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Uppsala-BASEES Conference 13-14 September 2018 Uppsala Universitet

Day 0 (12 September – arrival day)

Open House at IRES 17.00-20.00
Light refreshments will be available
Gamla torget 3 (3rd Floor), Uppsala

Day 1 (13 September)

Registration	08.00 - 11.30
Session 1	09.00 - 10.30
Coffee/Tea	10.30 - 11.00
Session 2	11.00 - 12.30
Lunch	12.30 - 14.00
Session 3	14.00 - 15.30
Coffee/Tea	15.30 - 16.00
Session 4	16.00 - 17.30
Keynote	17.45 - 18.45
Dinner	19.30

Day 2 (14 September)

Session 5	09.00 - 10.30
Coffee	10.30 - 11.00
Session 6	11.00 - 12.30
Lunch	12.30 - 14.00

Dear conference participants,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the Uppsala-BASEES conference, "Regimes and Societies in Conflict: Eastern Europe and Russia since 1956". Over the last 60 years, Eastern Europe and Russia have seen dramatic shifts in the political, economic and cultural landscape, from monolithic dictatorships to a variety of contemporary politics. In an era in which new lines of divisions are being drawn and Europe is once again facing the challenge of discord between East and West, this conference provides the opportunity to reflect on the changes in the region and learn from the past. There is a truly impressive variety of papers and presentations, with all the major disciplines in the social sciences and humanities represented. It is indeed a true multidisciplinary conference with cutting-edge research. I am particularly delighted that BASEES has decided to organize this conference in Uppsala in collaboration with the Institute for Russian and Eurasian Studies (IRES), Uppsala University. On behalf of IRES and the BASEES committee, I wish you a very good conference!

Claes Levinsson, Head of Department at IRES

Message from the President of BASEES

Dear Conference Delegates,

In 2016 the Committee of the British Association for Slavonic and East-Central European Studies, approved a plan to hold a European regional conference to take place at some time between the annual conference, which is held in Cambridge UK in April. The reasoning behind the proposal partly came out of the recent “Brexit vote” in the UK and the BASEES committee wanted to strengthen our links with our mainland European colleagues for the bumpy road ahead. In the last decade, BASEES has drawn an increasingly larger number of its members from Europe and the countries of the former Soviet bloc and approximately half of the delegates at the annual conference come from Europe. We hoped with a regional conference that provide scholars, who are unable to make the journey to Cambridge or who know little of our activities, with the opportunity to get to know BASEES.

We were delighted when our outreach to Uppsala met with a positive response. IRES in the University of Uppsala in recent years has confirmed its reputation as an exciting centre for Russian and Eurasian Studies. Places on its guest-research program are much sought after among young scholars in Russian and Eurasian studies and imaginative new appointments have helped extend IRES’s international reputation as a centre of excellence in our area.

BASEES is particularly grateful to the effort that the Institute’s Director Claes Levinsson put into this joint project. I can honestly say that without his enthusiastic backing the conference would not have got off the ground. And many thanks are also due to the BASEES home team, led by former president, Peter Waldron.

I wish all delegates a successful conference.

Prof Judith Pallot, President of BASEES

Delegate Guide

The conference will be held in the University Main Building, which is located in the city center, approximately 10-15 minutes by foot from Uppsala Train Station. The street address is Biskopsgatan 3. Conference sessions will be held in lecture halls on Floors 1 & 2. Signs to assist you will be in place. Please wear your delegate badge at all times in the University Main Building.

Pre-booked accommodation is provided in four different hotels, all situated in the city center: Akademihotellet, Hotell Stella, Hotel CityStay and Park Inn by Radisson Uppsala.

Maps

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Notices / Updates / Last Minute Changes

We will put notices out via Twitter. Follow @uppsalabasees and #uppsalabasees2018.

Open House at IRES

On arrival day, September 12, you are welcome to our Open House at the Institute for Russian and Eurasian Studies (IRES) from 17.00-20.00. The street address is Gamla torget 3 (3rd Floor). Light refreshments will be available.

Meals

The coffee and tea breaks are open to all conference attendees and take place in the main entrance hall to the University Building.

