



## 11th VILNIUS SYMPOSIUM ON LATE SOVIET AND POSTSOVIET ISSUES

Between 'Natsionalnyi vopros' and Nationality Policy:  
Theory and Concepts in Practice in the Soviet Periphery  
1–2 December, 2022

Venue: Lithuanian Institute of History (17 Tilto Street, Vilnius), Lithuania

### Program

#### Thursday, December 1

10:00–10:10 Opening Remarks

10:10–11:10 Keynote speech **Jeremy Smith**, Zayed University, United Arab Emirates

*Centre-Periphery Negotiations instead of Soviet Nationality Policy?*

11:10–11:25 Coffee break

11:25–12:25 **1st session.** Nationality Question and High Level Decision Making

**Michael Loader**, Glasgow University, United Kingdom

*'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*

12:25–14:00 Lunch

14:00–15:30 **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

*Natsionalnij vopros' in the Latvian SSR leadership discourse (1959–1987)*

**Timothy K. Blauvelt**, American Councils for International Education/Illia State University, Georgia

*The Discourse of Soviet Nationality Policy in Post-Stalin Abkhazia: 1953–1967*

15.30 – 16.00 **Commentary** by **Ronald Grigor Suny**, University of Michigan

## Friday, December 2

10:00–12:00 **3rd session** Inteligencia, Mass Culture and Grass-Roots Movements

**Nerija Putinaitė**, Vilnius University, Lithuania

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

**Aurimas Švedas**, Lithuanian Institute of History and Vilnius University, Lithuania

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

**Monika Kareniauskaitė**, The Lithuanian Institute of History

*The Ethnic Factor in the Crimes of the Nineties: Two Cases*

**Riccardo Cucciolla**, University of Naples "L'Orientale", Italy

*'Unfriendship of peoples': the 1969 Pakhtakor Incidents*

12:00–12:15 Coffee break

12:15–13:15 **4th session** Nationality Question and Ethnography

**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*

**Violeta Davoliūtė**, Lithuanian Institute of History

*Ethnography and Nation Building in Late Soviet Lithuania*

13:15–13:30 Coffee break

13:30–14:30 **Discussion** Making Publication: Approaches, Questions and Timelines



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