

**Rethinking Post-Socialism:
The Making and Unmaking of the “Liberal Consensus”**

PROGRAMME

16 November (Thursday)

9:00 – 12:30 First session:

- short introduction of all participants
- a plenary discussion on the general agenda of the project (as described in the first two sections of the pre-proposal): its rationale, the coherence of the envisioned framework, the methodological “common ground”, and the relationship to other similar ventures especially the ones seeking to think through the causes of the recent “backsliding” in ECE.

14:00 – 17:30 Second session:

- Discussion will focus on the five topics around which the research teams are built. We intend to revisit all of them and hear the comments of those of you who kindly accepted to work in these teams, the participants in the other teams, and those who kindly agreed to serve in the informal advisory board of the project.

17 November (Friday)

9:00 – 12:30 Third session

In the center of discussion during the last session will be:

- structural and institutional aspects of implementation, the role of the hosting institutions and the modalities of facilitating the best synergy between them, the cross-team clusters and envisioned meetings/workshops intended to enhance communication, etc.
- coordinating the work on and the technicalities of the application in the second round
- the next steps envisioned to achieve the trans-regional dimension focusing on the post-socialist experience in the Middle East, Central, South and Southeast Asia, and some parts of Africa. (Such dimension was originally incorporated into the project, however, could not be included into the present VW application since the latter, as per the announced call, is tailored to the problem area around the current European crisis.)