Hot lunches will be served in Café Alma, located on the ground floor of the University Main Building. Lunches are only open to those who have pre-purchased a ticket. A limited number of additional tickets will be available for purchase at Café Alma. If you have asked for a special diet, please make yourself known to the catering staff on each occasion.

Café Alma is open to all conference participants between 09.00-16.00 on both conference days, lunch timings excluded.

The conference dinner will be held at Norrlands, which is the city's largest student nation with some 8 000 members. Norrlands is located at Västra Ågatan 14. The dinner starts at 19.30 and will include a welcome drink, three-course meal and wine.

Conference Desk

Get help and information during the conference at the registration desk, which will be in the main entrance hall to the University Building. The conference desk is staffed between 08.00-11.30 on September 13 and 08.30-10.30 on September 14. You can also contact us on the conference phone, +46 (0)70 425 08 27, during conference hours.

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For guides to what to do, where to eat etc. in Uppsala, see <http://www.destination uppsala.se/en/>

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Domtrappkällaren (S:t Eriks gränd 15)

“The restaurant serves Swedish food infused with ideas taken from kitchens around the world.”

www.domtrappkallaren.se

Ofvandahls (Syslomansgatan 5)

“Situated in an old building listed as an historic landmark, Ofvandahls on Syslomansgatan is a classic café dating back to 1878.”

www.ofvandahls.se

Katedralkaféet (Domkyrkoplan 7)

“In the building next to the main entrance of Uppsala domkyrka (Uppsala Cathedral) you will find Katedralkaféet.”

www.uppsaladomkyrka.se

Güntherska Hovkonditori & Schweizeri (Östra Ågatan 31)

“If you want to taste treats fit for a king, visit Güntherska Hovkonditoriet, which is centrally located near Stora Torget and Fyrisån River.”

www.guntherska.se

Il Forno Italiano (S:t Olofsgatan 8)

“Il Forno Italiano is a classic Italian restaurant with a cozy Tuscan atmosphere, situated in an historic environment.”

www.ilfornoitaliano.se

Stationen (Olof Palmes Plats 6)

“Since it was built in 1866, Uppsala's old station building has been the city's link to the wider world and continental Europe.”

www.stationen.se

Plock (Dragarbrunnsgatan 24)

“Plock is an attractive bar and restaurant, located at Dragarbrunnstorg in central Uppsala.”

www.plock.nu

Churchill Arms (S:t Olofsgatan 30)

“At the Churchill Arms, young and old can make themselves at home; enjoy a hot meal, or a beer from the wide selection on offer at a reasonable price.”

www.churchillarmsuppsala.se

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“English gastro pub, the Bishops Arms is a gathering place for both locals and hotel guests.”

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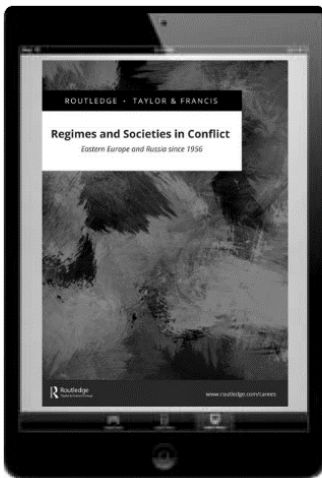
Katalin (Östra Station, Godsmagasinet)

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www.katalin.com

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Keynote



Dr Tom Casier

(Jean Monnet Chair and Reader in International Relations at the Brussels School of International Studies)

‘Russia and Europe. Back to where we began or a new order in the making?’

*Thursday, 13th of September, 17.45 - 18.45
- Hall X*

Relations between Russia and the EU are going through the deepest crisis since the end of the Cold War. Sanctions continue to be renewed and trust remains at an all-time low. Yet, the relations are also fraught with ambiguity. Bilateral contacts between Moscow and capitals of EU countries seem to flourish and in sectors like energy pragmatism reigns. How deep then is the crisis? And what is at stake? Is the confrontation about counter-hegemony and ultimately the reversal of the – already weakened - Euro-Atlantic ‘liberal’ order, as Russian diplomacy heralds ? How should we understand Moscow’s use of a full array of power means? And is Russia punching above its weight or has the crisis catalysed its return to ‘one hundred years of geopolitical solitude’, as Vladislav Surkov suggested? This lecture seeks to add some nuance to current debates, challenging the idea that the Cold War has made a comeback and disentangling the complexity of current power dynamics.

