



The International Debt Crisis, 1979-1991 West, South, East: A Historical Reappraisal

17-18 June 2021
Online International
Workshop*

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2:30 – 3:00 pm

Welcome address and Introduction

Duccio Basosi (Ca' Foscari University Venice)
*A lens on global transformations: The foreign
debt crisis of the 1980s*

3:15 – 4:15 pm

Panel 1: West

Discussant
Emmanuel Mourlon-Druol (University of Glasgow)
Speakers

Mattia Ravano (Graduate Institute, Geneva)
*The G7 perspective on bipolar economic relations.
A reappraisal of Western strategies*

Benedetto Zaccaria (Ca' Foscari University Venice)
*Was there a Plan? The US and the Polish Debt crisis
between Western solidarity and financial constraints*

Fritz Bartel (Texas A&M University)
*From Banks to Bonds: Euromoney Magazine and
the Transformation of Global Finance in the 1980s*

4:30 – 5:30

Panel 2: South

Discussant
Corinna Unger (EUI)
Speakers

Raphaël Orange-Leroy (CY Cergy Paris Université)
*The Crisis of Development Aid and the Origins
of the Debt Crisis*

Verena Kröss (Jacobs University, Bremen)
*The North-South Conflict in the World Bank:
Understanding the Bank's Turn to Structural
Adjustment Lending*

Max Trecker (Leibniz Institute for History
and Culture of Eastern Europe in Leipzig)
*East-South Financial Relations in the 1980s:
The View from East Berlin*

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9:30 – 10:30

Panel 3: East

Discussant
Kim Seung Woo (Graduate Institute, Geneva)
Speakers

Pal Germuska (Hungarian National Archive)
Hungary and the debt crisis of the 1980s

Maximilian Graf (Masaryk Institute and Archives
of the Czech Academy of Sciences)
*The East German "Debt Crisis"; the Soviet Union
and the West*

Aleksandra Komornička (University of Glasgow)
*Poland's Debt Crisis: Between Western Creditors
and Solidarność, 1980-1981*

11.00 – 11.30

Closing keynote speech

Federico Romero (EUI)
Credit Power

11.45 – 12.45

Final Roundtable & Discussion

Johanna Bockman (George Mason University)

Mauro Campus (University of Florence)

Guia Migani (Université de Tours)

Vanni Pettinà (Colegio de México)

Massimiliano Trentin (University of Bologna)

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