

**Report April 2023
Open Society Archives**

As a recipient of a Visegrad Scholarship, I carried out a stay a second stay in Budapest from April 4 to April 18 to continue my research at the Open Society Archives for the project “Imagining the Third World: Non-Alignment From the Outside”.

My main goal was to continue examining RFE collections concerning the history of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), its evolution and its internal tensions, through the sources of Radio Free Europe. Moreover, following the advice of Andras Mink in 2022, I extended my research from working only Yugoslav collections to including now also the Romanian collections. Furthermore, as a result of shifts in my research resulting from my current work at the French School in Athens, I also examined files concerning Yugoslav and Romanian connection with Cyprus, an important member of the NAM, and with Chile, a country on which I have already worked in the past due to its connections to non-alignment. Last, I devoted the last day of my stay to examine, albeit rapidly, the RFE collections appertaining to the Socialist Alliance of the Working People of Yugoslavia, a mass organization of the Yugoslav communist regime that played a key role in the development of connections with political forces in the “Third World” and non-aligned networks.

I reviewed in detail the following dossiers:

OSA 300-10-2 Yugoslav Subject Files I

BOX #291

Non-Aligned (Foreign policy), 1979 [4 of 3]

OSA 300-60-1 Romanian Subject Files

BOX #76:

Communist party, foreign relations, Cyprus

OSA 300-60-1 Romanian Subject Files

Box #230:

Communist party, foreign relations, Chile, 1955-1972

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OSA 300-10-2 Yugoslav Subject Files I

Box #406:

Socialist Alliance 1964-65

Socialist Alliance 1966 [1]

Socialist Alliance 1966 [2]

Socialist Alliance 1967-68, 1969-70

Moreover, the visit to the OSA allowed me to do a short talk about my work at the archives and my current projects with the title “The Blinken OSA Archivum as a Window to Non-Alignment, or How I Became a Scholar of the Balkans”. I also used the talk to present and discuss an ongoing project: a history of communism in Central and Eastern Europe for Spanish-speaking audiences, which I am writing together with former OSA fellow José Luis Aguilar. Meant primarily for undergrad students and for non-academic audiences, the book offers an up-to-date account of the history of communism in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe, on the basis of the specialized historical literature in English, French, German, Polish, Serbo-Croatian, and Romanian. The project is to a great extent the result of my previous stay at the OSA in 2022, where I had the opportunity to meet José and start a common historical reflection, which is why it was especially important for me to discuss this experience with the staff and other scholars at the archives.

Complementarily, the stay at the OSA allowed me to use two books that I needed for the book project: Catherine Verdery and Gail Kligman’s *Peasants under Siege. The Collectivization of Romanian Agriculture, 1949-1962*, and Constantin Iordachi and Dorin Donbrincu’s *Transforming Peasants, Property and Power: The collectivization of agriculture in Romania, 1949–1962*.

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