

Call for papers: Post-soviet transitional justice processes. A pluridisciplinary approach (working title)

For the past quarter of a century, the ex-soviet and ex-socialist states have implemented various public policies in order to manage the collective trauma left behind by the communist regimes. Most countries tried to create a legal framework capable of sustaining a transitional justice process, a process viewed by the legislator as a way of realigning the coordinates of normality in a democratic society.

How the goals of transitional justice were achieved or how this process was derailed represent questions needing pluridisciplinary answers from jurists, historians and sociologists or anthropologists.

In this volume we aim to englobe three different approaches to the study of the evolution of the transitional process in the following countries: Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Mongolia, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia and Slovakia. For each country we intend to comprise three studies of its own transitional justice process: one from a legal point of view, one from a historical point of view and one from a sociological or anthropological point of view. We welcome contributions on each of these countries, written from the perspectives of each area of research enumerated above. The topics may address (but are not limited to):

A. The legal perspective on transitional justice

- The role of criminal justice
- Lustration acts
- Anticorruption acts which concern the transitional justice process
- Legislation on restorative and retributive justice
- Human rights

B. The historical perspective on transitional justice

- Histories of transitional justice
 - Histories of grass-root initiatives, individuals or groups of interest
 - Involvement of political parties in transitional justice
- C. The sociological/anthropological perspective on transitional justice
- Property restitution, corruption, impact on rural or urban areas
 - Impact/lack of impact of lustration on politicians, scholars and academia, public clerks etc.
 - Transitional Justice and social memory

Please send your abstracts by the 15th of April via email to transitionaljusticevolume@iiccmr.ro with subject line "Call for papers – IICCMER joint volume on transitional justice".

Abstracts of no more than 500 words (approx. 1 page) should include the title, the author(s) name and institutional affiliation and contact details. Abstracts shall clearly state the aims of the paper, the methodology used, the theoretical orientation including literature as well as the main results and conclusions. The editors will ask the authors of selected papers (max. 6-8'000 words) (max. 15-20 pages) to submit their final articles no later than 1st of October.

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