



Festival of Freedom

Saturday, October 21st 2006 10:00 am - 6:00 p.m.
The CSU Wolstein Center, Cleveland, OH
(Symposium time: 11 AM - 4:30 PM)

Symposium -- Reflections and Perspectives: The 1956 Revolution – 50 Years Later

The Hungarian Revolution of 1956 was the first domino in a series of domino-effect events that led to the collapse of the Berlin Wall and the fall of Soviet communism. What really happened? What were the politics behind the politicians? What are the implications of this historic event and how are they manifested in current affairs and conflicts around the world?

On Saturday, October 21st the Cleveland Hungarian Revolution 50th Anniversary Committee (CHR50) will host a daylong event to commemorate, reflect upon and celebrate the Revolution. The events include an intense, 3-part series of panel discussions for the academic, political science and historically minded person. Panelists are experts in their fields from across the United States and Hungary.

11:00 a.m. *We Were There!*

October 1956 Eyewitness Accounts and Recollections. Hear the stories first-hand from freedom fighters and others who were actually in Hungary at the time. Hear what they did, what they saw, and how they fled and found refuge in the United States.

Session Chair: Steven I. Reger 1956 Eyewitness // Cleveland Clinic Research Scientist, PhD

Panelists:

Jim Balogh	1956 Freedom Fighter // Engineer & Founder, Mar-Bal Inc.
Peter Hargitai	1956 Eyewitness // Author, Poet & Professor of Literature, Florida International University,
Paul Hollander	1956 Eyewitness // Author, Professor Emeritus University of Massachusetts, Associate, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies,
John Szucs	1956 Eyewitness // Retired Corporate Officer. National City Bank

1:30 p.m. *1956: International Perspective & Decision Making*

Panelists will explore and discuss national and international policies and related topics. Find out who knew what and when; who acted, who didn't, and why. What were the U.S., Soviet and U.N. positions? What was the "Cold War" and how did the Revolution fit into this policy? What role did Poland, Yugoslavia, Romania and other countries play?

Session Chair: John Fund Journalist, The Wall Street Journal

Panelists:

Marek Jan Chodakiewicz, Ph.D.	Author, Lecturer and Professor of History & Academic Dean, Institute of World Politics
Lee Edwards, Ph.D.	Author, Lecturer and Professor, & Distinguished Fellow, Heritage Foundation

Honorable August Pust
Former U.S. Commissioner for Preservation of
America's Heritage Abroad
Director Emeritus, Ohio Governor's Office of Multicultural
Affairs/International Relations.

2:45 p.m. *Historical Perspectives - Lessons Learned*

Panelists will reflect on the political, social and economic lessons of the '56 Revolution. Was the blood bath worth it? If Hungary was the "first domino," who were the secondary dominos?" Did the Revolution herald policy changes? What implications does the Revolution have for communism today? In China, North Korea, Cuba and other Latin American countries? What was "Goulash Communism?" Are there universal lessons for all freedom loving people?

Session Chair: Peter W. Schramm, Ph.D.

Executive Director, Ashbrook Center for Public Affairs and Professor
of Political Science, Ashland University

Panelists: Andrew Gross, Ph.D. Professor, Marketing & International Business,
Cleveland State University
Paul Hollander, Ph.D. Author, Professor Emeritus Univ. of Massachusetts,
Associate, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies
Andrew Ludanyi, Ph.D. Professor of Political Science, Ohio Northern University
Laura Y. Tartakoff, J.D. Adjunct Associate Professor of Political Science, Case Western
Reserve University

4:00 p.m. *Book Signing*

Meet and chat with the author panelists who have written about the Revolution, communism and related world events. Add books to your library personally signed by the author.

Tickets: General Admission (includes admittance to all Oct. 21, 2006 program activities at Wolstein Ctr.)

\$15 Adults
\$10 Seniors 65+; Youth 13-17

(Symposium attendance FREE with General Admission ticket, plus pre-registration)

Tickets available through Ticketmaster , Wolstein Ctr box-office

Other CHR50 Events

Saturday, October 21st 7:30 p.m. Black Tie Gala Banquet - Tower City English Oak Rm
Sunday, October 22nd 2:00 p.m. Inter-Faith Service - St John's Cathedral, FREE
Sunday, October 22nd 6:00 p.m. Reception & Concert at Severance

For more information and on-line symposium registration: www.celebratingfreedom1956.org.

CHR50 is a dedicated group of volunteers who recognize that the 1956 Hungarian Revolution is historically significant not only to the greater Cleveland community, but to all who cherish freedom and human dignity. In October 2006, in collaboration with its sponsors and partners, CHR50 will host an event to commemorate, celebrate, and reflect on this historical milestone. CHR50 is a committee of the Cleveland Hungarian Development Panel, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization .