

**Abstract**

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## **How the Media Systems Work in Central and Eastern Europe**

The collapse of communism in 1989 changed deeply the map of Europe. The third wave of democratization (Huntington, 1991) included Central and Eastern part of this continent, which was controlled after the Second World War by Soviet Union, or, in a case of Yugoslavia, by communist leaders as Tito, after the Tito- Stalin split. We note there three cases of political transformation process from Soviet Communist/ Totalitarian model (Siebert, Peterson and Schramm, 1956) as (1) former members of Soviet Bloc (Poland, Czechoslovakia, German Democratic Republic (GDR), Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria), (2) former republics of Soviet Union (Belarus, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Russia and Ukraine), (3) post-Yugoslavian countries and Balkan states.