

SYMPOSIUM

**THE WARSAW PACT:
FROM ITS FOUNDING TO ITS COLLAPSE, 1955-1991**

26 -27 May 2004

**Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars
5th Floor Conference Room**

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Thursday, 26 May 2005

08:30-09:30 Registration

09:30-09:45 Opening Remarks

09:45-12:30 Panel 1: Formation and Demise of the Warsaw Pact

10:45-11:00 Coffee Break

Chair: Christian Ostermann, CWIHP (Washington, DC)

Discussant: Raymond Garthoff, Brookings Institution (Washington, DC)

“The Warsaw Pact and East European Crises under Khrushchev and Brezhnev”

Mark Kramer, Harvard University (Cambridge, MA)

“NATO and the Early Days of the Warsaw Pact: Western Political Consultations on Khrushchev’s Foreign Policy, 1955”

Christian Nuenlist, Center for Security Studies (Zurich, Switzerland)

“Gorbachev and the Demise of the Warsaw Pact”

Svetlana Savranskaya, National Security Archive, (Washington, DC)

12:30-02:00 Lunch

02:00-05:00 Panel 2: The Warsaw Pact during Intra-Bloc and East-West Crises

03:30-03:45 Coffee Break

Chair: Charles Gati, Johns Hopkins University (Washington, DC)

Discussant: James Hershberg, George Washington University (Washington, DC)

“Military Planning in NATO and the Warsaw Pact”

Gen. William E. Odom, Hudson Institute (Washington DC)

“The Polish Military in the Warsaw Pact. From the Dream of the 'Polish Front' to the Reality of Martial Law”

Andrzej Paczkowski, Institute for National Remembrance (Warsaw, Poland)

“The PCI and the Polish Crisis, 1980-81”

Silvio Pons, Gramsci Foundation (Rome, Italy)

“Warsaw Pact Coordination during the CSCE Process”

Csaba Bekes, Cold War History Center (Budapest, Hungary)

5:00-6:00 Reception at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

Friday, 27 May 2005

08:30-09:00 Breakfast

09:00-12:00 Panel 3: The Pact's Impact on its Members: Military, State, and Society
10:30-10:45 Coffee Break

Chair: Jeffrey Simon, National Defense University (Washington DC)
Discussant: Christoph Bluth, University of Seoul (Seoul, South Korea)

“The GDR at the Interface of the Two Blocs: The Impact of the Warsaw Pact”

Torsten Diedrich, MGFA (Potsdam, Germany)

“The Impact of the WTO on Czechoslovakia”

Oldrich Tuma, Institute of Contemporary History (Prague)

“Romania and the Military Reform of the Warsaw Pact: 1960-1970”

Carmen Rijnoveanu, Institute for Political Studies of Defense and Military History (Bucharest, Romania)

“The Myth of the Military - Polish Society, the Army and Military Traditions in Light of Unpublished Opinion Polls 1958 - 2004”

Klaus Bachmann, University of Wroclaw (Wroclaw, Poland)

12:00-01:00 Lunch

01:00-04:00 Panel 4: Military Relationships within the Warsaw Pact

Chair: Winfried Heinemann, MGFA (Potsdam, Germany)
Discussant: Christian Ostermann

“Socialist Brothers-in-Arms”? The NVA's Relations with Other Warsaw Pact Armies”

Rüdiger Wenzke, MGFA (Potsdam, Germany)

“Bulgarian-Soviet Military Cooperation”

Jordan Baev, Bulgarian Cold War Research Group (Sofia, Bulgaria)

“Hungarian Military Participation in the Warsaw Pact”

Csaba Bekes and Imre Okvath, Institute of Military History (Budapest, Hungary)

“Albania and the Warsaw Pact”

Ana Lalaj, Cold War Studies Center (Tirana, Albania)