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**PRELIMINARY PROGRAM**

**TUESDAY, May 24**

**(working languages – English and Russian with simultaneous translation)**

**9:30 AM – REGISTRATION (Foyer, 5th floor)**

**10.00 AM – WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS (Room 518)**

**10.15 AM - PANEL 1:**

**STALINISM AND WAR: INTERNAL DYNAMICS AND COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVES (Room 518)**

**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

**David Shearer,**

Professor, Department of History, University of Delaware, USA

*War in the Absence of War: Understanding the Violence of Stalinism*

**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

*The Wartime Office of Stalin: Practices and Consequences of Delegating Authority*

**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

*Stalinist Wartime Justice, 1941–1942*

**Lewis H. Siegelbaum,**

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

*Moving People during the Great Patriotic War: Some Comparisons*

**12.15 PM – LUNCH (Dining hall)**

**1.30 PM - PANEL 2:**

**INTERNATIONAL ASPECTS OF WARTIME STALINISM (Room 518)**

**Moderator: Mikhail Suprun,**

Professor, Chair of the Department of Russian History, Northern (Arctic) Federal University, Arkhangel’sk

**Stephen Kotkin,**

Professor of History, Princeton University, USA

*Stalin and the Winter War 1939-1940: Blunder? Victory? Both? Neither?*

**Alfred J. Rieber,**

University Research Professor, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary

*Stalin's Borderland Thesis and Soviet War Aims*

**Mark Kramer,**

Director of Cold War Studies and Senior Fellow, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University, USA

*War and the Reshaping of Stalin’s Policy toward East-Central Europe*

**Peter Ruggenthaler,**

Researcher at the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Research on War Consequences, University of Graz, Austria

*Stalin and Plans for Partitioning Germany during World War II*

**3.30 PM – COFFEE BREAK (Foyer, 5th floor)**

**4.00 PM - PANEL 3:**

**SOVIET CENTRAL AND REGIONAL POWER STRUCTURES IN WORLD WAR II (Room 518)**

**Moderator: Nikolaus Katzer,**

Director, German Historical Institute Moscow

**Nikita Pivovarov,**

Leading researcher, Russian State Archive of Contemporary History (RGANI), Moscow

*Cadres Decided Everything: Numerical Changes in the Nomenklatura of the Communist Party’s Central Committee, 1939–1945*

**Kirill Boldovskii,**

Deputy Director, Foundation for Research in Modern History, St. Petersburg

*The Evolution of the Stalinist System of Regional Administration in Besieged* *Leningrad during the First Year of the Great Patriotic War*

**Yoram Gorlizki,**

Professor of Politics, Manchester University, UK

*Rise of the Sub-State Dictators: Aftershocks of World War II in the Soviet Provinces*

**Franziska Exeler,**

Mellon Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Centre for History and Economics, Magdalene College, University of Cambridge, UK

*How the Second World War Transformed—and Did Not Transform—Informal Power Networks in the Soviet Union*

**6.00 PM – RECEPTION (Dining hall)**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 25**

**(parallel sessions; working languages – Russian and English without translation)**

**10.00 AM - PANEL 4:**

**STALINIST STATE AND SELF-ORGANIZATION ON THE SOVIET HOMEFRONT (Room 518)**

**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

**Wendy Goldman,**

Professor of History, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, USA

*The Stalinist State and Mass Mobilization: From Evacuation to the Labor Draft to Factory Canteens*

**Donald Filtzer,**

Professor of Russian History, University of East London, UK

*Labor on the Soviet Home Front: Sacrifice, Endurance, Disobedience*

**Natalie Belsky,**

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

*Forms and Mechanisms of Self-Organization on the Soviet Home Front*

**10.00 AM - PANEL 5:**

**WAR AND SOVIET CULTURE (Room 430)**

**Moderator: Michael Scammell,**

Professor Emeritus, School of the Arts, Columbia University, USA

**Ilia 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

*Changing Modes of the Party Control over Literature, 1943–1944*

**Maria Maiofis,**

Senior Research Fellow, School of Practical Humanitarian Research, Assistant Professor, Institute of Social Sciences, Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration

*“The Triumph of Life” in the Fires of Hatred: The Interaction of the Two Policies of Soviet Propaganda in Soviet Newspapers, 1944–1946*

**Christina Ezrahi,**

Independent Historian, Israel

*Between the Gulag and the Battle of Stalingrad: Nina Anisimova’s and Aram Khachaturian’s Ballet “Gayané”*

