

## **Turning Point or Catalyst? Chernobyl's Political Consequences**

### **Author's workshop**

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**16 - 17 November 2017, Green Memory Archive Berlin**

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The aim of this author's workshop is to work together intensely, to discuss manuscripts intended for an innovative and cohesive publication on the political consequences of Chernobyl in a comparative perspective. The central goal is to elicit how political and societal actors responded to the unprecedented accident, and which political changes they called for. Thus, when enquiring on the impact of Chernobyl as an event, we are fully aware that the consequences of an event are crucially dependent on how actors appropriated an event and used it as an argument for political action.

Our attention will focus on Chernobyl's consequences in the realm of environmental and nuclear policy. However, in a number of countries, Chernobyl gave rise to much broader questions most notably about official secrecy, democracy, and changes in energy policy more broadly.

Our project is intended to go beyond the state of the art in three respects. First, it seeks to re-insert Chernobyl into a larger perspective of environmental politics and politics more broadly, beyond the narrow focus on what it meant for debates about nuclear power. Secondly, it adopts a comprehensive European perspective, including both Eastern and Western Europe. Thirdly, we are systematically including comparative and transnational perspectives, including the role of international organisations, such as the European Communities. These perspectives will be integrated in the design of the individual chapters, many of them co-authored, comparing two country cases, and the transnational connections between them.

In order to facilitate the comparison, chapters should include the following elements:

1. Introduction into environmental and energy policy (including nuclear issue) in the countries *prior* to Chernobyl, including central actors involved
2. Responses to Chernobyl – Short Term
3. Consequences of Chernobyl – Long Term
4. Comparative conclusions and transnational connections

## **Programme:**

### **Thursday, November 16th, 2017**

09:30 -10:00 Welcome and Introduction (Becker-Schaum/Meyer/Zepp)

10:00-11:00 **Bulgaria / Greece:** Aristoteles Tympas / Ivaylo Hristov, Comments: Julie Ault

11:00-12:00 **Belarus / Litauen:** Andrei Stsiapanau, Comments: Arne Kaijser

12:00- 12:15 Coffee Break

12:15-13:15 **GDR / Poland:** Julie Ault, Comments: Aristoteles Tympas

13:15-14:15 Lunch Break

14:15-15:15 **France / UK:** Karena Kalmbach, Comments: Marianne Zepp

15:15-16:15 **Denmark/Sweden :** Arne Kaijser / JH Meyer, Comments: Ivaylo Hristov

16:30 -16:45 Coffee Break

16:45-17:45 **Spain/Portugal** Albert Presas/Mar Rubio/António Carvalho, Comments: Paul Josephson

### **Friday, November 27th, 2017**

09:30- 10:30 **Italy:** Luigi Piccioni, Comments: Christoph Becker-Schaum

10:30-11:30 **Ukraine/Russia:** Tatiana Kasperski/Paul Josephson, Comments: Jan-Henrik Meyer

11:30-12:30 **Europe / European Parliament / European Greens.** Christoph Becker-Schaum, Comments: Jan-Henrik Meyer, Mary Mitchell

12:30-13:30 Lunch Break

13:30-14:30 **Political Consequences of Chernobyl:** Mary X. Mitchell, Comments: Luigi Piccioni

14:30-15:30 **Final Discussion – Observations, Insights, Publication**