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presents a seminar

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on

# We Expected Fair Play: Instead We Got Cheated Again! (The Political Anthropology of Post-Communist Neo-Nationalism)

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1:00 – 2:30 pm

Room 12 Humanities Building

New Asia College, CUHK

A light lunch will be served at 12:30 pm. First come first served.

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In 1989 Czechoslovak people at mass rallies rang their house keys as a knell to communist rule. Today, at least in Slovakia (independent since 1993), they do the same to corrupt social democrats at power. Meanwhile in Poland and Hungary after several alternations of right and left, nationalist rightwingers entrenched themselves in the corridors of power while populism took grip of the majorities. Is this development to be blamed at Brussels because the ten years of these countries as members of the European Union did not seem a fair game? Is the de facto two gear EU pushing some of the former communist countries of East-Central and Southeastern Europe closer towards Russia, the posthumous child of the imperial Soviet Union? What are the interests of the United States of America in the 'New Europe' and why the 'Old Europe'? These and other questions will be tackled in the seminar paper.

Petr (Peter) Skalník was born in Prague, Czechoslovakia, in 1945. He is a political anthropologist and Africanist specialising in the studies on states and chiefdoms. He studied in Prague, Leningrad and Cape Town. Since 1967 he taught African studies, ethnology, sociocultural anthropology and political science at universities in Czechoslovakia, the Netherlands, South Africa, Czech Republic, Switzerland, France, Lithuania, until his retirement in 2014 extraordinary professor in Wrocław, Poland. He gave lectures in five continents. His fieldwork experience includes the Caucasus, Tuva, Slovakia, Ghana, southern Africa (South Africa, Lesotho, Namibia), Papua New Guinea, the Azores, Czech Republic and Poland, where he led a 3 year grant research of late industrialism in Dobrzeń Wielki, Opole Silesia. He edited and co-edited more than 20 books. His monograph on the chiefdom of Nanun and local wars in northern Ghana is prepared for the press.

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