Dr Tom Casier is Jean Monnet Chair and Reader in International Relations at the Brussels School of International Studies (BSIS), the Brussels campus of the University of Kent. He led BSIS as Academic Director from 2014 to 2017. He is also Visiting Professor at the University of Leuven (since 2011).

Tom Casier teaches on Russian foreign policy, International Relations and political development in Central and Eastern Europe.

Dr Casier's research focuses mainly on Russian foreign policy and EU-Russia relations, with a particular interest in power and identity. An edited volume (with Joan DeBardleben) entitled *EU-Russia Relations in Crisis: Understanding Diverging Perceptions* was published with Routledge in 2018. Recent articles have appeared in *Cooperation and Conflict*, *Geopolitics*, *International Politics*, *Contemporary Politics*, *Europe-Asia Studies* and others.

Tom Casier coordinated an EU funded Jean Monnet multilateral research project on EU-Russia relations, with the University of Carleton, St. Petersburg State University and Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz. He regularly provides policy advice for different institutions and organisations.

Thursday, 13 September 2018

Session 1: 09.00 - 10.30

- 1.1** **Gendering Postsocialism – Hall VIII**
- Chair:** **Melanie Ilic** (University of Gloucestershire)
- Speakers:** **Li Bennich-Björkman** (Uppsala University)
 [‘Around the Corner? Female Empowerment, Security, and Elite Mind-sets in Georgia’](#)
- Ildikó Asztalos Morell** (Mälardalen University)
 ‘Roma Women NGOs agency in Marginalized Rural Municipalities in Hungary’
- Ildiko Asztalos Morell** (Mälardalen University) and **Yulia Gradskova** (Södertörn University)
 [‘Gendered Subject of Postsocialism: State Socialist Legacies, Global Challenges and \(Re\)Building of Tradition’](#)
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- 1.2** **Evolutions and contentions of the (post)Soviet nationalities policies – Hall IX**
- Chair:** **Anna Varfolomeeva** (Central European University, Budapest)
- Speakers:** **Kiryl Kascian** (International Centre for Ethnic and Linguistic Diversity Studies)
 [‘Constitutional identity in the post-Soviet Eastern Europe: Soviet basis and nationalizing superstructure’](#)
- Alexander Osipov** (International Centre for Ethnic and Linguistic Diversity Studies)
 [‘Autonomy in the USSR and the post-Soviet space: continuity and/or change?’](#)

Hanna Vasilevich (International Centre for Ethnic and Linguistic Diversity Studies)

['Regulation of bilingualism: between Soviet legacies and nationalizing patterns'](#)

1.3 Approaching Authoritarian Regimes from Public Policy Perspectives – Hall X

Chair: **Sofie Bedford** (Uppsala University)

Speakers: **Sofie Bedford** (Uppsala University)

['Nationalization and De-securitization of Islam in Azerbaijan'](#)

Vasil Navumau (University of Warsaw)

['Digital Gap as the Rational Choice: Successes and Failures of the e-Government Project in Belarus'](#)

Maryia Rohava (University of Oslo)

['Management of the State Media Bodies in Belarus: in Pursuit of Ideology Coherence?'](#)

Rail Safiyev (University of Bergen)

'What is behind Public Administration Reforms in Authoritarian Azerbaijan?'