**11.30 AM – COFFEE BREAK (Foyer, 5th floor)**

**12.00 NOON - PANEL 6:**

**HOLOCAUST: HISTORY AND MEMORY (Room 518)**

**Moderator: Daniel Newman,**

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

**Kate Brown,**

Professor of History, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, USA

*“Did you get the records Jan?:” How Stalinist Ethnic Taxonomies Aided the Holocaust in Ukraine*

**Semën Charnyi,**

Research Fellow, “Memorial” society, Moscow

*Jewish Religious Communities and the Memorialization of Holocaust Victims, 1944–1953*

**Iryna Ramanava,**

Professor of History, European Humanities University, Vilnius, Lithuania

*Jewish Life in Postwar Babruysk*

**12.00 NOON - PANEL 7:**

**WAR AND CINEMATOGRAPHY (Room 430)**

**Moderator: Aleksandr Golubev,**

Leading Research Fellow and Director of the Center for the Study of Culture, Institute of Russian History, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow

**Valérie Pozner,**

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

*War and Occupation on the Screen: Dilemmas of Filmmaking in Kazakhstan*

**Irina Cherneva,**

Research Fellow, Center for Research on Russia, the Caucasus, and Countries of Central Europe, School for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences (EHESS), Paris, France

*Changes in Soviet Film Policy on Soviet Territory during World War II and Postwar Years, 1941–1949*

**Christine Evans,**

Assistant Professor of History, University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee, USA

*“Seventeen Moments of Spring” and the Soviet 1970s*

**1.30 PM– DINNER (Dining hall)**

**2.30 PM - PANEL 8:**

**STALINISM IN CENTRAL ASIA AND MUSLIM REGIONS (Room 518)**

**Moderator**: **Ronald Suny,**

William H. Sewell Jr. Distinguished University Professor of History, University of Michigan, USA, Senior Researcher at [St. Petersburg School of Social Sciences and Humanities](http://sh.spb.hse.ru/en/), NRU-HSE at St. Petersburg

**Flora J. Roberts,**

Ph.D. Candidate, Department of History, University of Chicago, USA

*A time for feasting? Autarky in the Tajik SSR at War, 1941-45*

**Pavel Diatlenko,**

Associate Professor, Department of History and Cultural Studies, Kyrgyz–Russian Slavic University, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

*The Transformation of the Soviet Regime in the Kyrgyz SSR during the Great Patriotic War*

**Kiril Feferman,**

Senior Lecturer, Department of Jewish Heritage, Ariel University, Israel

*Soviet Policies towards Islam during the War: By the Grace of Stalin or Hitler?*

**Krista Goff,**

Assistant Professor of Russian and Soviet History, University of Miami, USA

*Postwar Deportation? The Resettlement of Azerbaijanis in the South Caucasus*

**2.30 PM - PANEL 9:**

**WARTIME CAPTIVITY IN THE SOVIET UNION (Room 430)**

**Moderator: Vera Dubina,**

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

**Aleksandr Kuzminykh,**

Professor, Department of Philosophy and History, Vologda Institute of Law and Economics of the Federal Penitentiary Service

*Prisoners of War and Internment in the USSR: Specificities of the Formation and Functioning of the System of Internment*

**Maria Teresa Giusti,**

Professor of Contemporary and Social History, Gabrielle d'Annuzio State University, Chieti-Pescara, Italy

*Political Work among Italian and German Prisoners of War in Soviet Camps during World War II and the Formation of “The New Man”*

**Anna Zapalec,**

Assistant professor, Department of Modern History, Institute of History and Archival Sciences, Pedagogical University in Kraków, Poland

*Polish Prisoners of War and Internees in Soviet Camps during World War II*

**Baurzhan Zhanguttin,**

Professor, Department of the History of Kazakhstan, Abai Kazakh National Pedagogical University, Almaty, Kazakhstan

*The Foundation in Kazakhstan of NKVD Camps for Foreign Prisoners of War, 1941–1945: New Documents and Materials*

**4.30 PM – COFFEE BREAK (Foyer, 5th floor)**

**5.00 PM - PANEL 10:**

**WAR AND STALINISM IN INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT (Room 518)**

**Moderator**: **Liubov Summ,**

Translator, Literary Scholar, Moscow

**Seth Bernstein,**

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

*Learning from the Enemy: Stalinist Studies of Foreign Youth Organizations, 1934–1941*

**Irina Bystrova,**

Leading Research Fellow, Institute of Russian History, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow

*The Big Three*, *1941–1945: The Experience of Personal Contacts*

**Oliver Werner,**

Postdoctoral Researcher, Leibniz Institute for Regional Development and Structural Planning, Erkner, Germany

