**Directionless Times and the Question of History**

**1st Vilnius Convention in Historical Theory**

*29-31 August 2025, Sapieha palace, Vilnius*

**29 August 2025**

09:30 – 10:00 Opening

Introduction and welcome by the organizers

**Zoltán Boldizsár Simon & Aurimas Švedas**

10:00 – 12:00 Session 1

**Ethan Kleinberg**

*The Vortex, the Constellation, and the Compass: History through Temporal Anarchy*

**María Inés Mudrovcic**

*From Time-as-Noun to Time-as-Relation: A Shift in Metaphors, or in Ontology?*

*Lunch break*

13:30 – 15:30 Session 2

**Iryna Klymenko**

*Beyond “Eastern Europe”? Rethinking European History in Times of Unfinished Pasts*

**Balázs Trencsényi**

*The Politics of Synchronism and East Central European Political Modernity*

*Coffee creak*

16:00 – 18:00 Session 3

**Shahzad Bashir**

*Time as a Cultivated Garden: Thinking with a Motif in Persian Historiography*

**Javier Fernández-Sebastián**

*Directionless Times and other Metaphors in an Age of Uncertainty*

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10:00 – 12:00 Session 4

**Alexandra Paulin-Booth**

*About Time: Political Temporalities and Contested Futures Between ‘Left’ and ‘Right’*

**Eglė Rindzevičiūtė**

*Orchestrating the Future: Towards the Intellectual and Transnational History of Scientific Prediction*

*Lunch break*

13:30 – 15:30 Session 5

**Priya Satia**

*The Moral Hazard of Linear Time, Or, Recovery of Connection as Historical Means and End*

**Blake Ewing**

*Can We Be Left Behind in Directionless Times?*

*Coffee creak*

16:00 – 18:00 Session 6

**François Hartog**

*Towards a Cosmo-history*

**Ewa Domańska**

*Anticipatory Humanities: Are There Any Historical Futures Beyond Survival?*

**31 August 2025** / Cinema Paupio Pasaka

10:00 – 12:00 *The film director as historian.* Conversation with **Sergei Loznitsa**

*Lunch*

15:00 Lukiškės Prison (optional tour)