1.4 Repression, Dissent and its Legacy – Hall IV

Chair: **Nurlan Aliyev** (University of Warsaw)

Speakers: **Galina Yakova** (Leeds Beckett University)

['Repression and Privileges as Regulators of Agency in Socialist Bulgaria \(1956-1989\)'](#)

Elisabeth Vyslonzil (Austrian Academy of Sciences, Institute for Modern and Contemporary Historical Research)

['Silent Herold of Collapse: The USSR in the Early 1980ies'](#)

Tyler Kirk (Arizona State University)

['"Who will remember if I forget?": Gulag Returnees Write to Syktyvkar Memorial, 1989-2002'](#)

- 1.5** **Soviet Communism and its Legacy – Hall I**
Chair: Ani Grigoryan (National Academy of Sciences, Armenia)
Speakers: Dmitriy Bochkov (Lomonosov Moscow State University)
[‘Between Public and Private: utilizing ethnography to study the ‘Prague Spring’ 50 years on’](#)
Joanna Rozmus (University of Vienna)
[‘From State Farm to Golf & Country Club: Transformation\(s\) of Everyday Life Structures in the Former Polish State Farm Village Paczółtowiec, 1981-2004’](#)
- 1.6** **Conflict in Ukraine and Beyond – Hall XI**
Chair: Matthew Kott (Uppsala University)
Speakers: Simo Mannila (University of Helsinki) and Natalia Kharchenko (Kyiv International Institute of Sociology)
[‘The Double Challenge of War and Distrust’](#)
Diana T. Kudaibergenova (Lund University)
[‘It’s Putin’s Crimea! Counter-Legality and Legitimacy in Russia’](#)
Ivan Katchanovski (University of Ottawa)
‘The “Snipers’ Massacre” on the Maidan in Ukraine and Revelations from Maidan Massacre Trials and Investigations’
Bohdana Kurylo (SSEES, University College London)
[‘Exploring Ukrainian Diaspora’s Experience of Agency within the Context of the Ukraine Crisis’](#)

Coffee

10.30 - 11.00

Session 2: 11.00 - 12.30

2.1 **Social Classes in stagnant modernity - Still Waiting for the Middle-Class Society in Russia – Hall X**

Chair: **Jouko Nikula** (Finnish Center for Russian and Eastern European Studies)

Speakers: **Harri Melin** (University of Tampere)

[‘Russian working life and the myth of precarity’](#)

Mikhail Chernysh (Federal Center of Theoretical and Applied Sociology of the Russian Academy of Sciences)

[‘Income structure of the Russian middle class’](#)

Markku Kivinen (Finnish Center for Russian and Eastern European studies)

[‘The Problem of the middle Classes in Russia’](#)

2.2 **East European farming amid upheaval – Hall IX**

Chair: **Camilla Eriksson** (Uppsala University)

Speakers: **Brian Kuns** (Stockholm University) and **Oane Visser** (Erasmus University Rotterdam)

[‘A critical, comparative history of agroholding farming in Russia and Ukraine’](#)

Natalia Mamonova (Swedish Institute of International Affairs)

[‘From top-down food security to bottom-up food sovereignty? The impact of Russia’s food embargo on smallholders’ discourses and practices in Russia’](#)

Chris Lander (Oxford University) and **Brian Kuns** (Stockholm University)

[‘The Sinking of the Armada: Problems for the Three ‘Flagship’ Foreign Investment Agroholdings in Russia and Ukraine’](#)

2.3 **Communism in Eastern Europe – Hall IV**

Chair: **Melinda Harlov-Csortan** (Independent Scholar)

Speakers: **Eva Taterova** (Mendel University in Brno)

['Jews under Communism: The Case Study of Czechoslovakia 1956-1967'](#)

Wojciech Łysek (College of Business and Entrepreneurship in Ostrowiec Świętokrzyski)

['Position of the Polish People's Republic in Eastern Bloc in the context of the events in 1968'](#)

Dirk Uffelmann (University of Passau)

['Moscow - just yet Another Rome: Zbigniew Herbert's Postcolonial Antiquity \(1956-1990\)'](#)

2.4

Post-Utopian Visions of Russian Culture – Hall XI

Chair:

Per-Arne Bodin (Uppsala University)

Speakers:

Muireann Maguire (University of Exeter)

['Other Worlds: Magical Historicism and Heterotopia in Contemporary Russian Literature'](#)

Mikhail Suslov (University of Copenhagen)

['"Noon Universe" revisited: Conservative engagement with the Soviet science fiction'](#)

Maria Engstrom (Uppsala University)

['Against the New Middle Ages: Imperial Remodernism in Contemporary Russian Visual Culture'](#)

