



6th Vilnius Symposium on Late Soviet and Postsoviet Issues

Managing Ethno Particularism in Soviet peripheries: Doctrine, Practices and Path to Post-Soviet transformations

12–13 November, 2015

Venue: Lithuanian Institute of history
(Kražių str. 5)
Vilnius, Lithuania



PROGRAM

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Venue: Lithuanian Institute of History, Kražių str. 5

10.00 Registration & Coffee

10.30–12.00 SESSION I.

Embracing Peripheries: Space and Nations

Rasa Baločkaitė, Vytautas Magnus
University, Lithuania
**Symbolic Geography of the Soviet Union:
Imagining National Republics**

Živilė Mikailienė, Lithuanian Institute of
History
**The Phenomenon of “Soviet West” in the
Late Socialism: Case of Lithuania**

Sergiu Musteață, „Ion Creanga” State
Pedagogical University, Chișinău
**Soviet Project on building New Nation.
Moldavian Case**

12.00–13.30 Lunch

13.30–15.00 SESSION II.

Tradition and Projection

Rasa Čepaitienė, Vilnius University
**In the Shadow of Moscow: The Stalinist
reconstruction of the Capitals of the Soviet
Republics**

Felix Ackermann, European Humanities
University
**How to make Hrodna Belarusian? The set
up of a Soviet State Museum at the Stepan
Batory Castle**

Rūta Grišinaite, Lithuanian Institute of
History
**(Un)Lost Tradition: School and Family
Interactions in Lithuania during
1960’s–1980’s**

15.00–15.20 Coffee break

15.20–16.50 SESSION III.

Remembering the War & Holocaust during Soviet and Post-Soviet periods

Almira Ousmanova, European Humanities
University
**Bypassing Grand Narratives:
Representation of War in Lithuanian
Cinema of the 1960-1980s**

Aurimas Švedas, Vilnius University
**The Darkness and the Artist: Three
Novels about the Holocaust and Cultural
Establishment in Soviet and Post-Soviet
Lithuania**

Milda Jakulytė-Vasil, University of
Amsterdam
**Zakhor in Soviet Lithuania:
Jewish Commemorations at Ponar**

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

10.00–12.00 SESSION IV.

Policies and Institutions during Post-Stalinism

Nataliya Kibita, London School of Economics
and Political Science
**The Effect of Khrushchev’s Decentralisation
Policies on the Ukrainian Soviet Leadership**

Vilius Ivanauskas, Lithuanian Institute of
History
**Čiurlionis, Mieželaitis, Maironis &
Negotiated Boundaries: applying Soviet
Universalism and Ethno-Particularism in
Practice**

Saulius Grybkauskas, Lithuanian Institute of
History
**Nationalism as KGB “Operational
Situation” in the Soviet Lithuania**

12.00–12.20 Coffee break

12.20–14.30 SESSION V.

Towards Nationalism & Revolution

Vladas Sirutavičius, Lithuanian Institute of
History
**“Letters to the Government”: Complaints
and National Question in Lithuania during
Late Stalinism**

Ainė Ramonaitė, Vilnius University
**Engaged, Complying or Duplicitous?
Tracing Sociological Picture of Soviet
Lithuanian Society**

Daina Bleiere, Riga Stradiņš University,
Latvian University (LU)
**Nomenklatura Particularism and Perestroika
in Latvia**

Luboš Švec, Charles University in Prague
**Paradox of Perestroika: Polarization in the
Soviet Block**

14.30–14.45 Closing Discussion