's Faro Convention, Geopolitical approach of the two concept: Europe and Eurasia. Case study: post-Soviet Europe
3. **Sergiu Musteață**, PhD, Professor, "Ion Creangă" State Pedagogical University of Chișinău & University of Târgoviște - Soviet legacy in the Republic of Moldova between de-patrimonialization and re-patrimonialization
4. **Emilija Pundziūtė-Gallois**, PhD, Université Vytautas Magnus, Kaunas, Lituanie, CERSA, Paris Panthéon-Assas, La diplomatie de décolonisation culturelle: le cas des pays baltes dans l'ère post-soviétique / Diplomacy of cultural decolonization: the case of the Baltic States in the post-Soviet era

Lunch

14.30 – 16.00 Poland and East Germany (Veil Room, Chair: Kamil Zajączkowski)

1. **Michał Gierycz**, PhD, Associate Professor, Dean of the Faculty of Social and Economic Sciences at Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University of Warsaw - Two approaches to the European integration within Polish political mainstream
2. **Anna Skolimowska**, PhD, Associate Professor, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University of Warsaw - Intermarium: between utopia and reality. Constructing Poland's international identity after 1989



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3. **Dorota Jurkiewicz-Eckert**, PhDc, Centre for Europe, University of Warsaw - Dissonant, unwanted, difficult heritage? Disputes over the removal of monuments of gratitude to the Red Army in Poland
4. **Giovanni Gugg**, PhD, University of Naples 'Federico II', Erased names, divided memories: toponymy as a battlefield in East Germany

14.30 – 16.00 Romania and the Balkans (Monnet Room, Chair: Katerina Klimoska)

1. **Laura-Maria Herța**, PhD, Associate Professor, Vice-Dean of the Faculty of European Studies, Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca – Post-communist and post-war Memory and Identity in Bosnia
2. **Aleksandar Cvetkovic**, PhDc, TA, Faculty of Law, University of Belgrade, We the people who won v. you the people who lost – historical revisionism through law in post-socialist Serbia
3. **Alina Branda**, PhD, Associate Professor, Director of the Institute of International Relations and Area Studies, Faculty of European Studies, Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca - Cultural Heritage Studies in Romania Nowadays. Means and Meanings
4. **Gianina Joldescu-Stan**, PhD, TA, Faculty of European Studies, Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca - the Dacian myth in the Romanian cultural heritage. History or communist propaganda?

14.30 – 16.00 Inner views from Ukraine (Mandela Room, Chair: Sergiu Musteață)

1. **Iryna Sopilko**, PhD, Professor, Dean of the Faculty of Law, National Aviation University (Kyiv, Ukraine) - online - European values of Ukrainians in conditions of de-patrimonialization and re-patrimonialization in post-Soviet Europe
2. **Olena Makeieva**, PhDc, Associate Professor, Head of Theory and History of State and Law Department, the Faculty of Law, National Aviation University (Kyiv, Ukraine) - online - National identity of Ukrainians: axiological-legal dimension
3. **Kateryna Vodolaskova**, PhD, National Aviation University (Kyiv, Ukraine) - Chronology of the use of (non)legal methods to destroy the Ukrainian language
4. **Oksana Myronets**, PhD, Associate Professor of the Faculty of Law, National Aviation University (Kyiv, Ukraine) - Transformation of the Human Safety Right Implementation under the New World's Order