2.5

Politics and the Economy 1 – Hall VIII

Chair:

Voicu Ion Sucală (University of Exeter)

Speakers:

Andrey Zaostrovsev (National Research University "Higher School of Economics")

['Russia: Escape from Modernization'](#)

Hans Jörgensen (Umeå University)

['Swedish Economic Intelligence: The East Economic Bureau during the Cold War'](#)

Piotr Perkowski (University of Gdansk)

['Demanding freedom or longing for modernity? Solidarity upheaval in 1980 Poland as a turning point for "communist modernity"'](#)

Lunch

12.30 - 14.00

Session 3: 14.00 - 15.30

3.1 **Gendering Postsocialism - Norms and Expectations –** *Hall X*

Chair: **Melanie Ilic** (University of Gloucestershire)

Speakers: **Artūras Tereškinas** (Vilniaus Magnus University)

['Postsocialist Gender Failures: Men in the Economies of Recognition'](#)

Radmila Švaříčková Slabáková (Palacký University Olomouc)

["'Women have always had harder lives": Gender Roles and Representations of the Self in the Oral Recollections of Older Czech Women'](#)

Noriko Igarashi (Tenri University)

['Elderly Care in Russia and Sidelka from Central Asia'](#)

3.2 **Biopower and Governmentality at Europe's Eastern** **Margins – Hall IX**

Chair: **Andrey Makarychev** (University of Tartu)

Speakers: **Alexandra Yatsyk** (University of Uppsala)

['Russian and Polish conservatism: a biopolitical perspective'](#)

Maria Engstrom (University of Uppsala)

['Gosha Rubchinskiy: Conservative Queer and Biopolitics of Fashion'](#)

Jaakko Turunen (Södertörn University)

['Immigration Debate in Poland: Semiotic Analysis of a Biopolitical Case'](#)

Lika Rodin (University of Skövde)

['The Russian-American Cooperation on Long-Duration Outer Space Missions: Governmentality Perspective'](#)

Andrey Makarychev (University of Tartu)

['Explaining Putinism: Imperial Biopower and Biopolitical Conservatism'](#)

3.3 **Childcare and Education in Soviet and Post-Soviet Russia – Hall IV**

Chair: **Alla Varyzgina** (Lobachevsky State University of Nizhny Novgorod)

Speakers: **Charles Beacroft** (University of East Anglia)

[“‘Educating the Uneducable”’: Deafblind Education in the Soviet Union, 1950 – 1960’](#)

Ekaterina Pereprosova (Université Paris Descartes)

['Family as a resource of deinstitutionalisation social policy in modern Russia \(1991 - 2018\)'](#)

Svetlana Russkikh (University Paris Descartes)

['Illegal Uses of the Maternity Capital in Russia'](#)

Anna Tarasenko (Aleksanteri Institute, Helsinki University)

['Regional Patterns of the Child's Welfare under the Social Policy Reform in Russia'](#)

3.4 **Conflict and Integration – Hall VIII**

Chair: **Peter Waldron** (University of East Anglia)

Speakers: **Tetiana Kostiuhenko** and **Inna Melnykovska** (National University of "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy")

[“‘The Winner Takes It All”’: Crony Capitalism After Post-Communism’](#)

Sofiya Kominko, **Anette Danielsson** and **Klara**

Ovcackova (SSEES, University of London)

[Demystifying “Finlandization”: What Can Ukraine Learn from Post-War Finland’s Relations with the Soviet Union?](#)

Agata Domachowska (Nicolaus Copernicus University)

['From friend to foe? Analysis of Montenegro-Russia relations since 2006'](#)

