FINAL REPORT ON THE RESEARCH PROJECT
"LETTERS BETWEEN EAST AND WEST EUROPEAN SOCIALISTS, 1945–1948"

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Correspondence between socialists from East and West Europe, having been located in the most important party archives throughout Europe, is going to be published in a dedicated volume. Central topics of the letters are the perspectives for development, from both external and internal policy viewpoints, of the people’s democracies in Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, and Romania, the question of cooperation between socialists and communists in the countries mentioned, the internal struggles within the socialist parties in eastern Europe, the strategies proposed for integrating the socialist movement on an all-European basis and thus surpass the incipient conflict between East and West in this respect, and the respective positions of the socialist parties in eastern and in western Europe concerning the main points on the agenda of international politics (such as the peace conference or the Marshall Plan) and the question of how Germany should be treated.