



## Materialising Religion in the Secret Police Archive:

### Methodological, Ethical and Legal approaches to the Study of Religions in Secret Police Archives

September 11, 2017, ÁBTL, Budapest, Hungary.

**PROGRAM - For abstracts please see [here](#)**

**9.00** Welcome and Opening Words *GERGŐ BENDEGÚZ CSEH, Director General of ÁBTL*

Introduction to the Hidden Galleries ERC project, *JAMES KAPALÓ, Project PI*

**9.30-11.00** **SOCIALIST LEGALITIES** (chair: *Kinga Povedák*)

Legal context of religious activities in Hungary between 1945 and 1989/90—*SZILVIA KÖBEL*

[Turning Religious Practices into Political Guilt: Jehovah's Witnesses in the Narratives of the Securitate Files](#)

*CORNELIU PINTILESCU*

The ambiguities of Socialist Legality: Religious groups in Soviet Moldavia under late Stalinism, 1944-1953

*IGOR CAȘU*

**11.30-13.00** **HISTORICAL CONTEXTS and CASE STUDIES** (chair: *Anca Sincan*)

The State and the Problem of New Religious Movements in Interwar Hungary—*CSABA FAZEKAS*

[Jehovah's Witnesses in the era of state socialism in Hungary, 1948-1989](#)—*ÉVA PETRÁS*

Acting in the Underground: Life as a Hare Krishna Devotee in the Soviet Republic of Lithuania (1979–1989)

*RASA PRANSKEVIČIŪTĖ*

**14.00-15.30** **METHODOLOGY and ETHICS** (chair: *Ágnes Hesz*)

[If sex were a factor... The Securitate Archives and issues of morality in documents related to religious life](#)

*ANCA SINCAN*

[The Appearance of Saints: Photography as incrimination and religious justification in Secret Police Archives](#)

*JAMES KAPALÓ*

“Campers”: Methodological and ethical thoughts on the research of minority religions based on ÁBTL archival sources

*KINGA POVEDÁK*

**16.00-17.30** **MINORITY RELIGIONS AND STATE SECURITY ARCHIVES**

(chair: *James Kapaló*)

Religious Movements in the Archives of Romanian Repressive and Secret Services (1919-1944). The Evangelicals

*DORIN DOBRINCU*

[The Possibility of Research on Religious Minorities in the Secret Police Archives in the Former Yugoslavia](#)

*ALEKSANDRA DJURIĆ MILOVANOVIĆ*

Studying the Postwar History of Religious Denominations in Romanian Archives after 1989—*CRISTIAN VASILE*



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