

Conference Agenda

Eighth Annual Tartu Conference on East European and Eurasian Studies

Date: Wednesday, 19/June/2024

5:00pm - 7:00pm

Conference registration and info desk open for early arrivals

Venue: Lossi 36, Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Tartu

Date: Thursday, 20/June/2024

8:00am - 4:30pm

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Venue: Lossi 36, Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Tartu

9:15am - 11:00am

MA1: Challenges of Time: Holocaust Remembrance in Modern post-Soviet States

Location: **204**

Session Chair: **Silver Loit**, University of Tartu

Discussant: **Dmitry Dubrovskiy**, Charles University

The Place of the Holocaust Remembrance in the Official Narrative on World War II in Modern Russia

Irina Rebrova

Technical University Berlin

New Genocide: Inclusion of the Holocaust in the Concept of Genocide of the Belarusian People

Aliaksei Lastouski

European Humanities University

Holocaust Remembrance in Kazakhstan after the Start of Russia's Full-scale Aggression Against Ukraine: History and Trends

Dmitry Panto

Museum of the Second World War in Gdańsk

9:15am - 11:00am

MA2: Roundtable: International, Transnational, and Global Estonian History

Location: **305**

International, Transnational, and Global Estonian History

Chair(s): **Mart Kuldkepp** (University College London/University of Tartu)

Presenter(s): **Karsten Brüggemann** (University of Tallinn), **Kristo Nurmis** (University of Tallinn), **Kaarel Piirimäe** (University of Tartu), **Eret Talviste** (University of Tartu), **Liisi Veski** (University of Tartu)

9:15am - 11:00am

MA3: Justice, International Law, and Human Rights

Location: **307**

Session Chair: **Ruth Margaret Deyermond**, King's College London

Discussant: **Katre Luhamaa**, University of Tartu

Being a Pariah in the Soviet Society: Patterns of Victimization, Survival Strategies, and Workings of the Soviet Justice System

Oksana Ermolaeva

Complutense University

Towards an Interdisciplinary Approach in International Law: Russia and the Discourse of Democracy

Sevanna Poghosyan

University of Tartu

Keeping a Seat at the Liberal Table. Justice Claims in Russian Foreign Policy Discourse

Alicja Curanović
University of Warsaw

9:15am - 11:00am

MA4: Communication Campaigns During the War: Russia's Influence and Ukraine's Response

Location: **214**
Session Chair: **Dmytro Iarovy**, Kyiv School of Economics/ Vytautas Magnus University
Discussant: **Dmytro Iarovy**, Kyiv School of Economics/ Vytautas Magnus University

Local Media in the Temporary Occupied Territories of Ukraine as a Pillar of Russian Propaganda

Oleksandra Tsekhanovska
Institute of Innovative Governance

Decentralised Media Response of Ukraine to Russia's Aggression: Structures, Cases, and Narratives

Oleksii Kolesnykov¹, **Vasil Navumau**², **Ryhor Nizhnikau**³
¹University of Tartu; ²Ruhr-University Bochum; ³Finnish Institute of International Affairs

Internet Memes and the Russia-Ukraine War: Media Use and Media Effects

Hanna Starkova
Simon Kuznets Kharkiv National University of Economics

Crowdfunding as Ukraine's Response to Russia's War: The Power of Collective Action

Dmytro Khutkyy¹, **Olga Matveieva**², **Oleksii Kolesnykov**¹
¹University of Tartu; ²Dnipro University of Technology

9:15am - 11:00am

MA5: Strategies and Limits of EU Policies Towards Its Neighbours

Location: **306**
Session Chair: **Olena Podolian**, Södertörn University
Discussant: **Stefano Braghiroli**, University of Tartu

The Weakness of the EU Soft Power Strategy

Kristian L. Nielsen¹, **Dzenita Siljak**^{2,3}
¹Corvinus Institute for Advanced Studies; ²Hungarian Institute of International Affairs; ³Corvinus University of Budapest

Unpacking Sanctions Data

Bohdan Bernatskyi
European University Institute

The Open Balkans Initiative: An Opportunity for Peacebuilding and European Integration or a Disadvantage in the Context of Regional Relations and Security?

Edmira Cakrani
Canadian Institute of Technology

Polish Perspective on the Eastern Europe Seen through the Prism of the Participation in the V4 Group

Sebastian Marcin Kubas
University of Silesia

9:15am - 11:00am

MA6: Decolonial and Postcolonial Approaches to Area Studies

Location: **215**

Session Chair: **Anton Kotenko**, University of Dusseldorf

Discussant: **Epp Annus**, Tallinn University / Ohio State University

'Post-Colonialism' and 'De-Colonization' in the East European Setting: Elusive Concepts, (Post)Imperial Syndromes and Methodological Challenges

Andrei Cusco

A. D. Xenopol Institute of History of Romanian Academy

Complexity and Change as the Constant: De-nationalizing and De-colonizing East European Area Studies

Jessica Ruth Storey-Nagy

Indiana University Bloomington

The Caucasus as an Object of Area Studies: Complexity Theory as a New Research Tool

