

International Conference AGRICULTURAL COLLECTIVIZATION IN THE SOVIET SPHERE OF INFLUENCE

Národní zemědělské muzeum, Kostelní 44
22–23 October 2025

Programme 22 October 2025

9.30–10.00 Registration

10.00–10.15 Opening Remarks

10.15–11.45 **PANEL 1**

Chair: Jiří Urban

ROMUALD TURKOWSKI: The Fate of Peasants in the Soviet Bloc during the Period of Brutal Rural Collectivization

ARND BAUERKÄMPER: Against All Odds. The Persistence and Transformation of Individual and Collective Interests and Norms under the Impact of the Collectivization of Agriculture in the GDR

ZSUZSANNA VARGA: "What should we talk about in the village?" Women and Collectivization Propaganda in Hungary

ONDREJ PODOLEC: Peasants before the Czechoslovak "People's" Justice

Discussion

11.45–12.00 **COFFEE BREAK**

12.00–13.30 **PANEL 2**

Chair: Jaroslav Rokoský

VĚRA MAJEROVÁ: Forced Collectivization of Czech and Slovak Countryside in Oral Testimonies

MARTIN BOŠTÍK: The Peasant Jan Boštík and his Mladočov Jericho. A Literary Treatment of the Story of Collectivization in a Small Village

SILVIA KOPČÁNI: Youth on Tractors, for a Village without Toil! Young People as Actors and Victims of Forced Collectivization

MICHAELA ZEINEROVÁ BRACHTLOVÁ: The Maršov Chronicle

Discussion

13.30–14.15 **LUNCH BREAK**

14.15–15.45 **PANEL 3**

Chair: Ondrej Podolec

RÓBERT RIGÓ: The Transformation of Rural Society after 1945

ALEXANDER GOGUN: Not a Goal, but a Means. Collectivization in the European Satellites of the USSR in the Context of the Preparation of the Third World War, 1944–1953

MARIAM MANJGALADZE: Mountain Kulakization in Georgia: Forced Relocation and Political Control

Discussion

15.45–16.00 **COFFEE BREAK**

16.00–17.45 **PANEL 4**

Chair: Martin Tichý

PETAR DOBREV: The Fight Against the Kulaks in Bulgaria – The Fate of the Larger-Scale Landowners in Dobrudja after 1944

JAROSLAV ROKOSKÝ: 1950: Resistance Against Collectivization in Czechoslovakia

DARIUS JUODIS: Lithuanian Partisan Resistance to Collectivization in the 1940s and 1950s

NICOLAE DRĂGUȘIN: Forgotten Actors of the Peasant Revolts Against Collectivization. Women, Children and the Elderly in Oral Testimonies about Romania in the 1950s–60s

JANJA SEDLÁČEK: Yugoslav Collectivization: The Case of Slovenia

Discussion

18.00–19.00 Tasting of Products from Member Farms (Association of Private Farming of the Czech Republic)



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9.00–10.30 **PANEL 5**

Chair: Jiří Urban

GÁBOR CSIKÓS: The Symptoms of the Weak – The Elimination of Peasant Society and the Psychological Consequences

IRENA KRČILOVÁ: Forced Evictions of Farming Families from the Pelhřimov Region in the 1950s

JANA PTÁČKOVÁ: Persecution of Peasants in the Náchod District, 1949–1961

PAVOL HRIC: The Easternmost Districts of Czechoslovakia: A Spatial Analysis of the Judicial Persecution of Peasants (1950–1959)

Discussion

10.35–10.45 **COFFEE BREAK**

10.45–12.15 **PANEL 6**

Chair: Ondrej Podolec

KAMIL NEDVĚDICKÝ: The Unlawful Punishment of “Kulak” Children, or Class Racism in Practice

CORNEL MICU: Legal Foundations of Romanian Collectivization: Continuities from Agrarian Reforms to Communist Policy

MIROŚŁAW SZUMIŁO: Party Management of the Collectivization of Agriculture in Poland, 1949–1956

ISTVÁN ÖTVÖS: The Political Police against Hungarian Society

Discussion

12.15–13.00 **LUNCH BREAK**

13.00–14.30 **PANEL 7**

Chair: Martin Tichý

KHRYSTYNA SEMERYN: Female Narration of Soviet Collectivization: Gender, Memory and the Limits of Language

VERONIKA CHALUPOVÁ & JOSEF KADEŘÁBEK: Every Woman with a Basket of Hay!
Collectivization of Small Villages in the Slaný District, 1945–1958

JANA JAKUBSKÁ: Collectivization in 2D: Posters from the National Agricultural Museum Archive

ANDREI-DUMITRU OLTEANU: “In Our Village” is “Fox Hunting”: Collectivization through Propaganda in Communist Cinema

Discussion

14.30–14.45 **COFFEE BREAK**

14.45–16.30 **PANEL 8**

Chair: Jaroslav Rokoský

JIŘÍ URBAN: Searching for the “Class Enemy” in the Environment of Czechoslovak State Farms

MARTIN TICHÝ: The Political Trial of Deml and Others

PÁL GERMUSKA: Escape and Unemployment: The Unintended Side Effects of Collectivization in the Late 1950s, through the Example of Vas County

JIŘÍ PETRÁŠ: The Agricultural Cooperative (JZD) Lhenice from its Beginnings to its Bitter End

JAROSLAV ŠEBEK: From the Perspective of Today’s Private Farmers: Will the Consequences of Forced Collectivization in the Czech Lands Ever Be Overcome?

Discussion

