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**PROGRAM**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 2**

**9:30 AM - REGISTRATION (Foyer, 3rd floor)**

**10:00 AM - WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS (Room 311)**

**10:30 AM**

**PANEL 1: PERSPECTIVES ON 1945 (Room 311)**

**Moderator: Oleg Budnitskii**

Professor, School of History, Director of the International Center for the History and Sociology of World War II and Its Consequences, NRU HSE, Moscow

**Lewis Siegelbaum**

Jack and Margaret Sweet Professor of History, Michigan State University, USA

***1945 in the Soviet Union: Regimes and Repertoires of Human Mobility***

**Sabine Dullin**

Professor of Contemporary History, Sciences Po Paris, France

***Landscapes of Uncertainty: Soviet-East European Political Encounters at the Borderlands, 1944-1945***

**Jan Gross**

Professor of History, Princeton University, USA

***Poland in 1945: Liberation or Second Occupation?***

**Egbert Jahn**

Professor Emeritus of Political Science and Contemporary History, University of Mannheim, Germany

***Was Germany Defeated or Liberated on the 8th/9 th of May 1945?***

**12:30 PM - LUNCH (Dining hall)**

**1:30 PM**

**PANEL 2: WORLD WAR II AND ITS IMPACT ON THE POSTWAR PERIOD**

**(Room 311)**

**Moderator: Nikolaus Katzer**

Director, German Historical Institute Moscow

**Stephen G. Wheatcroft**

Professorial Fellow, School of Historical and Philosophical Studies, University of Melbourne, Australia

***Food Problems and Demographic Movements, 1941-1947***

**Oleg V. Khlevniuk**

Leading Research Fellow, International Center for the History and Sociology of World War II and Its Consequences, Professor of History, NRU HSE, Moscow

***The Soviet Political System: From the War to the Postwar Period***

**Tommaso Piffer,**

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, International Center for the History and Sociology of World War II and Its Consequences, NRU HSE, Moscow

***The Soviet Union, the European Communist Movement and the Origins of Postwar Europe, 1943-1945***

**3:00 PM - COFFEE BREAK (Room 300)**

**3:30 PM**

**PANEL 3: THE PERSONALIZED EXPERIENCE OF LIBERATION (Room 311)**

**Moderator: Michael David-Fox**

Professor of Russian History, Georgetown University

Scholarly Advisor, International Center for the History and Sociology of World War II and Its Consequences, NRU HSE, Moscow

**Oleg Budnitskii**

Professor, School of History, Director of the International Center for the History and Sociology of World War II and Its Consequences, NRU HSE, Moscow

***The Red Army Encounters Europe, 1944-1945***

**Petra Bopp**

Research fellow, Institute of Art History, Free University Berlin, Germany

***Camera Sights: German and Russian Soldiers’ Views of Occupation, Captivity and Liberation in Soviet Territories and Berlin in 1941-1948***

**Elke Scherstjanoi**

Research Fellow, Institute of Contemporary History Munich – Berlin, Germany

***Perceptions of Germans by the Red Army Combatants in Germany, 1945***

**5:00 PM - COFFEE BREAK (Room 300)**

**5:30 PM**

**PANEL 4: DEMOBILIZATION, RE-EVACUATION AND POSTWAR DISCONTENTS (Room 311)**

**Moderator: Aleksandr Kamenskii**

Dean, School of History, NRU HSE, Moscow

**Filip Slaveski**

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Alfred Deakin Research Institute, Deakin University, Geelong, Australia

***Fighting Stalinism from Within: Red Army Raids on Party Pre-Election Meetings and Troop Violence across the Postwar Soviet Space, 1945-1946.***

**Joanna Wawrzyniak**

Deputy Head for Student Affairs, Institute of Sociology, University of Warsaw, Poland

***Veterans and the Politics of World War II in Communist Poland***

**Elena Rozhdestvenskaya**

Professor, School of Sociology, NRU HSE

***Problems and Strategies of Integration of the Former “Ostarbeiters”* *in the Soviet Society***

**7:15 PM - RECEPTION (Room 300)**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3 (parallel sessions)**

**10:00 AM**

**PANEL 5: THE LIBERATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA (Room 311)**

**Moderator: Alain Blum**

Research Fellow, National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS), Paris, France, and Franco-Russian Research Center, Moscow

**Martin Beisswenger**

Assistant Professor, School of History, NRU HSE, Moscow

***Prague, 1945: Russian Émigré Intellectuals Meet the Red Army***

**Artem Zorin**

Associate Professor in Global History, Vyatka State University of Humanities, Kirov

***Soviet and American Troops in the Liberated Czechoslovakia: Experience in Interaction and Mutual Perception***

**Rachel Applebaum**

Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for the Humanities, Tufts University, USA

***War as Cultural Diplomacy: The Legacy of the Red Army’s Liberation of Czechoslovakia and the Construction of the Eastern Bloc***

