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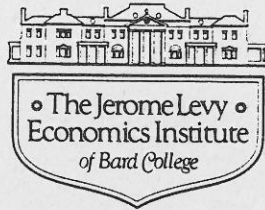
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**Moving to a Market Economy:
Economic Reform in Eastern
Europe and the Soviet Union**

October 25-26, 1991



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Dear Colleague:

I am delighted, on behalf of The Jerome Levy Economics Institute of Bard College, to welcome you to our conference on **Moving to a Market Economy: Economic Reform in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union.**

The Institute, founded in 1986, is an autonomous, independently endowed research organization. It is non-partisan and open to the examination of diverse points of view, and dedicated to public service. Each year a number of scholars from around the world are chosen to serve as resident research fellows. In addition, Institute-sponsored workshops and conferences bring together economists, business leaders, elected officials and others to analyze contemporary economic problems and suggest solutions.

Thank you for being with us, and enjoy the conference. I look forward to seeing you again at subsequent activities in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Dimitri B. Papadimitriou
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The Soviet Union and the nations of Central Europe have all pledged to move towards becoming market economies. The presentations at this conference examine whether there are different possible objectives in this regard. Many believe that a market economy can only take one form, so that at least determining the objective is easy. Others argue that a "middle way" might be more desirable, bridging the gap between Eastern legacies and Western practices.

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Friday, October 25th

9:00 am - 9:15 am WELCOMING REMARKS

S Jay LEVY, The Jerome Levy Economics Institute

9:15 am - 10:45 am SESSION I

*Microeconomic Reform: The Creation of Markets, Development Rights,
Constitutional Principles*

Chair: Kenneth KOFORD, The Jerome Levy Economics Institute and University of
Delaware

John LITWACK, Stanford University--"*Property Rights and Law as
Commitment Devices*"

Jeffrey B. MILLER, University of Delaware, **Kenneth J. KOFORD**, The
Jerome Levy Economics Institute and University of Delaware and **David
C. COLANDER**, Middlebury College--"*Application of Market Anti-
Inflation Plans in the Transition to a Market Economy*"

Janet MITCHELL, Cornell University--"*Making Firms Financially Responsible:
The Bankruptcy Problem and the Soft Budget Constraint*"

DISCUSSION

Dennis C. MUELLER, University of Maryland
J.M. MONTIAS, Yale University

10:45 am - 11:00 am

BREAK

11:00 am - 12:30 pm

SESSION II

Reform in Eastern Europe

Chair: Ryszard FRELEK, The Jerome Levy Economics Institute

Stanislaw WELLISZ and Maciej IWANEK, Columbia University--*"The Privatization of the Polish Economy"*

Stephan PETRANOV, Institute of Economics, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences--*"Bulgarian Reform and the Opening of the Bulgarian Economy"*

Istvan ABEL, Wesleyan University--*"Hungary"*

DISCUSSION

Frederic PRYOR, Swarthmore College

Egon NEUBERGER, SUNY--Stony Brook

Cezary JÓZEFIAK, Senator-Polish Republic

12:30 pm

LUNCH

Speaker: Mancur OLSON, University of Maryland--*"The Key to a Successful Transition to a Market Economy"*

3:00 pm - 5:30 pm

SESSION III

Soviet Union: Economic Policy

Chair: Vladimir SHLAPENTOKH, Michigan State University

Egor GAIDAR, Institute of Economic Policy, USSR Academy of Sciences--*"Current State of the Soviet Economic Reform: Prospects of Economic Union Agreement"*

Igor NIT, Economic Advisor to Boris Yeltsin, President of the RSFSR--*"Prospects for Economic Reform of the Russian Economy"*

DISCUSSION

James LEITZEL, Duke University and Hoover Institution

Martin SPECHLER, Indiana University

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm RECEPTION

6:30 pm – 8:15 pm DINNER

8:15 pm PLENARY SESSION WITH OPEN DISCUSSION

Alternative Reform Paths

Chair: William LUNT, Vassar College

Michael KEREN, Hebrew University--"*On the (Im)Possibility of Market Socialism*"

David COLANDER, Middlebury College--"*Rights and Responsibility in a Market Economy*"

Kenneth KOFORD, The Jerome Levy Economics Institute and University of Delaware--"*Why the Ex-Communist Countries Should Take the 'Middle-Way' to the Market Economy*"

Saturday, October 26th

8:30 am – 10:15 am SESSION IV

Macroeconomic Reform: Financial Institutions, International Trade

Chair: Jeffrey B. MILLER, University of Delaware

David KEMME, Wichita State University--"*Reform of Banking and Credit in Eastern Europe*"

Linda GOLDBERG, New York University--"*USSR Foreign Currency Markets: How Much Flexibility in Flexible Exchange Rates?*"

John BONIN, Wesleyan University and **Istvan ABEL**, Wesleyan University--"*Nonperforming Loans and Trade Credit: Implications for Monetary Policy in the Transition*"

DISCUSSION

James LEITZEL, Duke University and Hoover Institution
Jeffrey B. MILLER, University of Delaware

10:15 am - 10:45 am

BREAK

10:45 am - 12:30 pm

SESSION V

Soviet Union: Social Elements of Reform

Chair: Richard C. WILES, Bard College

Vladimir SHLAPENTOKH, Michigan State University--*"The Mythology of Privatization--A New Phenomenon in Russia"*

Donald S. KELLERMAN, Times Mirror Center for the People and the Press--*"The Times Mirror Survey: Eastern European and Soviet Views of Economic Reform and Social Change"*

DISCUSSION

Kenneth KOFORD, The Jerome Levy Economics Institute and University of Delaware

Sanjib BARUAH, Bard College

12:30 pm - 1:30 pm

LUNCH

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

POLICY FORUM

How Can /Should the U.S. Help?

Chair: Dimitri B. PAPADIMITRIOU, The Jerome Levy Economics Institute and Bard College

James LEITZEL, Duke University and Hoover Institution

David COLANDER, Middlebury College

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