

WHAT HAPPENED IN 1989? WHAT CHARACTERIZED THE COMMUNIST ERA IN FORMER CZECHOSLOVAKIA, POLAND AND HUNGARY? DID COMMUNISM COLLAPSE OR WAS IT DEFEATED IN THESE RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES? WHAT WERE THE RAMIFICATIONS OF THE EVENTS 25 YEARS AGO IN EACH OF THE COUNTRIES? HOW HAVE THEY DEVELOPED SINCE? WHAT IS THE LEGACY OF THE COMMUNIST ERA AND THE YEAR 1989 TODAY, IF ANY? WHAT IS CHARACTERISTIC FOR THESE CENTRAL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND WHAT IS THEIR STANCE VIS-À-VIS THE MOST PRESSING FOREIGN-POLICY ISSUES OF TODAY?