Malgorzata Abassy

Jagiellonian University

Discourse Analysis as Transformative Tool: Understanding Societal Conflicts and Dynamics of Exclusion, Discrimination and Hierarchization in Central Asia

Filipp Semyonov¹, **Alexander Ten**²

¹University of Marburg; ²Kazakh-German University

9:15am - 11:00am

MA7: New Perspectives on Soviet Collapse

Location: **205**

Session Chair: **Li Bennich-Björkman**, Uppsala University

Discussant: **Vladas Sirutavičius**, Lithuanian Institute of History

"A Stalin's Mistake?" Soviet Central Press and the Soviet Debate about WWII Deportations of Crimean Tatars (1985-1991)

Una Bergmane

University of Helsinki

Forecasting Sovereignty: The Role of Expert Languages during the Perestroika in Soviet Estonia (1987–88)

Juhan Saharov

University of Tartu

Reconsidering Tajikistan's 'Rastokhez': National Revival and Political Opportunism During Perestroika

Isaac Scarborough

Leiden University

9:15am - 11:00am

MA8: Civil Society and International Solidarities

Location: **206**

Session Chair: **Shpend Kursani**, University of Tartu

Discussant: **Irmina Matonyte**, Military Academy of Lithuania

Rethinking Civil Society from the Global East: Practices, Relations, Processes

Bojan Bača

University of Montenegro

Not All Seedlings were Grafted: Russian Civil Society and International Ties

Anna Altukhova
Humboldt University of Berlin

The Role of Location and Gender in the Production of Solidarity – Kyiv’s Cultural Community at War

Alexandra Wishart
University of Ottawa

11:00am - 11:30am **Coffee break**

11:30am - 1:15pm **MB1: Roundtable: Challenges in Researching Transformations in Contemporary Estonian Legal History (1987-2000)**

Location: **305**

Challenges in Researching Transformations in Contemporary Estonian Legal History (1987-2000)

Chair(s): **Marju Luts-Sootak** (University of Tartu), **Merike Ristikivi** (University of Tartu)
Presenter(s): **Karin Sein** (University of Tartu), **Katre Luhamaa** (University of Tartu), **Paloma Krõõt Tupay** (University of Tartu), **Triinu Rennu** (University of Tartu), **Marge-Reet Usk** (Estonian Academy of Sciences), **Merike Ristikivi** (University of Tartu)

11:30am - 1:15pm **MB2: Roundtable: “Flyover Country”– East-Central Europe as a Global Region**

Location: **205**

“Flyover Country”: East-Central Europe as a Global Region

Chair(s): **James Koranyi** (University of Durham), **Jan Koura** (Charles University)
Presenter(s): **Marta Grzechnik** (University of Gdansk), **Anca Cretu** (University of Vienna), **Anka Steffen** (University of Leipzig), **Bernhard Struck** (University of St Andrews)

11:30am - 1:15pm **MB3: Mass and Elite Identity Discourses**

Location: **307**
Session Chair: **Jessica Ruth Storey-Nagy**, Indiana University Bloomington
Discussant: **Elena Pavlova**, University of Tartu

Internal Othering in the Representation of Estonianness in Mass and Elite Identity Discourses during 1990, 1995 and 2000

Alar Kilp
University of Tartu

Discerning colours in the greyness: Defying essentialist representation of Latvian Russian speakers in surveys and public narrative.

Lena Hercberga
Copenhagen Business School

Where are the borders of Russian world? Semantic analysis of Russian newspapers of Lithuania and Latvia

Nataliia Steblyna¹, **Jaroslav Dvorak**²
¹Vasyl Stus Donetsk National University; ²Klaipeda University

Caught in the Crossfire: How Russophone Youth in Latvia Negotiate Russian Strategic Narratives Amidst War in Ukraine

Emma Rönngren
Uppsala University

11:30am - 1:15pm **MB4: Information Warfare Forms in Ukraine (Hybrid Panel)**

Location: **214**
Session Chair: **Tetiana Klynina**, National Aviation University; University of Texas at Austin
Chair: **Oleksii Kolesnykov**, University of Tartu
Discussant: **Anton Liagusha**, Kyiv School of Economics

Memes in Transformations of the Ukrainian Media Landscape in the Context of War

Mariya Rohozha

Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv

Transformation of the Ukrainian Media Landscape in the Context of War

Olena Pavlova

Humboldt-University of Berlin

Cultural Practices of Ukrainians during the War: Informational Context

Iryna Petrova

Kyiv National University of Culture and Arts

Exposing Russian Crimes and Information War: Algorithms and Cases

Anastasiia Stepanenko

Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv

11:30am - 1:15pm

MB5: Consolidating Autocracy in Russia at Home and Abroad: Authoritarian Promotion and Soft Power

Location: **215**

Session Chair: **Tatiana Lupacheva**, University of Tartu

Discussant: **Olena Podolian**, Södertörn University

Tense Symbiosis of Pro-War Ultra-Nationalists and Putin's Regime: Reinforcements and Red Lines

Martin Laryš

Charles University

Bolstering Autocracy? The Role of Post-Soviet Regional Organisations

Stephen Hall

University of Bath

The Myth of 'Post-Soviet Space' Versus the Illusions of Security Studies: The Example of the Collective Security Treaty Organisation

