About the Conference:

The relation between autocracy and market economy has puzzled scholars ever since the breakthroughs of the 1980s in China and Eastern Europe. The so called “Big Bang Model” of Eastern Europe and the gradual transformation of the PRC (the “Chinese Model”) have been contrasted both by observers from outside the regions as well as by the elites in the region. While initially, the Eastern European post-socialist path was regarded as a success story the booming economy in China later on shifted attention to East Asia. In both regions the question whether or not democracy is needed for sustainable growth is currently heavily debated.

This conference therefore aims to compare different paths of “post socialism” in East Asia and Eastern Europe. Drawing on strong traditions of research on East Asia, Eastern Europe and democracy at the University of Vienna, it brings together international experts and insights from a wide range of academic disciplines, including political sciences, sinology, history, economics, and anthropology. With two keynote speeches and a public round table the event reaches out to the interested public.

The conference is a joint effort of the Department of Political Science, the Department of East Asian Studies and the Department of East European History at the University of Vienna. It is supported by the University’s interdisciplinary research platform „Wiener Osteuropaforum“ and the City of Vienna.
Thursday, 15 May 2014

PUBLIC LECTURE
18:00 Do Markets need Democracy?
Carsten Herrmann-Pillath (Frankfurt School of Finance & Management)
The Transformative Potential of Fragmented Authoritarianism: The Future of Capitalism and Democracy in China
Ewald Nowotny (Österreicherische Nationalbank)
East Central European Catch-Up-Modernization: Conditions of Success or of Failure
Discussion
Katalin Miklossy (Helsinki)
Philipp Ther (Vienna)
Tina Olteanu (Vienna)
Moderation: Dieter Segert (Vienna)
20:00 Buffet

Friday, 16 May 2014

9:00 Efficiency and Plurality: Interactions Between the Political System, Economics and Society (Part I)
Chair: Wolfgang Merkel (Berlin)
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Why do Dictatorships survive?
Anna Krasteva (Sofia)
The Anti-Capitalist Impetus of East European Populisms
Coffee break
10:30 Efficiency and Plurality: Interactions Between the Political System, Economics and Society (Part II)
Chair: Philipp Ther (Vienna)
Dieter Segert (Vienna)
What Undermines Democracy in Post Socialist East Central and Southeastern Europe?
Enikő Vince (Cluj)
Marketization, Housing Politics and Roma Exclusion in Romania
Lunch
13:30 Transformations of Society and Culture (Part I)
Chair: Christian Göbel (Vienna)
Christopher Green (Cambridge)
386ers: A Lost Generation?
Mitchell Orenstein (Boston)
Social State as Condition for the Alternative Democracy vs. Autocracy?

Saturday, 17 May 2014

9:00 Authoritarian Governance as a Precondition for Economic Growth? On Different Regional Paths of Development (Part I)
Chair: Rüdiger Frank (Vienna)
Christian Göbel (Vienna)
Models of Sustainable Development in Asia (China/India) and the Role of the State
Stephan Barisitz (Vienna)
Central Asia: Extraordinary Structural and Institutional Heterogeneity at the Borderlands between Eastern Europe and East Asia
Coffee break
10:30 Authoritarian Governance as a Precondition for Economic Growth? On Different Regional Paths of Development (Part II)
Chair: Christian Göbel (Vienna)
Pham Quang Minh (Hanoi)
The State in Economic Reforms in Vietnam
Rüdiger Frank (Vienna)
North Korea – No Economic Reforms at All?

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