



11th VILNIUS SYMPOSIUM ON LATE SOVIET AND POSTSOVIET ISSUES

Between 'Natsionalnyi vopros' and Nationality Policy: Theory and Concepts in Practice in the Soviet Periphery

26 –27 November, 2020

Venue: Lithuanian Institute of history
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Vilnius, Lithuania

Program

Thursday, November 26

10.00-10.10 **Opening Remarks**

10.10 – 11. 10 Keynote speech

Jeremy Smith, University of Eastern Finland

Centre-Periphery Negotiations instead of Soviet Nationality Policy?

11:10-11:25 Coffee break

11:25-12: 55

1st Session **Nationality Question and High Level Decision Making**

Michael Loader, Glasgow University, UK

'Horse-Trading' over Soviet Nationality Policy: The Power Struggle between Beria and Khrushchev

Saulius Grybkauskas, Lithuanian Institute of History

Will Nations Survive under Communism? Theoretical Discussions in Soviet Ideology in 60's-70's

Matthew Blackburn, Uppsala University, Sweden

Multiculturalism during Russia's 'Civilizational Turn': Defining and Integrating the Nation

12:55-14:30 Lunch

14:30-16:00

2nd session **Nationality and Cadre policy in Baltic republics and Georgia**

Vladas Sirutavičius, Lithuanian Institute of History

National Aspects of the Cadre Policy in Stalinist Lithuania 1944 – 1953

Daina Bleiere, University of Latvia

Natsionalnīj vopros' in the Latvian SSR leadership discourse (1959-1987)

Timothy Blauvelt, Ilia State University, Georgia

Soviet Nationality Policy in Practice in Post-Stalinist Abkhazia, 1953-1967

Friday, November 27

10:00-12.00

3rd session **Inteligencia, Mass Culture and Grass-Roots Movements**

Nerija Putnaitė, Vilnius University

Carefree Joy of Late Socialism: Popular Mass Culture and Domesticated Nationalism in Lithuanian Song Festivals

Aurimas Švedas, Lithuanian Institute of History and Vilnius University

The Soviet-Era Syntheses of Lithuanian History: Expression of the Official Discourse and the Search for Alternatives

Dalia Satkauskytė, The Institute of Lithuanian Literature and Folklore

Transformations of Literary Nationalism in the Years of Perestroika

Riccardo Cucciolla, IMT School for Advanced Studies Lucca, Italy

Youths, nationalists or hooligans: the riots of Ashgabat and Nebit Dag in May 1989

12:00-12: 15 Coffee break

12: 15-13.15

4th session **Stalinism and Post Stalinism in Comparative Practices**

Oleg Khlevniuk, High School of Economics University, Moscow

Чистки номенклатуры в период позднего сталинизма. Значение национального фактора

Igor Casu, University of Chisinau, Moldova

How Stalin's Death Changed the Relations between Titular Nationalities and Russian-Speaking Populations? A Comparative Perspective on Armenia, Georgia and Moldova

13.15-14.30 Lunch

14:30-15:30

5th session **Nationality Question and Antisemitism Policy**

Oleg Budnitskii, High School of Economics University, Moscow

борьба с антисемитизмом накануне и во время Второй мировой / Великой Отечественной войны

Violeta Davoliūtė, Lithuanian Institute of History,

Perpetrator Memory and the Legacy of the Holocaust in Late Soviet Lithuania

15:30-15:45 Coffee break

15:45 -17:00

Discussion Making Publication: Approaches, Questions and Timelines