*“Stalinist Mobilization” in International Comparative Perspective*

**THURSDAY, MAY 26**

**(parallel sessions; working languages – Russian and English without translation)**

**9.30 AM - PANEL 11:**

**OCCUPATION: COOPERATION AND RESISTANCE (Room 518)**

**Moderator: Martin Beisswenger,**

Assistant Professor, School of History, NRU HSE, Moscow

**Boris Kovalev,**

Doctor of Historical Sciences; Professor and Leading Research Fellow, St. Petersburg Institute of History, Russian Academy of Sciences

*The Russian Orthodox Church in the Northwest of Russia between Stalin and Hitler: Cooperation, Treason, or Compromise?*

**Konstantin Oboznyi,**

Chair, Faculty of Religion and Historical Disciplines, St. Filaret Orthodox Christian Institute, Moscow

*“The New Course” in Stalin’s Religious Policy and the Position of the Church in the Occupied Territories of Leningrad Oblast, 1943–1944*

**Daria Lotaereva,**

Independent Scholar, collaborator on projects of the Russian Academy of Sciences and the German Historical Institute in Moscow

*“Soviet” Means “Ours”: The Population of the Occupied Territories of the USSR through the Eyes of Partisans (Based on Materials of the Commission on the History of the Great Patriotic War)*

**9.30 AM - PANEL 12:**

**SOVIET ECONOMY DURING WORLD WAR II (Room 430)**

**Moderator**: **Oscar Sanchez-Sibony,**

Assistant Professor, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong

**Nikita Ivanov,**

Graduate Student, Russian State Humanities University, Moscow

*The Stalinist System of Management and the Re-equipping of the Red Army with Small Arms on the Eve of the War*

**Aaron Hale-Dorrell,**

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

*The Kolkhoz Market and Provisioning the Home Front during World War II*

**Andrei Kabatskov,**

Associate Professor, Faculty of Humanitarian Disciplines, NRU HSE, Perm’

*The Soviet Home Front: Strategies for Survival in the Diaries of a Worker, 1943–1944*

**11.00 AM – COFFEE BREAK (Foyer, 5th floor)**

**11.30 AM - PANEL 13:**

**WAR MEMORIALS DURING AND AFTER THE WAR (Room 518)**

**Moderator:** **Olga Porshneva**,

Professor, Institute for the Humanities and Arts, B. Yeltsin Urals Federal University, Yekaterinburg

**Anne E. Hasselmann,**

Ph.D. Candidate in Eastern European History, University of Basel, Switzerland

*How the War Entered the Stalinist Museum*

**Mischa Gabowitsch,**

Research Fellow, Einstein Forum, Potsdam, Germany

*Monuments in Times of War: Stalin’s National Turn and the Rediscovery of Military Memorials*

**Gábor T. Rittersporn,**

Research Director Emeritus, National Center for Scientific Research, Paris, France

*Epic Beneath the City: The Moscow Metro as War Memorial*

**Iryna Sklokina,**

Researcher, Center for Urban History of East Central Europe, Lviv, Ukraine

*Monuments in the Postwar Reconstruction of Soviet Cities: The Case of Kharkiv, 1943–1954*

**11.30 AM – PANEL 14:**

**WORLD WAR II AND DEFINING THE NATIONAL (Room 430)**

**Moderator: Liudmila Gatagova,**

Senior research fellow, Institute of Russian History, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow

**Charles D. Shaw,**

Assistant Professor of Soviet and Post-Soviet History, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary

*When Muhamed became Misha: World War II and the Birth of a Soviet People*

**Markian Dobczansky,**

Ph.D. Candidate, Department of History, Stanford University, USA

*Long-Term Continuities in Soviet Nationalities Policy: World War II into Late Stalinism*

**Daniela Kolenovská,**

Research Fellow, Institute for Contemporary History, Czech Academy of Sciences, Assistant Professor, Institute of International Studies, Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic

*Belarusian Exiles’ Response to the Outbreak of World War II*

**Takehiro Okabe,**

Ph.D. Student, Faculty of Arts, University of Helsinki, Finland

*Dialectic of the Winter War: Finnish Occupation, Finno-Ugric Studies and the “Kalevala” in the Karelo-Finnish Republic, 1940–1953*

**1.30 PM – COFFEE BREAK (Foyer, 5th floor)**

**2.00 PM – CONCLUDING SESSION (Room 518)**

**2.30 PM – EXCURSION (for the conference participants)**