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Thursday, 16 November

09.00 - 09.30 Arrival and registration of participants

09.30 - 09.45 Welcome address / Opening words

Marco Bresciani, Stefano Bottoni (University of Florence)

09.45 - 12.45 Panel 1

Chair/Discussant: Máté Rigó (LMU Munich)

09.45 - 11.00 Session 1.1

Stefano Bottoni (University of Florence)

Utopia or Alternative? Socialist Entrepreneurship Experiments in Hungary during the late Kádár Era

Macej Tymiński (University of Warsaw)

How to transform a planned economy: early liberal proposals for economic transformation in Poland in the 1980s

11.00 - 11.30 Coffee Break

11.30 - 12.45 Session 1.2

Alessandra Bitumi (University of Teramo)

Jacques Delors: narratives and politics of a "social engineer"

Jonathan Davis (Anglia Ruskin University)

From Affluent Socialism to the Third Way: Labour and the 'Great Moving Right Show', 1987-1997

12.45 Lunch Break

14.45 - 17.45 Panel 2

Chair/Discussant: Chiara Bonfiglioli (University of Venice)

14.45 - 16.00 Session 2.1

Alfredo Sasso (University of Florence)

From self-management to "new socialism". The elaboration and debate on the Ante Marković's reforms in late 1980s Yugoslavia

Simone Attilio Bellezza (University of Eastern Piedmont)

No Alternatives: Trajectories of the Ukrainian Left from Real Socialism to the Early 21st Century

16.00 - 16.30 Coffee Break

16.30 - 17.45 Session 2.2

Alan Granadino (Complutense University of Madrid)

The Spanish socialists and their vision of Europe as an international Third Way in the 1970s and 1980s

Marvin Schnippering (Ruhr-Universität Bochum)

The German Trade Union Confederation's European Policy, 1969 – 1992: An alternative to a market-driven Europe

18.00 - 19.00 Keynote Speech

Cornel Ban (Copenhagen Business School)

Alternatives to orthodox transition economics: Comparing Eastern Europe and China

Friday, 17 November

09.30 - 12.30 Panel 3

Chair/discussant: Silvio Pons (Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa)

09.30 - 11.00 Session 3.1

Marco Bresciani (University of Florence)

Before "the Great Avalanche": Italian reform debates between Socialism and Liberalism (late 1970s-early 1990s)

Valentina Fava (University of Venice)

The Fiat Allis deal and the sanctions: the consequences of US sanctions on Fiat Group investments in the USSR (the 1970s and 1980s)

Giovanni Cadioli (University of Padua)

What planning for "the year 2000"? Soviet economic reform debates and policy in the 1970s-1980s

11.00 - 11.30 Coffee Break

11.15 - 12.30 Session 3.2

Piotr Koryś (University of Warsaw)

How to reform the planned economy: Projects presented at the 1981 Solidarity congress

Michele Di Donato (University of Pisa)

A pedagogy of crisis? Helmut Schmidt, the Socialist International and the international economic order

12.30 Concluding remarks and closing the workshop

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