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Book Presentation and Discussion:

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Economic Memories After the Fall of the Iron Curtain

New York: Columbia University Press 2023

Till Hilmar

After the fall of the Iron Curtain, people across the former socialist world saw their lives transformed. In just a few years, labor markets were completely disrupted, and the meanings attached to work were drastically altered. How did people who found themselves living under state socialism one day and capitalist democracy the next adjust to the changing social order and its new system of values?

Philipp Ther (University of Vienna), **Dorit Geva** (CEU),
Misha Glenny (IWM), **Anna Durnová** (University of Vienna)
will comment on Till Hilmar's new book.

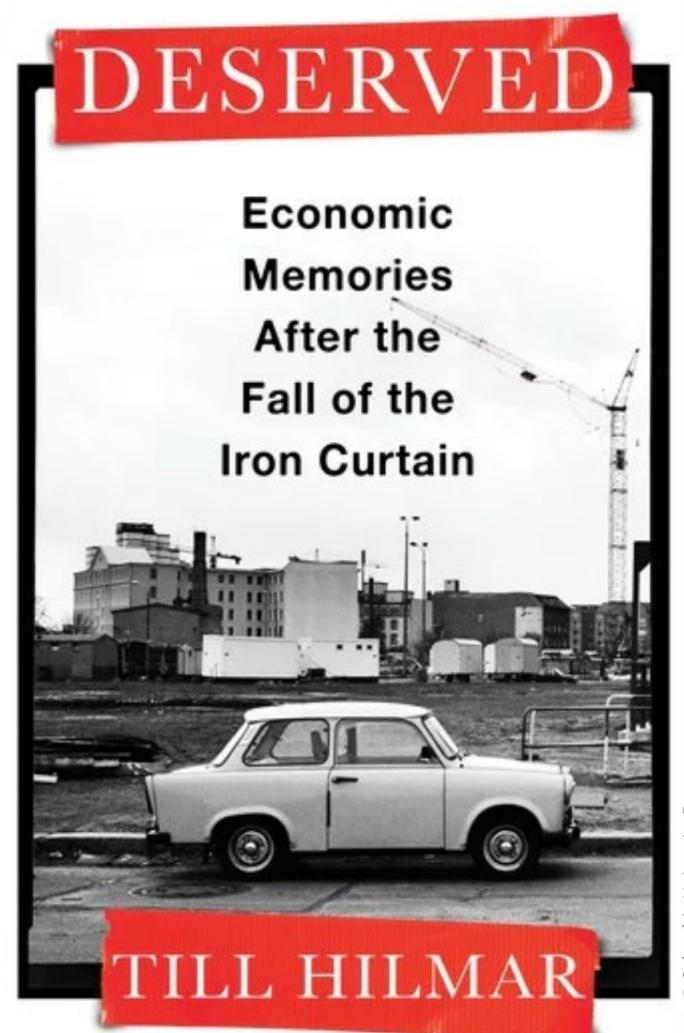
Moderation: **Anna-Marie Kroupová** (University of Vienna)

The book launch will offer the chance to discuss the following questions:

- How do people perceive and affectively make sense of economic inequality in Central Eastern Europe today, and what are the consequences for political trust?
- How are today's crisis experiences informed by past encounters with significant social changes during the 1990s?
- How do political actors weaponize the memory of social change – in Central Eastern Europe and beyond?

Time: **Monday, 27 November 2023, 18:00**

Place: **Aula Campus Altes AKH, Hof 1 | Universität Wien, Spitalgasse 2, 1090 Wien**



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