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**“A Usable Past: Applied and Interdisciplinary History”**

**International conference**

**28-29th March, 2014**

*National Research University Higher School of Economics- St. Petersburg, Faculty of History, Soyuza Pechatnikov st., 16*

**28 March Friday, room 301**

**10:00 - 10:30 Opening of the conference**

**10:30 – 12:30 Session 1. Applied history: development studies, economy, industrial heritage**

**Chair and discussant: Tatiana Borisova**

**Sabine Clarke** (University of York) “The uses of history for contemporary debate about development”

**Andrey Volodin** (Moscow State University) “Economic history: How to find a global retrospective”

**Dag Avango** (Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm) “Abandoned extraction landscapes as resources for sustainable development: cases from the Arctic and Antarctic”

**Anna Storm** (Stockholm University) “Ignalina: A closed down nuclear power plant as a ‘landscape scar’"

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

**13:30 – 14:45 Session 2. History and Law**

**Chair and discussant: Sergey Belov** (St-Petersburg State University)

**Tatiana Borisova** (National Research University Higher School of Economics) “Cold War jurisprudence and the legal other”

**Marina Kurkchiyan** (Oxford University) “Tracing the past to the present: an application of the comparative approach to the study of socio-legal traditions”

**Olga Frishman** (Tel-Aviv University) “The use of history to legitimate constitutional courts”

*14:45 – 15:00 Coffee break*

**15:00 – 16:00 Key note lecture 1**

**Poul Holm** (Trinity College Dublin) “The need for history – How history speaks to the future”

*16:00 – 16:15 Coffee break*

**16:15 – 18:00 Roundtable 1. Interdisciplinary history: technology, architecture, environment.**

**Chair and discussant Julia Lajus** (Higher School of Economics and European University at St. Petersburg)

**Participants:**

**Alexandra Bekasova** (European University at St. Petersburg and Higher School of Economics) “Techno-tales of progressive change and "a usable past": what "useful" to say have historians of technology about the past in relation to the present and future of mobility?”

**Anna Kotomina** (Russian State University for the Humanities) "Seeing things differently: Optical devices and German-Russian technological exchange in the long nineteenth century"

**Gabriele Oropallo** (University of Oslo) “The lasting century: Two visions of design for durability of economic transitions”

**Daria Zueva** (Huazhong University of Science and Technology) “Socialist architecture usage and conservation: Comparative analysis”

**Anastasia Fedotova** (Institute for the History of Science and Technology RAS) “Trade of grain, pests, and crop failures (the history of applied entomology as the junction of history of science, history of agronomy, and environmental history)”

**Dmitry Nechiporuk** (National Research University Higher School of Economics) “International green agenda and the Olympic modernization of waste water treatment plants in the USSR/Russia”

**29 March Saturday**

**10:00 - 11:00 Key note lecture 2**

**Irina Savelieva** (National Research University Higher School of Economics) “Professional practices of historians outside the academy”

*11:00 – 11: 15 Coffee break*

**11:15 – 13:15 Session 4. Public history and historical memory on European periphery**

**Chair and discussant: Marina Loskutova** (Higher School of Economics)

**Anna Zadora** (Strasbourg University**)** “The Second World War in Belarus: A perfectly usable past for political purpose”

**Catriona Kennedy** (University of York) “The political uses of the past in Ireland: The bicentenary of the 1798 rebellion”

**Kaori Kimura** (Hungarian Academy of Sciences) “Influence of the Treaty of Trianon – Political and ethnic problems of Hungary in the past and present times”

**Evgenii Koloskov** (Saint-Petersburg State Agrarian University) “Longing for the South: Discourse of the lost legacy in the international relationships of South Slavic countries”

13:15 – 14:15 Lunch

**14:15 – 16:30 Session 5. Public history and historical memory Russian / Soviet**

**Chair and discussant Alexander Semyonov** (Higher School of Economics)

**Julia Khmelevskaya** (South Ural State University, Chelyabinsk) “A usable past, the lessons of history and venues of future: Some critical notes”

**Adrian Selin** (National Research University Higher School of Economics) "First capitals of Rus': Semi-scientific discourse of 2003-2013"

**Ivan Kurilla** (Volgograd State University) “Stalingrad in current policy and in the city “branding”

**Antonio Mendonça** (University of Lisbon) “Building new national narratives in post-Soviet museums"

**Zarina Gatina** (National Research University Higher School of Economics) “The transformation of the professional historian into the public historian”

*16:30 – 16:45 Coffee break*

**16:45 – 18:15 Roundtable 2. Public history, politics, culture and media.**

**Chair and discussant: Adrian Selin (**Higher School of Economics)

**Participants:**

**Oleg Reut** (Petrozavodsk State University), **Tatiana Teterevleva** (Northern (Arctic) Federal University, Arkhangelsk) “Presenting the past: Consumerism and digital electoral history”

**Nadezhda Razhukova** (National Research University Higher School of Economics) “Images of empire in British media”

**Alexandra Kolesnik** (National Research University Higher School of Economics) “Using history in mass culture: Representation of the past in popular music”

**Dunja Dogo** (University of Siena) “Creating a cultural memory: Images of Decembrists and populists in Russian and Soviet historical feature-films (1917-1932)”

**Ekaterina Melnikova** (Peter the Great Museum of Anthropology and Ethnography (Kunstkamera) Russian Academy of Sciences) “Animating Dobrynya Nikitich: Unbelievable past – unbelievable Present”

**Nikolai Petrov** (St. Petersburg Metochion of the Convent of Saints Constantine and Helena) “The veneration of St. Nicholas in Russia during the 11th-14th centuries”

**Ilya Guryanov** (National Research University Higher School of Economics) “Constructing the origins of modern republicanism: The concept of “civic humanism” as a usable past”

*18:15 – 18:30 Coffee break*

**18:30 – 19:15 Roundtable 3. Teaching applied and public history.**

**Chair: Julia Lajus (**Higher School of Economics and European University at St. Petersburg)

**19:15 – 19:30 Summing-up**