Marcin Skladanowski

The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin

11:30am - 1:15pm

MB6: Higher Education, Training, Political Activism and Career in the Soviet Baltic Republics

Location: **204**

Session Chair: **Juozapas Paskauskas**, Lithuanian Institute of History

Discussant: **Una Bergmane**, Helsinki University

"Forge" of Party Cadres for Three Republics. Vilnius Higher Party School: From Thaw to Stagnation

Vladas Sirutavičius

Lithuanian Institute of History

The Latvian Komsomol Nomenklatura as a Training Ground for Soviet and Non-Soviet elites during the 1970s and 1980s

Daina Bleiere

University of Latvia

Soviet Baltic Republics as Part of all-Union Higher Education Area: Between Cooperation and Competition in Studies

Saulius Grybkauskas

Lithuanian Institute of History

Training Soviet Directors for Business: The Rise of Mainor and Market Economic Ideas and Practice in Estonia

Li Bennich-Björkman

Uppsala University

11:30am - 1:15pm

MB7: The Idea of the New World Order and War in the Spiritual Discourse of the 20th Century

Location: **306**

Session Chair: **Andrei Znamenski**, University of Memphis

Discussant: **Irina Paert**, University of Tartu

"The Jews and the Jesuits" run the world: historic and current narratives of conspiracy in the religious milieu

Inese Runce

University of Latvia

Conspirituality of the New World Order: The confluence of political, religious, and warfare dimensions

Māra Kiope

University of Latvia

Manichaeistic World Constructions: Apocalypse, Conspiracy, and New Age Spirituality Paradigmatic parallels for alternative mythopoeic realities in the realm of social media

László-Attila Hubbes

Sapientia Hungarian University of Transylvania

The conspiracy mentality in Hungary: looking beyond hate

István Povedák

Moholy-Nagy University of Art and Design

11:30am - 1:15pm

MB8: Rethinking Late Socialism and the Transition Years

Location: **206**

Session Chair: **Ivan Lavrentjev**, University of Tartu

Discussant: **Juhan Saharov**, University of Tartu.

The Polish Crisis 1980–1982 from Western Perspective

Piotr Długolecki

The Polish Institute of International Affairs

Between International Relations and Political Cultures: Gorbachev, European Socialists and the Pan-European Perspective (1987-1992).

Ferdinando Maieron

Scuola Normale Superiore

Assamalla: Legal Restorationism, Existential Politics, and the Estonian Diplomacy of Survival, 1980-1994

Kaarel Piirimäe

University of Tartu

Tracing the Lineages of Neoliberalism in East-Central Europe: The Case of Lithuania

Jokubas Salyga

University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

2:30pm - 4:15pm

MC1: Roundtable: What is to be Done, or Reflections on the Future Development of the Historiography of Eastern Europe

Location: **305**

What is to be Done, or Reflections on the Future Development of the Historiography of Eastern Europe

Chair(s): **Eva Piirimäe** (University of Tartu)

Presenter(s): **Andrei Cusco** (A. D. Xenopol Institute of History of Romanian Academy), **Catherine Gibson** (University of Tartu), **Anton Kotenko** (University of Düsseldorf), **Darius Staliūnas** (Lithuanian Institute of History), **Ricarda Vulpius** (University of Münster)

2:30pm - 4:15pm

MC2: Studying Queer Sexuality in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania: from the Soviet Period to Contemporary Times

Location: **206**

Session Chair: **Matilde Bazzano**, University of Milan

Discussant: **Aet Kuusik**, University of Tartu

Queer Agency Under Surveillance of State Authorities in the Soviet Era in the Memories of Latvian Homosexual Males

Ineta Lipša

University of Latvia

Political Homophobia in Soviet Lithuania Revisited: The Case of the Dissident Viktoras Petkus

Rasa Navickaitė

University of Vienna

Representations of Homosexuality in Soviet Estonian Print Media

Rebeka Põldsam

University of Tartu

Messy Objects: Looking for Everyday Queer Life and Queer Studies in Post-Socialist Lithuania

Artūras Tereškinas

Vytautas Magnus University

2:30pm - 4:15pm

MC3: Voices from the Margins: Reshaping East European and Eurasian Studies Through Women's Historical Perspectives

Location: **306**

Session Chair: **Nadezhda Beliakova**, University of Bielefeld

Discussant: **Nadezhda Beliakova**, University of Bielefeld

The Nineteenth-Century Russian Clerical Daughters as Literary Characters and Authors

Marta Łukaszewicz

University of Warsaw

Unlikely rebels: women from the Orthodox clergy estate in the Baltic and moral, sexual and social transgressions, 1880s – 1930s

Irina Paert

University of Tartu

Separate Spheres within Spheres? Estonian and Baltic-German Women's Views on Emancipation before 1917

Janet Laidla¹, **Lembi Anepaio**²

¹University of Tartu; ²University of Tallinn

2:30pm - 4:15pm

MC4: Russia and China in the Changing World: The Twists and Turns of Alignment

Location: **214**

Session Chair: **Kristian L. Nielsen**, Corvinus University of Budapest

Discussant: **Maxine David**, Leiden University

Unpacking Autocratic Alignment Dynamics: Sino-Russian Relations in the New Era of Great Power Competition

