

# 1956 and Its Impact on the Soviet Bloc

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Thursday, November 2

1501 International Affairs Building, 420 West 118th St., NYC

9 am. - 10:15

Welcome by Volker Berghahn and Donald Blinken

Keynote Lecture by Charles Gati (Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University)  
*The Cold War In Europe and the 1956 Hungarian Revolt*

10:15 am. -1 pm.

Panel I: The Secret Speech and its Impact in Russia  
Chair: Catharine Nepomnyashchy (Columbia University)  
Presenters: William Taubman (Amherst College)  
*The Place of the Secret Speech in Khrushchev's Biography*  
Pavel Litvinov (Friends of Memorial, Irvington, NY)  
*Khrushchev's Secret Speech and Dissent in the Soviet Union*  
Robert Legvold (Columbia University)  
*The Legacy of 1956 in Soviet Foreign Policy*  
Discussant: Nina Khrushcheva (New School University)

2:30 – 5:30 pm.

Panel II: Events in Poland  
Chair: Zdzislaw Krasnodebski (Columbia University)  
Presenters: Pawel Machcewicz (Nicholas Copernicus University, Torun)  
*1956: Long Term Consequences For Poland*  
Krzysztof Persak (Institute of National Remembrance, Warsaw)  
*The Polish-Soviet Confrontation in 1956*  
Andrzej Paczkowski (Institute of Political Studies, Warsaw)  
*1956: A Caesura for the Security Apparatus*  
Mark Kramer (Harvard University)  
*The Soviet Union and the 1956 Polish Crises*

6:00 pm.

Feature Film: Freedom's Fury  
Introduced by Ivan Sanders

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9 am. – 12 noon

Panel III: Events in Hungary  
Welcome: Ambassador Gabor Horvath, Hungarian Consulate General, New York  
Chair: Charles Gati (Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University)  
Presenters: Csaba Békés (1956 Institute, Budapest)  
*Illusions And Reality: Did The Hungarian Revolution Have A Chance?*  
László Borhi (1956 Institute, Budapest)  
*The USA and Hungary In 1956*  
Attila Pok (Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest)  
*What Were They Up To? Historical and Political Controversies about the Origins and Program of the Hungarian Revolution*  
Discussant: István Deák (Columbia University)

2 – 4 pm.

Concluding Remarks and Discussion  
Chair: John S. Micgiel (Columbia University)  
Robert Jervis (Columbia University)

Concurrent exhibits:

The Institute of National Remembrance, Warsaw

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