



## 5th Vilnius Symposium on Late Soviet and Post-Soviet Issues

### „Achieving the Normalcy, Pursuing the Revolutionary Culture: Transition in the Soviet Periphery“

4–5 DECEMBER 2014

Lithuanian Institute of History



## PROGRAMME

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

Venue: Lithuanian Institute of History, Kražių str. 5

Room: Baltoji salė

9.15–9.30 **Registration**

9.30–9.40 **Opening Speech**

**Darius Staliūnas**, Lithuanian Institute of History

#### 1ST SESSION

9.40–11.00 **Revolutionary “Progress” in the Soviet Periphery**

**Vladas Sirutavičius**, Lithuanian Institute of History  
*A few Reflections about National Communism and Nationalism in Communism in Lithuania during Late Stalinism*

**Felix Ackermann**, European Humanities University  
*Building Lithuanian Vilnius. The First Generation of Soviet architects*

**Saulius Grybkauskas**, Lithuanian Institute of History  
*The Communist Party Second Secretary in the Soviet Republic as Moscow Decisions’ Interpreter. Nikolai Belukha’s case in Soviet Latvia, 1963–1978*

11.20–11.40 Coffee break

#### 2ND SESSION

11.40–13.20 **Transformation of Society in the Soviet (Socialist) Periphery**

**Violeta Davoliūtė**, Vilnius University  
*The Discourse of Autochtony and the Search for Authenticity in Soviet Lithuania (1965–1985)*

**Olena Babkina**, European University, St. Petersburg  
*Scientists’ Discussions in Literaturnaya Gazeta: An Informal Network in the Official Press in Late Soviet Period (1965–1985)*

**Katarzyna Korzeniewska**, University of Białystok  
*How can one be an Atheist and/or Catholic in Sovietized Lithuania? Non-believer’s Convictions versus Religious Mentality*

**Andrei Kazakevich**, Vytautas Magnus University & Institute for Political Studies “Political sphere” (Minsk)  
*Being “Normal Belarusian”: National Identity in Memories of the Soviet Belarusian Nomenklatura*

13.20–14.30 Lunch

#### 3RD SESSION

14.30–15.50 **Late Socialist Societies**

**Jūratė Čerškutė**, LLTI  
*The Soviet Union is like an Attack of Schizophrenia: A Polyphonic Ccus of Being in Ričardas Gavelis’s Novels”*

**Mark Keck-Szajbel**, Europa-Universität Viadrina  
*A Pizza-Hut, Kentucky Fried Chicken, McDonalds. Revolutionary Change in Culture after 1989 in East Central Europe*

**Patryk Wasiak**, Institute for Cultural Studies, University of Wrocław  
*Western Consumer Goods and the Emergence of Brand Culture in state Socialist Poland in the 1980s*

15.50–16.10 Coffee break

#### 4TH SESSION

16.10–17.30 **Meeting Politics and Proceeding the Change**

**Michael Kimmage**, Catholic University of America Washington DC  
*Ronald Reagan’s Anti-Communism and the Problem of Audience*

**Vilius Ivanauskas**, Lithuanian Institute of History  
*Challenging the Global Sixties in Soviet Peripheries: Lenin Prize Winners, Soviet Universalism and Search for the Legitimacy of Ethnic Particularism*

**Aurimas Švedas**, Vilnius University  
*Adventures in Oral History: Intentions of the Scholar, the Artist Story and (Mis)understanding of the Soviet Past*

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

Venue: Institute of International Relations and Political Science, Vilnius University, Vokiečių str. 10

#### Room 402

9.15–10.00 **Keynote Address**  
*(from the International conference “Disclosing Invisible Society: Informal and Concealed Social Networks under Communism”)*

**John Skvoretz**, University of South Florida President of the International Network for Social Network Analysis  
*Structural Signatures and Hidden Networks: Statistical Models for Social Networks in Totalitarian Social Orders*

#### Room 302

#### 5TH SESSION

10.20–11.30 **Facing Normalcy or Crisis**

**Tomas Vaiseta**, Vilnius University  
*What does late Soviet psychiatry mean?*

**Lina Kaminskaitė**, Vilnius University  
*Soviet Lithuanian Film Studios under Ideological and Artistic conflicts: transition in Filmmakers community*

**Irina Sklokina**, V.N. Karazin, Kharkiv National University  
*Traveling through the east of Ukraine in the late Soviet period*

11.30–11.45 Coffee break

#### Room 402

11.45–13.00 **Joint Round Table Discussion  
Crack (in) the Soviet Monolith:  
the Nature of Social Agencies in  
Force?**

Moderated by **Vilius Ivanauskas** (Lithuanian Institute of History)

Initiate Statements by **Nerija Putnaitė** (Vilnius University),

**David Beecher** (UC Berkeley),  
**Rasa Baločkaitė** (Vytautas Magnus University),  
**Jūratė Kavaliauskaitė** (Vilnius University),  
**Martins Kapran** (Tartu University),  
**Violeta Davoliūtė** (Vilnius University),  
**Felix Ackermann** (European Humanities University)

13.00–14.00 Lunch

#### Room 302

14.00–14.45 **Keynote address of  
Vilnius Symposium**

**David Beecher**, UC Berkeley  
*Third World in Third languages: Yuri Lotman, Paul Ariste, and the Soviet Union’s Most European University”*

14.45–15.30

**Discussion on further cooperation in  
regional studies**

**Closing ceremony**