Mikhail A. Polianskii

Peace Research Institute Frankfurt

A Case of Strategic Culture Compatibility? The Sino-Russian Relationship in the Post-Cold War Period

Maria (Mary) Papageorgiou¹, **Lauro Borges Correia de Araujo**²

¹University of Exeter; ²University of Minho

Diverging or Converging Norms? Sovereignty, Self-Determination and Secession in Russian and Chinese Perspectives

Natasha Kuhr¹, **Marc Lanteigne**², **Marcin Kaczmariski**³

¹King's College London; ²Arctic University; ³Glasgow University

Of Saints and Traitors: Status Anxiety and Memory Politics in Russia's Relationship with China

Valentina Feklyunina

Newcastle University

2:30pm - 4:15pm

MC5: Societal Resilience to Hybrid Threats: Perspectives from the Baltic States

Location: **215**

Session Chair: **Ieva Gajauskaite**, Military Academy of Lithuania

Discussant: **Viljar Veebel**, Baltic Defence College

Russian Information Influence Activities During the Russian Military Invasion of Ukraine and Estonian Countermeasures Against Russian Disinformation

Vladimir Sazonov

Estonian Military Academy/University of Tartu

The Role of Mass Media and Challenge to Standards of Journalism in the Era of Hybrid Threats: Evidence from Lithuania

Viktor Denisenko

Military Academy of Lithuania

Reflections of Lithuanian Artists on the Changing Security Environment and Hybrid Threats

Irmina Matonyte, **Ieva Gajauskaite**

Military Academy of Lithuania

Civic Education as a Countermeasure to Hybrid Threats: The Case of Latvia

Ieva Berzina^{1,2}

Beyond Borders: Understanding Lithuania's Total Defence Approach in the Face of Russian Threat through Securitization and Principal-Agent Dynamics

Dovydas Rogulis

General Jonas Žemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania

2:30pm - 4:15pm

MC6: Reflections from/with the South Caucasus: Precarities, Subjectivities and Values

Location: **205**

Session Chair: **Bénédicte Santoire**, University of Ottawa

Discussant: **Malgorzata Abassy**, Jagiellonian University

Organizational Behaviors in Civil Society in the South Caucasus: Precarious Professionalization and Effects on Civic Participation

Najmin Kamilsoy

Charles University

Young Left-Wing Women and Emotions in Post-War Armenia

Veronika Pfeilschifter

Friedrich Schiller University/ZOiS Berlin

The Rise of “Traditional Values” Rhetoric under the Georgian Dream Government

Tamar Tolordava

Ilia State University

Grassroots Dynamics: Rethinking Civil Society in Georgia through Social and Environmental Initiatives?

Clara Weller

University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna/Sorbonne Nouvelle University

2:30pm - 4:15pm

MC7: Contemporary Challenges Facing Academia

Location: **307**

Session Chair: **Edgars Eihmanis**, University of Tartu

Discussant: **Adnan Dzumhur**, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Structural and Organisational Challenges for Gender Equality in Academia: Perspectives from Inside

Patrycja Chudzicka-Dudzik

University of Łódź

De/re/composing Authoritarian-Neoliberal Assemblages: Ethnography of Russian Universities and Beyond

Juliia Gataulina

Tampere University

Unrequited Love: Unveiling Shadows Between Autocratic Intelligence and Western Academia

Sanshiro Hosaka

University of Tartu

PLENARY: Unbounding Central Asia: Geopolitics from Below and Global Connections

Venue: Juhan Liivi 2, Room 127

4:45pm - 6:45pm

The plenary will focus on the topic of 'Unbounding Central Asia: Geopolitics from Below and Global Connections', and the keynote speaker will be Natalie Koch, Professor in the Department of Geography and the Environment at Syracuse University's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs. The session will be moderated by Dr. David Ilmar Lepasaar Beecher from the University of Tartu. Dr. Slavomir Horak from Charles University will serve as the discussant.

7:00pm - 10:00pm

Conference dinner

(Registered conference participants only)

Date: Friday, 21/June/2024

8:30am - 4:15pm

Conference registration and info desk open

Venue: Lossi 36, Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Tartu

9:15am - 11:00am

TA1: Migration and Mobility

Location: **306**

Session Chair: **Vincent Homburg**, University of Tartu

Discussant: **Doina Anca Cretu**, Masaryk Institute and Archives of Czech Academy of Sciences

Cross-National Perspectives: Exploring the Perception of Migration in Australia and Germany Among Ukrainian Youth

Tetiana Gorokhova^{1,2}, **Olga Matveieva**^{3,4}, **Vasil Navumau**⁴, **Olga Oleinikova**⁵

¹Centre for Advanced Internet Studies; ²Pryazovskyi State Technical University; ³Dnipro University of Technology; ⁴Ruhr-University Bochum; ⁵University of Technology Sydney

