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**ALBA COUNTY COUNCIL
NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE UNION ALBA IULIA
“1 DECEMBRIE 1918” UNIVERSITY OF ALBA IULIA**

**Call for Papers
International Conference**

***(Re)Searching Communism:
80 Years since the End of the Second World War.
The Rise of Communism in Central and South-Eastern Europe***

24-27 September 2025

The end of the Second World War did not mean the end of totalitarian/occupation regimes for the countries of Central and South-Eastern Europe. The tragedy of this part of Europe was precisely the fact that the pro-fascist regimes or the German occupation were replaced by the Soviet military occupation, which imposed the seizure of political power by communist parties.

Commemorating 80 years after the end of the Second World War offers the opportunity for an academic meeting that aims to explore the process of the establishment of communism in the Central and South-Eastern European countries, analysing it on different levels that correspond to conference panels accordingly:

- the geopolitical context at the end of the world conflagration;
- the reconfiguration of the institutional-political framework in the occupied countries;
- the strategies of the communist parties for the seizure of power and the local adaptation of the Soviet model;
- the positioning of society and institutions in the face of communist aggression.

The conference presentations will be delivered in English.

The event will take place at “1 Decembrie 1918” University of Alba Iulia.

The submitted papers will be subject to an anonymous peer-review evaluation.

The papers presented at the conference will be published in 2026, in a collective volume at an important publishing house.

The organizers will provide accommodation and meals for the participants, as well as the publication of the conference proceedings in a volume. Settling these expenses by the participants themselves is also welcome.

Abstracts should be in English and no longer than 250 words. The deadline for abstract submission is **15 June 2025**. Authors of accepted proposals will be notified by **1 July 2025**.

The programme of the conference and norms for publication will be sent subsequently.

Final papers must be sent no later than **1 December 2025**.

Please contact us for any additional information and clarifications.



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