- 3.5** **Ukraine: Politics and Protest – Hall XI**
- Chair:** **Wojciech Łysek** (College of Business and Entrepreneurship in Ostrowiec Świętokrzyski)
- Speakers:** **Mykhailo Minakov** (Kennan Institute, Wilson International Center for Scholars)
['The Evolution of Ukrainian Oligarchy: Soviet Roots of Contemporary Regional Clans in Ukraine'](#)
- Sophie Schmäing** (Justus Liebig University Giessen)
['People's votes, people's voices: Popular voting in the Russian-Ukrainian conflict in the light of online public spheres'](#)
- Oleh Kozachuk** (Yuriy Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University)
['Ukrainian Crisis and Its Aftermath: Constructing Interethnic Interaction's Concept'](#)
- Paulina Codogni** (Institute of Political Studies Polish Academy of Science)
['Visual Symbols in Civil Resistance Movements – Three Revolutions in Ukraine'](#)
- 3.6** **Literature and Art under the Soviet system / Representations of the Soviet legacy – Hall I**
- Chair:** **Rosario Napolitano** (Riga Stradins University)
- Speakers:** **Bārbala Simsone** (Independent Scholar)
['Dos and Don't s: Fantastic Fiction in Soviet Latvia'](#)
- Maija Burima** (Daugavpils University)
['Bordering with Others: deconstruction of "military town" in Andra Manfelde's novel "Virsnieku sievas"'](#)

Coffee/Tea *15.30 - 16.00*

Session 4: 16.00 - 17.30

4.1 **Civil society on local level: capacities and barriers – Hall X**

Chair: **Vladislava Vladimirova (Uppsala University)**

Speakers: **Ann-Mari Sätre, Leo Granberg** (Uppsala University), and **Alla Varyzgina** (Lobachevsky State University of Nizhny Novgorod)

[‘Poverty and civil society’](#)

Nina Ivashinenko (University of Glasgow; Lobachevsky State University of Nizhny Novgorod) and **Alexander Soldatkin** (Lobachevsky State University of Nizhny Novgorod)

[‘The role of civil society in local development’](#)

Alexander Soldatkin (Lobachevsky state University of Nizhny Novgorod)

[‘Municipal Development Planning in Small Towns of Russia: Aspirations and Limitations’](#)

Rimma Timofeeva and **Anna Levleva** (Yaroslav-the-Wise Novgorod State University)

‘Influence of Civil Society on Development of the Economy of the Region’

4.2 **Dissemination of economic ideas across the Iron Curtain and within the Soviet bloc - Hall IX**

Chair: **Vlad Onaciu** (Babes-Bolyai University)

Speakers: **Florian Peters** (The Institute for Contemporary History, Munich-Berlin)

[‘In search of “socialist Thatcherism”. Reforming the economy in late socialist Poland’](#)

Victoria Harms (Johns Hopkins University)

[‘Dreams of a Social Market Economy: The HVG and Hungary’s Second Age of Reform, 1979-1989’](#)

Juhan Saharov (University of Tartu)

['From "free economic zone" to territorial self-management. Early visions of economic autonomy of Soviet Estonia in 1986-1988'](#)

Lars Fredrik Stöcker (University of Vienna)

['Dissenting from the plan: Estonian visions of marketization, 1988-1991'](#)

4.3

Contesting the Past, Forging Identities – Hall I

Chair:

Chris Jones (University of East Anglia)

Speakers:

Melinda Harlov-Csörtán (Independent Scholar)

['The memory of the 1956 Revolution and its legacy. The role of commemoration in the relationship between Hungary and Russia'](#)

Elliot Short (University of East Anglia)

['The military as a nation-builder? Forging "national" identities in Bosnia and Herzegovina, 1992-1995'](#)

Dragana Cvetanovic (University of Helsinki)

['Yugospotting through rhyme-droppin': rapping new common identities in post-Yugoslav spaces'](#)

4.4

Security and Diplomacy – Hall IV

Chair:

Oleh Kozachuk (Yuriy Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University)

Speakers:

Paul Richardson (University of Birmingham)

['The Soviet-Japanese Declaration and the long shadow of 1956'](#)

Nenad Stekić (Institute of International Politics and Economics, Belgrade)

['Political regime dynamics and bilateral military alliances in post-Cuban crisis era in Central and Eastern Europe'](#)

Yelena Zabortseva (University of Sydney)

['Security and Regionalism in Russia's relations with Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan'](#)

Carolina Sclifos (National University of Political Studies and Public Administration)

['Frozen Conflict in Transnistria'](#)

4.5 **Dissent and Opposition in Central and Eastern Europe – Hall VIII**

Chair: **Piotr Perkowski** (University of Gdansk)