New Destinations, Old Ties? Georgian Citizens in Azerbaijan and Poland. A Comparative Study of Mobility and Migratory Routes in Anthropological Perspectives

Klaudia Kosicińska

Institute of Slavic Studies Polish Academy of Sciences/European University Viadrina

9:15am - 11:00am

TA2: Communicating Knowledge in Late Socialism

Location: **206**

Session Chair: **Karsten Brüggemann**, University of Tallinn

Discussant: **Anna Sokolova**, University of Helsinki

The Soviet Quest for Universal Medical Literacy and the New Biopolitics of Late Soviet Socialism, 1960s–1980s

Alexey Golubev

University of Houston

Justification Practices of Soviet Sociology Uniqueness in the Late-Soviet Doctoral Dissertations of Two Academies: A Reminder from the Past

Ivan Kislenko

Slovak Academy of Sciences

Historical imagination and reformatting of urban spaces in Kazakhstan

Kulshat Medeuova, **Assel Mukasheva**

L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University

9:15am - 11:00am

TA3: Indigenous and Minority Languages: Libraries, Archival Practices, and Research Infrastructures

Location: **307**

Session Chair: **Kerttu Rozentalde**, University of Tartu

Discussant: **Alexander Osipov**, The Åland Islands Peace Institute

Russian and the Permic Languages in the Process of Building a Common Language of Communism in the Soviet Union

Svetlana Edygarova

University of Helsinki

The Tatar Language in Finland and Estonia: Sociolinguistic and Historical Perspectives on Audiovisual Archival Resources

Ainur Elmgren¹, **Orsolya Sild**²

¹University of Oulu; ²University of Tartu

If You Build It, Will Anyone Come? The Creation of Indigenous-Language Library Collections and the Challenges of Connecting Them to Users

Michael James Erdman
The British Library

Rethinking Ukrainian and Crimean Tatar Studies after 2022: problems, needs, perspectives.

Mariia Protsiuk, Olena Kovalenko
Ukrainian Institute

9:15am - 11:00am

TA4: Navigating War at Home: Ukraine's Domestic Challenges in Times of Conflict

Location: **214**
Session Chair: **Dmytro Khutkyy**, University of Tartu
Discussant: **Oleksii Kolesnykov**, University of Tartu

Intimate Partnerships During War: Virtual Interviews and Focus Groups with Women in Three Ukrainian Cities Under Russia's Full-scale Invasion

Theodore Gerber¹, Anna Popovych¹, Brienna Perelli-Harris²
¹University of Wisconsin-Madison; ²University of Southampton

Failure or Success? Regime Fragmentation and Local Resilience in the Context of Political Decentralization in Ukraine.

Oleksiy Bondarenko
City, University of London

Urban Disorder and Municipal Policing in Democratic Transitions: The Case of Ukraine

Matthew Light
University of Toronto

9:15am - 11:00am

TA5: Eurasian De Facto States in the Shadow of Russia's War on Ukraine

Location: **205**
Session Chair: **Kristel Vits**, University of Tartu
Discussant: **Eiki Berg**, University of Tartu

Eurasia's De Facto States after Russia's Attack on Ukraine: Client Reactions to Patron Decline

Pål Kolstø
University of Oslo

Patron-Parent Relations in Transnistria and Abkhazia in the Context of War in Ukraine

Magdalena Dembińska
Université de Montréal

Beyond Russia: 'Us' and 'Them' in the Rhetoric of Abkhaz and South Ossetian Leaders

Tornike Zurabashvili¹, Helge Blakkisrud²
¹Tbilisi State University; ²University of Oslo

9:15am - 11:00am

TA6: Roundtable: New Approaches for Teaching East European and Eurasian Histories: Methods, Experiences, Challenges

Location: **305**

New Approaches for Teaching East European and Eurasian Histories: Methods, Experiences, Challenges

Chair(s): **Catherine Gibson** (University of Tartu)

Presenter(s): **Bernhard Struck** (University of St Andrews), **Heiko Pääbo** (University of Tartu), **Janet Laidla** (University of Tartu), **Paris Pin-Yu Chen** (University College London)

9:15am - 11:00am

TA7: Religion, Spirituality, and Tradition in the Modern World

Location: **204**

Session Chair: **Marta Łukaszewicz**, University of Warsaw

Discussant: **Inese Runce**, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology

Secular parallels to the eschatological discourse in the Latvian periodicals in the Russian language (1920s – 1930s)

Nadezda Pazuhina

University of Latvia

Modernisation of Grieving in Soviet Lithuania: Emotions and Practices to Support the Illusion of Immortality

Nerija Putinaité

Vilnius University

'They Hated Me Before They Hated You': Eschatological Tranquility of Jehovah's Witnesses Persecuted in Russia

Igor Mikeshin

University of Helsinki

9:15am - 11:00am

TA8: Security Developments from the Baltic to the Black Sea

Location: **215**

Session Chair: **Vladimir Sazonov**, Estonian Military Academy/ University of Tartu

Discussant: **Ruth Margaret Deyermond**, King's College London

Responding to a Geopolitical Setback: Russia's Evolving Discourses and Policies to NATO Expansion in Scandinavia

