

## SESSION 2

April 10, 2008

### From State Socialism to Post-Socialism: Theory and Practice

*Political Theories of State Socialism and Their Practical Critique* (Lecture and Discussion, 14.30–15.50)

*Economic Reforms, Consumer Socialism, Second Economy* (Discussion, 16.05–17.25)

*Theories and Histories of the Transition: A Great Transformation or a Return to Europe?* (Lecture, 17.40–19.00)

#### Assigned reading:

- Burawoy, Michael and János Lukács (1985) Mythologies of Work: A Comparison of Firms in State Socialism and Advanced Capitalism. *American Sociological Review*, Vol. 50, No. 6 (Dec. 1985), 723–737.
- Sampson, Steven L. (1987) The Second Economy of the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, Vol. 493, The Informal Economy (Sep. 1987), 120–136.
- **Verdery, Katherine (1991) Theorizing Socialism: A Prologue to the ‘Transition’.** *American Ethnologist*, Vol. 18, No. 3, Representations of Europe: Transforming State, Society, and Identity (Aug. 1991), 419–439.
- Lampland, Martha (1991) Pigs, Party Secretaries, and Private Lives in Hungary. *American Ethnologist*, Vol. 18, No. 3, Representations of Europe: Transforming State, Society, and Identity. (Aug. 1991), 459–479.
- Humphrey, Caroline (1991) ‘Icebergs’, Barter, and the Mafia in Provincial Russia. *Anthropology Today*, Vol. 7, No. 2 (Apr. 1991), 8–13.
- **Verdery, Katherine (1996) What Was Socialism, and Why Did It Fall? In *What Was Socialism, and What Comes Next?* (Princeton: Princeton University Press), 19–38.**
- **Burawoy, Michael and Katherine Verdery (1999) Introduction. In Michael Burawoy and Katherine Verdery, eds., *Uncertain Transition: Ethnographies of Change in the Postsocialist World* (Lanham: Rowman and Littlefield), 1–17. (\*)**
- **Berdahl, Daphne (2000) Introduction: An Anthropology of Postsocialism. In Daphne Berdahl, Matti Bunzl and Martha Lampland, eds., *Altering States: Ethnographies of Transition in Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 1–13. (\*)**