

Dear all, you are warmly invited to the next CEES/CRCEES seminar on Wednesday, February 10th, 3:00-4:00pm. All are welcome!

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Digital Sovereignty in the Soviet Bloc

On the initiative of the Soviet Union several CMEA states began to cooperate in the development and production of computers in the 1970s. This cooperation evolved into the most important joint industrial project of the Eastern Bloc. The fact that such a project could be implemented in an area highly relevant to Soviet national security was mainly due to the fact that the USSR lagged far behind its US-American competitors. The joining of forces of the socialist brother states was supposed to secure digital sovereignty for the Soviet Union. Through the prism of the Eastern European computer industry, this talk will address questions about the limits of state sovereignty in a world shaped by system competition, increasing global interdependencies and the imminent digital revolution.

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