Matthew Blackburn

Norwegian Institute for International Affairs

Risks to Democratic Consolidation in Ukraine: Strategic Stagnation by NATO and the EU, and the Cautionary Tale of Georgia

Thomas Geoffrey Law

Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy

Women, Peace and Security Agenda Between Russia and the West: Regional Trends in Eastern Europe and the South Caucasus

Bénédicte Santoire

University of Ottawa

11:00am - 11:30am

Coffee break

11:30am - 1:15pm

TB1: Politics of History and Memory

Location: **206**

Session Chair: **James Koranyi**, University of Durham

Discussant: **Heiko Pääbo**, University of Tartu

"Monuments' War": Eastern Europe Iconoclasm in Comparative Perspective

Andrei Znamenski

University of Memphis

Learning Belarusian History under Growing Russification. Is there still some space for national identity?

Silver Loit

University of Tartu

11:30am - 1:15pm

TB2: The Radical Right and the War in Ukraine

Location: **215**

Session Chair: **Piret Ehin**, University of Tartu

Discussant: **Mari-Liis Jakobson**, Tallinn University

The Impact of the War in Ukraine on Far Right Parties in the Baltic Sea Region

Akbar Mammadov

University of Tartu

Patterns and Dynamics of Russian Extreme Right-Wing Patriotic Opposition to Putin's Regime during Russia's Aggression Against Ukraine

Oksana Belova-Dalton

University of Tartu

Ukraine as a Point of Convergence: An Analysis of the Russia Positions of the French New Right

Adrien Nonjon

INALCO

When Do Radical Right Parties Change? Exploring the Parliamentary Behaviour of Sweden Democrats

Pēteris Timofejevs

Umeå University

A "Political Pariah"? Logics of Exclusion and Inclusion of Political Parties in Estonia, Finland and Latvia in the Context of the War in Ukraine

Katerina Kesa

INALCO

11:30am - 1:15pm

TB3: Identity Construction and Belonging in Multiethnic Societies

Location: **307**

Session Chair: **Alar Kilp**, University of Tartu

Discussant: **Alar Kilp**, University of Tartu

Exclusionary Identity Building: Gender and Sexuality in Estonian Russophone Discourses of the 1990s

Aigerim Nurseitova

University of Tartu

Fictionalizing the Past in Estonia: Cultural Memory in Women's Literature

Elena Pavlova, Irina Paert

University of Tartu

(Re)shaping the Identity Order: Kazakhstan's Society and the War in Ukraine

Alexander Ten¹, Filipp Semyonov²

¹Kazakh-German University; ²University of Marburg

Latvian Russian-Speakers and Willingness to Fight for One's Country Before and After the Russia's War in Ukraine

Juris Pūpcenoks¹, Maris Andzans², Jennie Schulze³

¹Marist College; ²Riga Stradins University; ³Duquesne University

11:30am - 1:15pm

TB4: Russian Imperialism, Then and Now

Location: **214**

Session Chair: **Oliver William Rowe**, University of Tartu

Discussant: **David Ilmar Lepasaar Beecher**, University of Tartu

The Baltic States in the Political and Legal Thought of Pavel N. Milyukov during The Civil War in Russia of 1917-1922

Michał Patryk Sadłowski

University of Warsaw

Kremlin's Narratives: Securitizing History and Ontological Security

İbrahim Köremezli

Eskişehir Osmangazi University

The Russian War Against Ukraine as an Onset of the Russian Eurasian Empire

Tetiana Hranchak

Syracuse University

11:30am - 1:15pm

TB5: De Facto States in the Horizon: Between Frozen and Boiling States of Being

Location: **205**

Session Chair: **Ashley Humphrey**, Federation University

Discussant: **Ramesh Ganohariti**, Leiden University

Mediation in a Gray-Zone Conflict: Formal and Informal International Efforts in the Russia-Ukraine War, 2014-2022

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The Bicomunal Technical Committees: Helping to Resolve, or Making the Frozen Conflict more Comfortable?

Nasia Hadji Georgiou

UCLan Cyprus

Facing Goliath: Navigating Peace across the Taiwan Strait after Taiwan's 2024 General Elections

Anne Hsiu-An Hsiao

National Chengchi University

How "Frozen Conflicts" Over Territory Defrost: A Two-Tier Analysis of Peace, War, and Status Quo Outcomes

Shpend Kursani, Eiki Berg

University of Tartu

11:30am - 1:15pm

TB6: Mobile Societies, Coexistence and the Unbounding of Central Asia

Location: **305**

Session Chair: **Anna Jordanova**, Charles University

A Comparative and Connective Analysis of Muslim and Jewish Central Asian Emigres in the Twentieth Century

Magnus Marsden

University of Sussex

Forging Interconnections between the Caucasus and the Middle East: Syrian Armenian patterns of mobility and commerce since the 1990s

Paul Anderson

University of Cambridge

Beyond Islamism: Central Asia-Afghanistan Relations as Depicted in the Akram Osman's Novel, Kuche ma

Shahla Muram

University of British Columbia

People's Diplomacy and Geopolitics from Below: Educational and Labour Migration in Global Central Asian Diaspora