Speakers: **Corina Snitar** (University of Glasgow)

['National Communism under Question: Romania after 1956'](#)

Miwako Okabe (University of Helsinki)

['The state-sponsored cultural activity and opposition in the GDR, 1957-1961: The case of students' cabaret group "Rat der Spötter"'](#)

Miroslav Stanik (Silesian University, Opava)

['Robert Havemann-Revisionit in the GDR'](#)

Kristyna Buskova (The Institute for the study of totalitarian regimes [USTR], Prague) and **Nigel Hunt**

['Polarized identity of the politically persecuted in the 1970s and 1980s Czechoslovakia: The societal conflict still alive in their psyche'](#)

4.6 **Ukraine: Society and History – Hall XI**

Chair: **Alexandra Yatsyk** (Uppsala University)

Speakers: **Iryna Lysenko** (Herder Institute for Historical Research on East Central Europe)

['Politics of History in the Russian-Ukrainian Conflict Between the Orange Revolution and the Annexation of Crimea \(2004-2014\)'](#)

Jessica Holt (University of Manchester)

['Filling the Power Vacuum in Post-Soviet Ukraine: The Role of Women in Oksana Zabuzhko's Museum of Abandoned Secrets'](#)

Elzbieta Olzacka (Centre for Comparative Studies of Civilisations of the Jagiellonian University)
['The Cult of the New Ukrainian Heroes – Between State Propaganda and Spontaneous Commemoration'](#)

Keynote

Dr Tom Casier

(Jean Monnet Chair and Reader in International Relations at the Brussels School of International Studies)

'Russia and Europe. Back to where we began or a new order in the making?'

Thursday, 13th of September, 17.45 - 18.45 - Hall X

Conference Dinner – 19.30-late

Friday, 14 September 2018

Session 5: 09.00 - 10.30

- 5.1** **Executives in Eurasia – Hall X**
- Chair:** **Ben Noble** (University College London)
- Speakers:** **Noah Buckley** (New York University Abu Dhabi / National Research University "Higher School of Economics")
[‘Verticals and Horizontals: Networks of Power under Consolidating Authoritarianism’](#)
- Jody LaPorte** (University of Oxford)
[‘Executives in Post-Soviet Autocracies’](#)
- Ben Noble** (University College London), **Paul Schuler** (University of Arizona) and **Maxim Ananyev** (UCLA)
[‘Conditional Criticism: Parliamentary Scrutiny of the Executive in Russia’](#)
- Fabian Burkhardt** (National Research University "Higher School of Economics")
[‘Kinship Networks and Russia’s Bureaucratic Elite’](#)
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- 5.2** **The Nature of the Putin Regime – Hall IX**
- Chair:** **Peter Waldron** (University of East Anglia)
- Speakers:** **Natalia Mamonova** (Swedish Institute of International Affairs)
[‘Naive Monarchism and Rural Resistance in Contemporary Russia’](#)
- Jan Holzer** (FSS MU Brno, Czech Republic)
[‘Opposition models in the authoritarian regime: the case of current Russia’](#)
- Juan Miguel Valdera-Gil** (University of Granada) and **Benamí Barros García**
[‘Victory Day in Putin’s Russia: ceremony and discourse’](#)

Alexander Titov (Queen's University Belfast)

['How political power changed from the Brezhnev to Putin. A comparison of the Central Committee Apparatus and Presidential Administration, 1965-2016'](#)

5.3 The Post-Soviet Caucasus: Contested Territories, Contested Memories – Hall IV

Chair: **Ildiko Asztalos Morell** (Mälardalen University)

Speakers: **Grigory Grigoryev** (European University at St. Petersburg)

['Remembering Soviet Occupation in the Modern Northern Caucasus, the Case Study of Collective Memory in one Dagestani Village](#)

Evgeniya Goryushina (Southern Scientific Center of Russian Academy of Sciences [SSC RAS]) and **Evgeniy Krinko** (SSCRAS)

['The North Caucasus – a society of conflict'](#)

Ani Grigoryan (National Academy of Sciences, Armenia)