**10:00 AM**

**PANEL 6: SOVIET OCCUPATION AND RECKONING: INSTITUTIONALIZED AND SPONTANEOUS VIOLENCE (Room 309)**

**Moderator: Emilia Koustova**

Associate Professor of Russian Studies, Department of Slavonic Studies, Strasbourg University, France

**Andreas Weigelt**

Independent Scholar, Germany

***Death Sentences by Soviet Military Tribunals against Germans, 1944-1947***

**Vera Dubina**

Associate Professor of History, Moscow School of Social and Economic Sciences,

Project Coordinator in History and Civil Society, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Moscow

***“A Common Story”: Memory on Sexual Violence during Military Occupation in World War II***

**Franziska Exeler**

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, International Center for the History and Sociology of World War II and Its Consequences, NRU HSE, Moscow

***What Did You Do During the War? Personal Reckonings in the Aftermath of Nazi Occupation***

**11:30 AM - COFFEE BREAK (Room 300)**

**12:00 NOON**

**PANEL 7: JEWISH EXPERIENCES OF LIBERATION (Room 311)**

**Moderator: Oleg Khlevniuk**

Leading Research Fellow, International Center for the History and Sociology of World War II and Its Consequences, Professor of History, NRU HSE, Moscow

**Daniel Newman**

Program Director of the Initiative for the Study of the Holocaust in the Soviet Union, Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, USA

***Soviet Jewish POWs during and after the Holocaust***

**Anika Walke**

Assistant Professor, Department of History, Washington University in St. Louis, USA

***Between Liberation, Longing, and Loss: Jewish Youth after the Holocaust in Belorussia***

**Elana Jakel**

Program Director of the Initiative for the Study of Ukrainian Jewry, Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, USA

***Soviet Jewish Experiences of Liberation in Ukraine***

**12:00 NOON**

**PANEL 8: WORLD WAR II IN POSTWAR CULTURE (Room 309)**

**Moderator: Valérie Pozner**

Research Fellow, National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS), Paris, France

**Vanessa Voisin**

Postdoctoral Research Fellow for the Project «CINESOV 1939-1949», French National Research Agency, Paris, France

***Retribution on the Soviet Screen***

**Ilya Kukulin**

Associate Professor, School of Cultural Studies, Senior Research Fellow, International Center for the History and Sociology of World War II and Its Consequences, NRU HSE, Moscow

***The Victors with the Self-Perception of the Vanquished: Poetic Interpretations of the Postwar Attitudes in Soviet Society by Georgii Obolduev and Boris Chichibabin, 1945-1947***

**Mischa Gabowitsch**

Academic Fellow, Einstein Forum, Potsdam, Germany

***The First Memorials: Monuments to Red Army Soldiers in Transnational Perspective, 1939-1953***

**1:30 PM – LUNCH (Dining hall)**

**2:30 PM**

**PANEL 9: RESISTANCE AND COLLABORATION IN THE OCCUPIED REGIONS OF THE SOVIET UNION (Room 311)**

**Moderator: Masha Cerovic**

Deputy Director, Franco-Russian Research Center, Moscow

**Boris Kovalev**

Leading Research Fellow, St. Petersburg Institute of History of the Russian Academy of Sciences, St. Petersburg

***Kind and Evil Invaders: Local Population’s Contacts with Germans and Their Allies in Russia’s North-Western Region***

**Nathalie Moine**

Research Fellow, National Center of Scientific Research (CNRS), Paris, France

***Soviet Doctors Facing Liberation: Eyewitnesses, Experts and Collaborators***

**Vladimir Solonari**

Associate Professor, Department of History, University of Central Florida, USA

***Traitors into Heroes: Towards a History of “Partisan Glory” in Odessa Region of Ukraine***

**2:30 PM**

**PANEL 10: RESOVIETIZATION OF THE BALTIC REGION (Room 309)**

**Moderator: Irina Savelieva**

Professor, School of History, Director of Poletayev Institute for Theoretical and Historical Studies in the Humanities, NRU HSE, Moscow

**Rüdiger Ritter**

Postdoctoral Researcher, Institute for East-European Studies, Free University, Berlin, Germany

***Liberation or Reoccupation? Lithuania in 1944-1950 from the Perspective of Recent Research***

**Ilze Jermacāne**

Project Coordinator and Researcher, Baltic Center for Strategic Studies, Latvian Academy of Sciences, Riga

***Red Army in Latvia in 1944-1945 from the Perspective of Oral History***

**Kaspars Zellis**

Research Fellow, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, University of Latvia, Riga

***War after the War: Postwar Anti-Soviet Resistance in Latvian Historiography and Social Memory***

**4:00 PM - COFFEE BREAK (Room 300)**

**4:30 PM**

**PANEL 11: THE PRACTICES OF SOVIET OCCUPATION: MATERIAL ASPECTS (Room 311)**

**Moderator: Kristy Ironside**

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, International Center for the History and Sociology of World War II and Its Consequences, NRU HSE, Moscow