Vera Skvirskaja

University of Copenhagen

11:30am - 1:15pm

TB7: Of Animals, Missionaries, and Schools: New Approaches Towards the History of the Romanov Empire

Location: **306**

Session Chair: **Liisi Veski**, University of Tartu

Discussant: **Mark Bassin**, Center for Baltic and East European Studies, Södertörn University; Institute for Russian and Eurasian Studies

Zoos that Never Were: Unsuccessful Attempts to Establish Zoological Gardens in the Romanov Empire, 1860s–1910s

Anton Kotenko

University of Düsseldorf

Imperial vs. Nationalist Elements of Nationality Policy in the Kingdom of Poland: the Case of Education Policy (1905-1914)

Darius Staliūnas

Lithuanian Institute of History

Making Space in Africa in the 1870s: A Transimperial Perspective on Finnish Missionary Cartography

Johanna Skurnik

University of Turku

2:30pm - 4:15pm

TC1: Politics of Popular Culture: Musical and Literary Responses to Russia's War against Ukraine

Location: **215**

Session Chair: **Michael Cole**, University of Tartu

Discussant: **Azniv Tadevosyan**, University of Tartu

Music as a Soft Power Tool in Foreign Policy: Historical Contexts and Contemporary Challenges.

Renata Suchowiejko

Jagiellonian University

Ukrainian Popular Music After Russia's 2022 Full-Scale Invasion: Narrating Independence in Times of War

Anna Glew

University of Liverpool

Development of Ukrainian Literature During the Russian ongoing War against Ukraine

Olha Voznyuk

Institute of Slavonic Studies, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic

Pisat' v Stol: 'Uncensored' Self-Publishing on Russian Fanfiction Websites

Matilde Bazzano

University of Milan

2:30pm - 4:15pm

TC4: Failure, Uncertainty, and Anxiety: the US-Russia Relationship and European Security Since 1992

Location: **214**

Session Chair: **Natasha Clara Kuhrt**, King's College London

Discussant: **Thomas Linsenmaier**, University of Tartu

Transition and Policy: The Impact the Transition from the Bush to Clinton Administrations had on US-Russian Relations 1992-1993

Jeff Hawn

London School of Economics

The EU in Russia-US Relations

Maxine David

Leiden University

(In)significance, Identity, and Security in the Post-Cold War US-Russia Relationship

Ruth Margaret Deyermond

King's College London

2:30pm - 4:15pm

TC5: National Identity, Self-Determination, and Kin-State Loyalties

Location: **205**

Session Chair: **Magdalena Dembińska**, Université de Montréal

Discussant: **Kristel Vits**, University of Tartu

Living in a Country that Doesn't Exist: The National Identity, Future Hope, and Wellbeing of Young People Living in the Unrecognised State of Transnistria

Ashley Humphrey¹, **Helen Forbes-Mewett**²

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Understanding (Non)nationality in Aspirant States: Limitations of International Law

Ramesh Ganohariti

Leiden University

"We Don't Feel Like Their Kin": Assessing National Minorities' Relations with Claimed Kin-States in Georgia and Ukraine

Martin Lepič

Charles University

2:30pm - 4:15pm

TC6: Multidisciplinary Approaches to Border Studies

Location: **206**

Session Chair: **Teemu Tapani Oivo**, University of Eastern Finland

Discussant: **Stefan Wolff**, University of Birmingham

Diverse Realities of Georgia: Exploring Multi-Ethnic Coexistence in the Tsalka Region

Viktor Heinz

University of Ostrava

Disruptions and (Re)Connections in Relations of Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan and at Their Borderland

Ekaterina Mikhailova¹, Slavomír Horák²

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Constructing Albazino: A Comparative History of Narrating a Far Eastern Borderland Settlement

Liao Zhang

New York University Shanghai

2:30pm - 4:15pm

TC7: Roundtable: To be an early career Baltic historian: challenges and opportunities

Location: **305**

To be an early career Baltic historian: challenges and opportunities

Chair(s): **Una Bergmane** (University of Helsinki)

Presenter(s): **Kadi Käär-Peterson** (University of Tartu), **Rasa Navickaitė** (University of Vienna), **Kārlis Sils** (European University Institute)

2:30pm - 4:15pm

TC8: Literature and Cinema in the Early Twentieth Century

Location: **204**

Session Chair: **Alexey Golubev**, University of Houston

Discussant: **Alexey Golubev**, University of Houston

Cinematic Provinces of the Empire: A Path to Revitalize the Russian Imperial Cinema Narrative?

