



It is our pleasure to invite you to the presentation:

*Historical Anthropology of Industrial Socialism
in Romania*



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**On Monday, March 9, at 15:00
at New Europe College (Plantelor 21)**

Speakers:

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This seminar proposes a journey back in time to the years 1945 to 1958, a crucial period of post-war reconstruction and making a new society. The working class, proclaimed both as the subject and beneficiary of Romania's communist transformation, had yet to be developed in a still largely agrarian society. What were the challenges to shape an industrial proletariat and to discipline it? Which were the mechanisms and contradictions of primitive socialist accumulation? What was central planning and how did it manage the industrial labour? What kind of tensions did play out inside and outside factories around questions of productivity, wages and the social reproduction of labour? We will explore these questions and others in a discussion of two recently published books: Alina-Sandra CUCU *Planning Labour: Time and the Foundations of Industrial Socialism in Romania* (Berghahn Books, 2019) and Adrian Grama *Laboring Along: Industrial Workers and the Making of Postwar Romania* (De Gruyter 2019).

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