

Churches in a period of political transition

*International conference – Holocaust Memorial Centre,
Budapest on 6-7 th November 2024*

6 NOVEMBER, WEDNESDAY

9:00 – 9:15	Registration
9:15 – 9:30	Opening speeches Andor Grósz, Chairman of the Board, Holocaust Memorial Center Nándor Máté Birher, Pázmány Péter Catholic University, dean
9:30 – 10:30	Keynote: Marcell Mártonffy Interpretation of Tradition, theological orientation, institutional policy: Church responses before and after regime change in Hungary
10:30 – 11:00	Questions and discussion
11:00 – 11:20	Coffee Break

Panel I.

11:20 – 11:40	Maryana Prokop , Jan Kochanowski University, Kielce The Influence of the Church on Ukraine's Political Transformation (1980-2000): An Analytical Examination of Its Role in National Identity, State Relations, and Democratic Development
11:40 – 12:00	Tomáš Bubík , Palacký University, Olomouc Sacred Shifts: Churches and Religious Life in Contemporary Secular Czechia
12:00 – 12:20	Máté Botos , Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Budapest Does the cut back tree turn green? The Hungarian Catholic Church and their Evolution After the Fall of Communism
12:20 – 12:50	Questions and discussion
12:50 – 14:00	Lunch Break

Panel II.

14:00 – 14:20	Gergely Kovács , Mindszenty Alapítvány, Budapest The Transformation of Cardinal Mindszenty's Legacy: From Communist Era to Post-1989 Hungary
14:20 – 14:40	Zuzanna Bogumił , University of Warsaw, Warsaw The Catholic Church in Poland as a Chain of Memory Entrepreneur During a Period of Political Transition

14:40 – 15:00	Jan Hlebowicz , Institute of National Remembrance, Gdansk From pilgrimage to pilgrimage. The Roman Catholic Church in Poland during the political transition (1987–1991) - selected issues
15:00 – 15:30	Questions and discussion
15:30 – 15:45	Coffee Break

Panel III.

15:45 – 16:05	István Csonta , Episcopal Theological College, Pécs Transition to a Better World?. The Diocese of Alba Iulia and its Catholics in the Period around the 1989 Revolution
16:05 – 16:25	Ionut Biliut , Romanian Academy of Sciences, Bucharest Surviving Communism and Thriving during post-1989 Secularization: The Case of the Romanian Orthodox Church in the 1980s and the 1990s
16:25 – 16:45	Michał Wawrzonek , Jesuit University Ignatianum, Cracow Russian Orthodox Church and sociopolitical transitions on the post-Soviet space.
16:45 – 17:15	Questions and discussion
17:15	Closing speech

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9:10 – 9:15	Welcome speech

Panel IV.

9:15 – 9:35	András Csepregi , John Wesley Theological College, Budapest The relaunch of the Lutheran High School in Fásor
9:35 – 9:55	David Václavík , Masaryk University, Brno Between Apathy and Belief in “Something”. Seventy Shades of Grey of Czech Religiosity
9:55 – 10:15	András Lénárt , Holocaust Memorial Center, Budapest From State Protection to Apprehension: Jewish Community’s Post-Communist Dilemma
10:15 – 10:45	Questions and discussion
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee Break

Panel V.

11:00 – 11:20	Eduard Fiedler , Palacký University, Olomouc Underground Church and Eschatological Solidarity
11:20 – 11:40	Luka Lisjak Gabrijelčič , Independent Scholar, Ljubljana Catholic Intellectuals and the Church in Slovenia during Transition: Aggiornamento or Kulturkampf?
11:40 – 12:00	Agáta Sustova-Drelova , Slovak Academy of Sciences, Bratislava National Past and Catholic Moral Reasoning in post socialist Slovakia
12:00 – 12:30	Questions and discussion
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch

Panel VI.

14:00 – 14:20	Viktor Attila Soós , Committee of National Remembrance, Budapest The Last Days of the State Office for Churches
14:20 – 14:40	Miroslav Tizik , Slovak Academy of Sciences, Bratislava The State as a Protector of Traditional Religious Groups - the Case of the Slovak Republic
14:40 – 15:00	Csaba Fazekas , University of Miskolc, Miskolc Transition and Churches in Hungary, with special regard to the small churches
15:00 – 15:25	Questions and discussion
15:25 – 16:00	Coffee Break

Panel discussion

16:00 – 17:00	Participants: Péter Kardos , Chief Rabbi Balázs Fényes , Retired Associate Professor of the The Budapest University of Jewish Studies, Professor Emeritus of University of Szeged András Zima , Director of the Holocaust Memorial Centre
17:00 – 17:30	Questions and discussion
17:35	Closing speech

