



# After the Fall of the Berlin Wall: 25 years of Market Economy in Central and Eastern Europe

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**9:30-18:00** | Uni Bastions, room B106

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**09:30 Welcome Address**

**Nicolas Levrat** | Professor, Director of the Global Studies Institute  
**Thomas Borer** | Ambassador, CEO of Dr. Borer Consulting

Chair: **André Liebich** | Honorary Professor of International History and Politics,  
The Graduate Institute, Geneva

**09:45 Keynote: “25 Years after the Fall of Communism: Liberty Rapidly Reborn  
but Soon Got Under New Attacks”**

**Václav Klaus** | Former President and Prime Minister of the Czech Republic

**10:15 Second keynote: “The Political Transformation of Central and Eastern  
Europe and Moral Values in a Market Economy of the 21<sup>st</sup> century”**

**Lech Wałęsa** | Former President of Poland, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate

**10:45 Debate**

**11:15 Impulse: “East and West, the twain did meet”**

**André Liebich** | Honorary Professor of International History and Politics,  
The Graduate Institute, Geneva

**11:45 Round Table: The Fall of the Berlin Wall: What Starting Point for Central  
and Eastern European Countries?**

Chair: **Nicolette de Joncaire** | Journalist, Agefi  
**Václav Klaus** | Former President and Prime Minister of the Czech Republic  
**Dušan Sidjanski** | Professor Emeritus, University of Geneva, former Special  
Adviser to the President of the European Commission  
**Richard Sulík** | Former President of the Parliament of Slovakia  
and current Member of the European Parliament  
**Andreas Gross** | Member of the Swiss National Council, Member and  
former President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

**13:00 Lunch break**

**14:30 From Communism to Market Economy and Democracy: Economic  
and political reforms in CEE**

Chair: **Thomas Fuster** | Journalist, NZZ

**Critical junctures, democratic rule and reforms**

**Thilo Bodenstein** | Professor, Central European University, Budapest

**“Emerging Market for Ownership rights and the Rule of Law”**

**Dušan Triska** | Lecturer at the University of Economics, Prague

**“Did EU membership contribute to peace in Central and Eastern Europe? ”**

**René Schwok** | Professor, Global Studies Institute & Department of  
Political Science, University of Geneva

**“Emerging Markets and Institutional Change”**

**Tomáš Munzi** | Head of the Czech Enterprise Institute CEI, Prague

**15:30 Debate**

**16:00 Coffee Break**

**16:30 From Independence to EU Membership: What Future for the Central  
and Eastern European Countries?**

Chair: **Sébastien Faure** | Journalist, RTS

**“Will the EU Break Apart? Integrative and Disintegrative Factors after  
the Eastern Enlargements”**

**Gerald Schneider** | Professor for International Relations,  
University of Konstanz

**“Does economic transition have an end? ”**

**Miroslav Jovanovic** | Lecturer at Global Studies Institute,  
University of Geneva

**“The democratic transition and economic, social and cultural rights”**

**Zdzisław Kędzia** | Chairperson of the UN Committee on Economic,  
Social and Cultural Rights, Professor, University of Poznań

**“The Emergence of a Middle Class as a Precondition for Future Prosperity  
in Central/Eastern European Economies”**

**Rudolf Hermann** | Neue Zürcher Zeitung, Correspondent for Central  
and Eastern Europe

**17:30 Debate**

**18:00 Conclusions**

**Nicolas Levrat** | Professor, Director of the Global Studies Institute