

Call for Papers

THIRD ANNUAL TARTU CONFERENCE ON RUSSIAN AND EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES

Reflecting on Nation-Statehood in Eastern Europe, Russia and Eurasia

10–12 June 2018, Tartu, Estonia

Scholars working in all subfields of area studies, including comparative politics, international relations, economics, history, sociology, anthropology, cultural studies and related disciplines, are invited to submit proposals for panels, roundtables and papers for the Second Tartu Conference on Russian and East European Studies.

The **Tartu Conference** is a venue for academic discussion of the fundamental cultural, social, economic and political trends affecting all aspects of people's life in Russia and Eastern Europe. Inaugurated in June 2016, this forum brings together scholars from across multiple disciplines, from the region and beyond. As in previous years, the organizers expect the number of participants to reach or exceed 200.

The year 2018 marks a century since the introduction of nation-statehood as the main frame for political, cultural and economic life for the peoples of Eastern Europe, Russia and Eurasia. While the discursive and cultural roots of nationhood go back at least another one hundred years, until the First World War the region was dominated by three multi-ethnic empires. Their collapse was a decisive moment which established popular sovereignty as the key organizing principle. Its implementation, however, took decades and, in more than one sense, is still incomplete. While remaining the principal foundation for democracy, nation-statehood continues to present a broad range of intellectual challenges until this day.

Reflecting on the evolution of nation-statehood allows us to shed new light on many of the challenges the region faces today:

- how has nation-statehood served as a crucible for cultural (literary, artistic and other expressive) development in the region?
- what kind backdrop has the nation-state norm set for phenomena such as nationalism and minority politics?
- has nation-statehood been a boon or a drawback to economic development in this region?
- in what way has nation-statehood contributed to forming consolidated political systems and/or democracy in these countries?
- how have nation states in Eastern Europe dealt with contradictory imperial legacies?
- what are geopolitical tectonics that have been created by a region of nation-states?
- how is nation-statehood – either in its cultural, social, economic or political manifestations – being altered once again by Europeanization and globalization?

The Programme Committee will consider proposals addressing the above and related questions **as well as other issues** relevant to the development of Central and Eastern Europe, Russia and Eurasia from any disciplinary angle. Interdisciplinary perspectives are particularly welcome.

The conference will begin with the evening session **on Sunday, 10 June**, and end in **late afternoon on Tuesday, 12 June**. The programme will include academic panels, roundtables focused on current issues and plenary sessions. Keynote presentations will be delivered by **Grzegorz Ekiert**, Laurence A. Tisch Professor of Government and Director of the Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies at Harvard University; and **Catriona Kelly**, Professor of Russian at the University of Oxford and a Fellow of the British Academy.

The organizers welcome individual paper submissions as well as proposals for full panels and roundtables. The Programme Committee will give careful and unbiased consideration to all proposals; however, panel proposals are particularly encouraged.

Each paper proposal must include an abstract of no more than 250 words. Panel and roundtable proposals should list all speakers (as a general rule, 4 per panel/roundtable), along with abstracts and, if available, information about the chair and the discussant (alternatively, these can be assigned by the Programme Committee). Please use [this link to submit your proposal](#) by **20 February 2018**.

All proposals will undergo rigorous selection by the Programme Committee. Notifications of acceptance will be sent by email by 20 March. The deadline for registration is **20 April**. There is no registration fee. All paper-givers will be required to submit full papers by 25 May 2018 (see [Rules of Participation](#) and [Important Dates](#) for other deadlines).

Participants are expected to make their own travel arrangements. The organizers will issue visa invitations, where applicable. Practical information regarding [travel](#) and [accommodation](#) is available on the conference website. If there are any further questions, please contact the organizers directly: info@tartuconference.ut.ee.

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