

DIRECTIONLESS TIMES AND THE QUESTION OF HISTORY

1ST VILNIUS CONVENTION IN HISTORICAL THEORY

29–31 AUGUST 2025, SAPIEHA PALACE, L. SAPIEGOS ST. 13, VILNIUS

29 AUGUST 2025

09:30 – 10:00
OPENING **Introduction and Welcome
by the Organizers**
Zoltán Boldizsár Simon Bielefeld
University (Germany) & Lithuanian Institute
of History
Aurimas Švedas Lithuanian Institute
of History

10:00 – 12:00
SESSION 1 **Ethan Kleinberg** Wesleyan University (USA)
**The Vortex, the Constellation, and the
Compass: History through Temporal
Anarchy**

María Inés Mudrovcic IPEHCS-CONICET-
National University of Comahue-FAPESP
(Argentina)
**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** Max Weber
Forschungstelle, Lviv (Ukraine) & LMU
Munich (Germany)
**Beyond “Eastern Europe”? Rethinking
European History in Times of Unfinished
Pasts**

Balázs Trencsényi Central European
University (Austria & Hungary)
**The Politics of Synchronism and East
Central European Political Modernity**

Coffee break

16:00 – 18:00
SESSION 3 **Shahzad Bashir** Aga Khan University (UK)
& Brown University (USA)
**Time as a Cultivated Garden: Thinking
with a Motif in Persian Historiography**

Javier Fernández-Sebastián University
of the Basque Country, Bilbao (Spain)
**Directionless Times and other Metaphors
in an Age of Uncertainty**

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10:00 – 12:00
SESSION 4 **Alexandra Paulin-Booth** Free University
of Berlin (Germany)
**About Time: Political Temporalities
and Contested Futures Between “Left”
and “Right”**

Eglė Rindzevičiūtė Kingston University,
London (UK)

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

Lunch break

13:30 – 15:30
SESSION 5 **Priya Satia** Stanford University (USA)
**The Moral Hazard of Linear Time, or,
Recovery of Connection as Historical
Means and End**

Blake Ewing University of Nottingham (UK)
**Can We Be Left Behind in Directionless
Times?**

Coffee break

16:00 – 18:00
SESSION 6 **François Hartog** EHESS, Paris (France)
Towards a Cosmo-history

Ewa Domańska Adam Mickiewicz
University in Poznań (Poland) & Stanford
University (USA)
**Anticipatory Humanities: Are There Any
Historical Futures Beyond Survival?**

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10:00 – 12:00 **The Film Director and History**
Conversation with **Sergei Loznitsa**

Lunch

15:00 **Lukiškės Prison** (optional tour)

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