

Beyond Transition? Long-Term Political Development in Eastern Europe (1989–2025)

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More than three decades after the transformative years of 1989/1991, Eastern Europe presents a striking diversity of political trajectories. This workshop revisits foundational questions of post-communist political development, moving beyond early transition paradigms and examining long-term processes shaped by external conditionality, historical path dependencies, domestic agency, and political creativity.

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Democracies in Retreat? Post-Socialist Regime Dynamics

Prof. Dr. Timm Beichelt

Between Conditionality, Path-Dependence and Agency – Patterns of Post-Socialist Political Development

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