



12th VILNIUS SYMPOSIUM ON LATE SOVIET AND POSTSOVIET ISSUES

**Between Ideology and Economy: Soviet Spatial
Planning, Science and Higher Education
16th of November, 2023**

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

Program

Thursday, November 16th

10:00-10:10 Opening remarks

10:10-11:30 1st session. Economy and Spatial Planning

Zenonas Norkus, Jurgita Markevičiūtė, Vilnius University, Lithuania

Cross-Regional disparities of economic productivity in Lithuania: a long-run view (1923-2019)

Saulius Grybkauskas, Lithuanian Institute of History, Lithuania

Spatial planning in soviet Baltic republics under centralized state

Donatas Burneika, Lithuanian Center of Social Sciences, Lithuania

Growing metropolises and disappearing peripheries - post-communist regional transformations in Lithuania

11:30-11:50 Coffee break

11:50-13:10 2nd session. Partocrats, Komsomol and Technocrats in Economy

Riccardo Mario Cucciolla, The University of Naples "L'Orientale", Italy

The last viceroy? Rafiq Nishanov and the evolution of the Soviet imperial compromise in Uzbekistan (1988-1989)

Li Bennich - Bjorkman, Uppsala University, Sweden

Soviet technocrats and ideas of market economy in Estonia

Daina Bleiere, University of Latvia, Latvia

Komsomol and business in Latvia in 1970s and 1980s

13:10- 14:30 Lunch

14:30-15:50 3rd session. Reforms and Transformation

Nikolay Mitrokhin, University of Bremen, Germany

How Belarus became an exemplary testing ground for the “Kosygin reform” and how this is connected with the collapse of the USSR

Andrei Kazakevich, Institute of Political Studies "Political Sphere", Vilnius/Minsk

Structure and political fate of ‘Minsk city industrial group’ network in 1980s and-1990s

Nataliya Kibita, University of Glasgow, United Kingdom

Communist party of Ukraine in the final years of the Soviet Union: from institutional transformation to disintegration

15:50-17:00 Discussion

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