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Department of Economics
Western Michigan University
Kalamazoo, Michigan 49008-5023

Socialism in Transition
Wednesday evenings 8:00 p.m.
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Fall Semester
Paul Marer
Indiana University—September 19
Abram Bergson
Harvard University—October 17
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José Brada
Arizona State University—January 23
Joseph Berliner
Harvard University Russian Research Center—February 20
Herbert Levine
University of Pennsylvania—March 13

Dr. Paul Marer
Professor of International Business
University of Indiana

Dr. Paul Marer, Professor of International Business at the Indiana University School of Business, is internationally known as an authority on the economics of Eastern European countries. Dr. Marer has served as a Consulting Editor and co-founder of the Joint Economic Committee of the U.S. Congress for its triannual assessment of the economic and political situation in Eastern European countries. His expert testimony has been heard by various Congressional committees on several occasions. Dr. Marer has also been a consultant to the World Bank on centrally planned economies and to the United Nations on East-West trade and technology transfer. The International Monetary Fund and the Ford Foundation, among others, have also sought his services as a consultant.

Dr. Marer has been coordinator of the activities of the Joint Hungarian-International Blue Ribbon Commission to develop an economic recovery and transformation program for Hungary’s new democratic government. More than a year in the development, the plan contains the ideas of some of the leading economists around the world.

Most recently, Dr. Marer was appointed by President Bush to be one of the trustees of the U.S.-Hungarian Enterprise Fund to set policy on how to allocate money that the U.S. is giving to Hungary to promote private enterprise.

In addition to the 8:00 p.m. lecture, Professor Marer will present a seminar at 3:00 p.m. in 3760 Knauss Hall.

Dr. Abram Bergson
Professor of Economics
Harvard University

Dr. Abram Bergson is the George F. Baker Professor of Economics Emeritus and member of the Executive Committee of the Russian Research Center at Harvard University. Professor Bergson is well known for his work in the area of welfare economics and as one of the “founding fathers” of the field of comparative economic systems and research on the Soviet economy.

Professor Bergson earned his Ph.D. in economics at Harvard University in 1940. He has also been awarded honorary degrees from the University of Wisconsin and Brandeis University. He has taught at the University of Texas, Columbia University, and Harvard University.

Professor Bergson is a former Director of the Russian Research Center at Harvard University, and a past president of the Comparative Economics Association.

Professor Bergson is the author of fifteen books and over 80 articles in scholarly journals and books, many appearing in prestigious journals such as the American Economic Review, the Journal of Political Economy and the Quarterly Journal of Economics. Titles of Dr. Bergson’s books that are indicative of his work include: Essays in Normative Economics, The Economics of Soviet Planning, Productivity and the Social System—The U.S.S.R. and the West, and Planning and Performance in Socialist Economics: The U.S.S.R. and Eastern Europe.

In addition to the 8:00 p.m. lecture, Professor Bergson will present a seminar at 3:00 p.m. in 3760 Knauss Hall.
Dr. Joseph Brada
Professor of Economics
Arizona State University

Dr. Joseph Brada is Professor of Economics and Distinguished Research Professor of Business at Arizona State University. Professor Brada's contributions cover a wide variety of topics in the area of comparative economics including international trade issues, the efficiency of planned economies, and reform of socialist economies.

Professor Brada received his Ph.D. in economics from the University of Minnesota in 1971. He has taught at Ohio State University and New York University, joining the faculty at Arizona State in 1979. He was also visiting professor at Stanford University.

Professor Brada is the editor of the Journal of Comparative Economics, East European Economics and Soviet and Eastern European Foreign Trade. In addition, he has been a consultant at various times to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the World Bank. He is also a member of the Executive Committee of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies.

Professor Brada is the author or editor of 9 books including: Economic Adjustment and Reforms in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union and Reforming the Ruble: Monetary Aspects of Perestroika. He is also the author of over 70 articles and chapters in books appearing in such leading journals as the Journal of Political Economy, Kyklos, World Development and the Review of Economics and Statistics.

In addition to the 8:00 a.m., lecture, Professor Brada will present a seminar at 3:00 p.m. in 3760 Knauss Hall.

Dr. Joseph Berliner
Professor of Economics, Emeritus
Brandeis University

Dr. Joseph Berliner is Professor of Economics, Emeritus at Brandeis University and member of the Executive Committee of the Russian Research Center at Harvard University. Professor Berliner is best known for his work on the Soviet economy, particularly on managerial incentives and innovation.

Professor Berliner received his Ph.D. from Harvard University in 1954. He has taught at Syracuse University as well as Brandeis and was a visiting professor at Harvard and Hebrew University.

Professor Berliner is a past president of the Association for Comparative Economic Studies and of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies and former Assistant Director of the Russian Research Center. He is also past recipient of a number of prestigious fellowships including those from the Rockefeller, Guggenheim and Ford Foundations.


In addition to the 8:00 p.m. lecture, Professor Berliner will present a seminar at 3:00 p.m. in 3760 Knauss Hall.

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Dr. Herbert S. Levine
Professor of Economics and Co-Director of the Lauder Institute of Management and International Studies, The University of Pennsylvania

Dr. Herbert S. Levine is Professor of Economics and Co-Director of the Lauder Institute of Management and International Studies at The University of Pennsylvania. Professor Levine has made major contributions to the analysis of Soviet economic growth and planning. His recent work includes analyses of Soviet economic reforms, the role of entrepreneurship and central planning and econometric modeling of the Soviet economy.

Professor Levine earned his Ph.D. in economics from Harvard University in 1961. He has taught at the University of Pennsylvania since 1960 where he has received Penn's Lindback and Kravis prizes for distinguished teaching. He has also lectured at Columbia, Harvard, Princeton and the University of California, Berkeley.

Dr. Levine is chairman of the Board of Plan Econ., Inc. and is a consultant to the U.S. government on issues related to the Soviet economy and east-west trade. He is president-elect of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies and past Chairman of the National Council for Soviet and East European Research.

Professor Levine has published more than 50 articles in journals and books on economic planning and the Soviet economy. Titles of Professor Levine's publications that are indicative of his work include: "The Effects of Foreign Trade on Soviet Planning Practices," "The Soviet Economy Toward the Year 2000" and "the State of Economic Reform in the Soviet Union."

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