**Brandon Schechter**

Ph.D. Candidate, Department of History, University of California, Berkeley, USA

***The Red Army Confronts an Alien World of Goods***

**Irina Tazhidinova**

Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Kuban State University, Krasnodar

***“Trophy fever” in Accounts of Soviet Combatants***

**Kornelia Kończal**

Doctoral Student, Department of History and Civilization, European University Institute, Florence, Italy

***“The Land Is Yours – the Trophies Are Ours”: The Soviet Plundering of German Property in Post-War Central Europe***

**Sophie Coeuré**

Professor of Contemporary History, University Paris 7 Denis Diderot, France

***Who Is the Plunderer, Who Is the Ally? In Quest of Looted Cultural Properties in Eastern Europe, 1945-1949***

**THURSDAY, JUNE 4 (parallel sessions)**

**10:00 AM**

**PANEL 12: POLAND’S TRANSITION FROM WAR TO PEACE (Room 311)**

**Moderator: Jan Gross**

Professor of History, Princeton University

**Jadwiga Biskupska**

Assistant Professor, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, USA

***The Nazi Anti-Intelligentsia Campaign in Warsaw and Its Aftermath, 1939-1945***

**Kerstin Bischl**

Ph.D. Candidate, Department of History, Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany

***No Peace after the End of War: Poland in 1944-1946***

**Tarik Cyril Amar,**

Assistant Professor, Department of History, Columbia University, USA

***“Stakes Greater than Life”: Representations of World War II, Occupation, and “Liberation” in Communist Poland’s Most Successful TV Series***

**10:00 AM**

**PANEL 13:** **CONFLICTING PERSPECTIVES ON THE WAR AND SOVIET VICTORY (Room 309)**

**Moderator: Liudmila Novikova**

Deputy Director of the International Center for the History and Sociology of World War II and Its Consequences, Associate Professor, School of History, NRU HSE, Moscow

**Stefan-Ludwig Hoffmann**

Associate Professor of History, University of California, Berkeley, USA

***Berlin Encounters: 1945 through Diaries***

**Irina Alter**

Fellow Editor for the Project “Allgemeines Künstlerlexikon” at Walter de Gruyter Verlag, Berlin, Germany

***Dresden, 1945: Ragna Enking and Leionid Rabinovich (Two Witness Accounts)***

**Liubov Summ**

Translator, Literary Scholar, Moscow

***Hitler’s Death: Accounts by Elena Rzhevskaia and Kete Hoiserman***

**11:30 AM - COFFEE BREAK (Room 300)**

**12:00 NOON**

**PANEL 14: BETWEEN THE HOLOCAUST AND POGROM: SOVIET JEWISH**

**CULTURE, 1945-1948 (Room 311)**

**Moderator: Maria Maiofis**

Associate Professor and Research Fellow, School for Humanities Research, Russian State Academy of National Economy and Public Administration, Moscow

**Mikhail Krutikov**

Professor, Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures and Frankel Center for Judaic Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA

***Between Tragedy and Hope: Renaissance of Soviet Yiddish Literature, 1945-1948***

**Anna Shternshis**

Al and Malka Green Associate Professor in Yiddish Studies, University of Toronto, Canada

***“Mir shisn di fashistn”: Soviet Yiddish Songs of Love, Collaboration and Resistance, 1943 – 1947***

**Valérie Pozner**

Research Fellow, National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS), Paris, France

***Oswiecim and the Film “Osventsim”: What Could and Should Not Soviet Citizens Know about the Holocaust in 1945***

**12:00 NOON**

**PANEL 15:** **CAPTIVITY AND REPATRIATION (Room 309)**

**Moderator: Sergei Kudryashov**

Research Fellow, German Historical Institute in Moscow

**Dietrich Beyrau**

Professor Emeritus of East European History, University of Tübingen, Germany

***Surviving Military Defeat and Moral Disaster: German POWs in the Soviet Union***

**Seth Bernstein**

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, International Center for the History and Sociology of World War II and Its Consequences, NRU HSE, Moscow

***Return to the Motherland: Soviet Repatriation in 1945***

**Artem Latyshev**

Graduate Student, Faculty of History, Lomonosov Moscow State University

***NKVD-MVS Filtration Camps: Structures and Political Practices, 1945-1949***

**1:30 PM - LUNCH (Dining hall)**

**2:30 PM**

**PODIUM DISCUSSION: NINETEEN FORTY-FIVE AND ITS AFTERMATH:**

**A CONTEMPORARY PERSPECTIVE (Room 311)**

**Moderator: Vera Dubina**

Associate Professor of History, Moscow School of Social and Economic Sciences, Project Coordinator in History and Civil Society, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Moscow, Russia

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