Juozapas Paskauskas

Lithuanian Institute of History

Cinematic Depopulation as Cultural Imperialism

Yuri I. Shevchuk

Columbia University

Those Who Overcame the Passion for Russian Literature: The Case of Ukrainian Neoclassicists

Oksana Pashko^{1,2}

¹National University of "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy"; ²Europa-Universität Viadrina

4:15pm - 4:30pm

Coffee break

4:30pm - 6:15pm

TD1: Rethinking Regional Cinema Studies

Location: **204**

Session Chair: **Juozapas Paskauskas**, Lithuanian Institute of History

Considering Transnational Angles for Exploring National Cinemas

Tanya Alexandra Silverman

University of Michigan

Claims to Superiority in Film Reception and the Problem of Writing Cinema History

Richard Vojvoda

Independent Scholar

4:30pm - 6:15pm

TD2: Estonia in the 1930s: Civil Society and Authoritarian Politics

Location: **305**

Session Chair: **Mart Kuldkepp**, University College London

Discussant: **Ainur Elmgren**, University of Oulu

The School for Democracy: Co-operation and the Authoritarian State in 1930s Estonia

Liisi Veski

University of Tartu

Racial and Eugenic Thinking in the Estonian Nationalist Club

Paris Pin-Yu Chen
University College London

Competition in History Schoolbooks Market During the 1930s

Mann Loper
University of Tartu

4:30pm - 6:15pm

TD3: Colonialism, Environment, and Health

Location: **206**
Session Chair: **Iuliia Gataulina**, Tampere University
Discussant: **Maie Kiisel**, University of Tartu

Russia's Imperial/Colonial Violence and the Anthropogenic Climate Change: An Ecosocial Approach

Epp Annus^{1,2}
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Late Soviet Timber Industry: Environmental and Economic Knowledge

Anna Sokolova
University of Helsinki

Colonial Legacy in Russia's Peripheries: Case of Vaccine Hesitancy in Dagestan

Iwona Kaliszewska, **Iwa Kołodziejska**
University of Warsaw

4:30pm - 6:15pm

TD4: Shaping Narratives about the War in Ukraine in Law, Memory, and Reporting

Location: **214**
Session Chair: **Dmytro Khutkyy**, University of Tartu
Discussant: **Dmytro Khutkyy**, University of Tartu

Mass Myths to Mass Violence: Memory(ies) in Russia and Genocide in Ukraine

Katerina Sviderska
Université de Montréal

Civilian War Sensing and OSINT Dynamics in Shaping Historical Narratives

Johanna Sophie Hiebl
European University Viadrina

Switching of attention as a "friendly fire": war coverage standards and the weaponization of the reporting

Yuriy Zaliznyak
Ivan Franko National University of Lviv

4:30pm - 6:15pm

TD5: Youth, Education, and Generational Cleavages

Location: **215**
Session Chair: **Veronika Pfeilschifter**, Friedrich Schiller University
Discussant: **Theodore Gerber**, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Harmonisation of laws and policies in youth and patriotic education in post-Soviet states

Edward Lemon¹, **Oleg Antonov**², **Olena Podolian**²
¹Texas A&M University; ²Södertörn University

Escape from the war: Russian young relocants and their civil and political values

Marina Perglová

Charles University, Czech Republic

Shifting Identities in Podcasts in Kazakhstan and Central Asia in the Aftermath of Invasion of Ukraine

Aizada Arystanbek

Rutgers University

4:30pm - 6:15pm

TD6: Minority Rights

Location: **307**

Session Chair: **Liao Zhang**, New York University Shanghai

Discussant: **Timo Aava**, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Minority Rights Standards Meet Soviet Legacies: Eastern Europe as a Test Ground for Identity Post-Politics

Alexander Osipov

The Åland Islands Peace Institute

Bordering Russian Nationality in Finland, Germany and Norway

Teemu Tapani Oivo¹, **Johanne Kalsaas**², **Julia Kling**³

¹University of Eastern Finland; ²University of Bergen; ³University of Passau

Russian-Speaking Minorities in the European Union

Cecilia Frego

University of Pisa

4:30pm - 6:15pm

TD7: Regionalisms in Eurasia

Location: **205**

Session Chair: **Thomas Linsenmaier**, University of Tartu

Discussant: **Martin Lepič**, Faculty of Science, Charles University

Illegitimate and Unpopular? Perceptions of the Eurasian Economic Union among the Armenian, Kazakh, and Kyrgyz Publics

Zhanibek Arynov

Nazarbayev University

The Wars Between Armenia and Azerbaijan: Analysing the Balance Between Zero and Positive Sum Logics in the Interplay of Multi-Level Interventions

Eric Pardo Sauvageot

Universidad de Deusto

"When Drnis came to the sea: Croatian Nationalism, Dalmatian Regionalism, and the Politics of Identity, 1990-2002"

John Edward Ashbrook

Midwestern State University

Can the War Foster Connectivity? Azerbaijan's New Regionalism after Karabakh War

Anar Valiyev, Fidan Namazova

ADA University

4:30pm - 6:15pm

TD8: Role of Actors in Governance Practices

Location: **306**

Session Chair: **Vincent Homburg**, University of Tartu
Discussant: **Stephen Hall**, University of Bath

Who is to Blame, Who is to Act? Framing Anti-Corruption in Central Asian Regimes

Anna Jordanova

Charles University

Connectivity Representation in Azerbaijan: Expert and Policy-Makers Narratives on the Middle Corridor

Elvir Mammadov

Dalian University of Foreign Languages

The Perilous Expansion of Diplomatic Statecraft: The Case of Lithuania's Relations with China and Russia

Konstantinas Andrijauskas, Raigirdas Boruta

Vilnius University