

SESSION 1

March 27, 2008

Conceptual Foundations and Historical Overview

What Is East-Central Europe? Political and Cultural Geographies (Lecture, 14.30–15.50)

What Was Socialism? Historical Development and Economic Conceptualizations (Lecture, 16.05–17.25)

East-Central Europe as an Area of Anthropological Studies (Lecture, 17.40–19.00)

Assigned reading:

- Hofer, Tamás (1968) Anthropologists and Native Ethnographers in Central European Villages: Comparative Notes on the Professional Personality of Two Disciplines. *Current Anthropology*, Vol. 9, No. 4. (Oct. 1968), 311–315.
- Halpern, Joel Martin and David A. Kideckel (1983) Anthropology of Eastern Europe. *Annual Review of Anthropology*, Vol. 12. (1983), 377–402.
- Sampson, Steven (1991) Is There an Anthropology of Socialism? *Anthropology Today*, Vol. 7, No. 5 (Oct. 1991), 16–19.
- Galbraith, Marysia H. (2004) Between East and West: Geographic Metaphors of Identity in Poland. *Ethos*, Vol. 32, No. 1 (Spring 2004), 51–81.
- Arnason, Johann P. (2005) Introduction: Demarcating East-Central Europe. *European Journal of Social Theory*, Vol. 8, No. 4, 387–400.