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Speakers: **Roman Horbyk** (Södertörn University / Umeå University)

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Csaba Katona (Hungarian Academy of Sciences)

['Structure and Tone Change of the Press in View of the Report of the Public Mood in the Era of Change of Regime \(October 1988 - January 1989\)'](#)

Rosario Napolitano (Riga Stradins University)

['Censorship and "bad censors": an analysis of Latvian Glavlit in the 1970s and in 1980s'](#)

5.6 **Russia's National Unity – Internal and External Threats**
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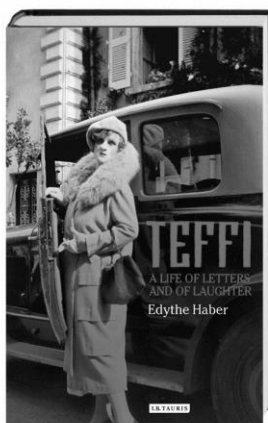
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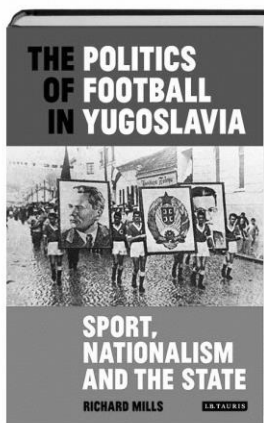
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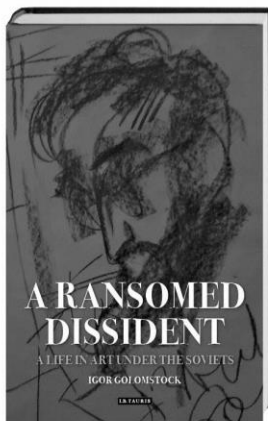
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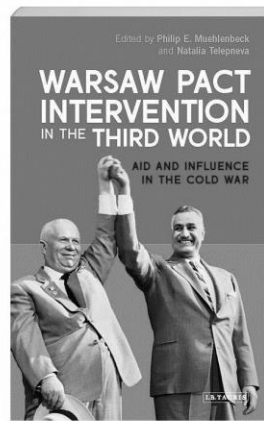
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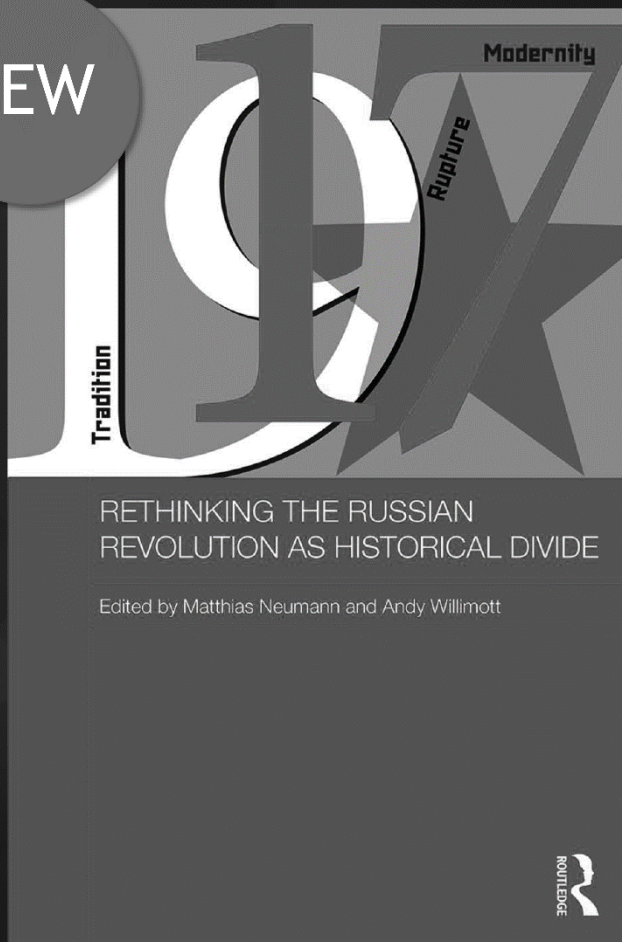
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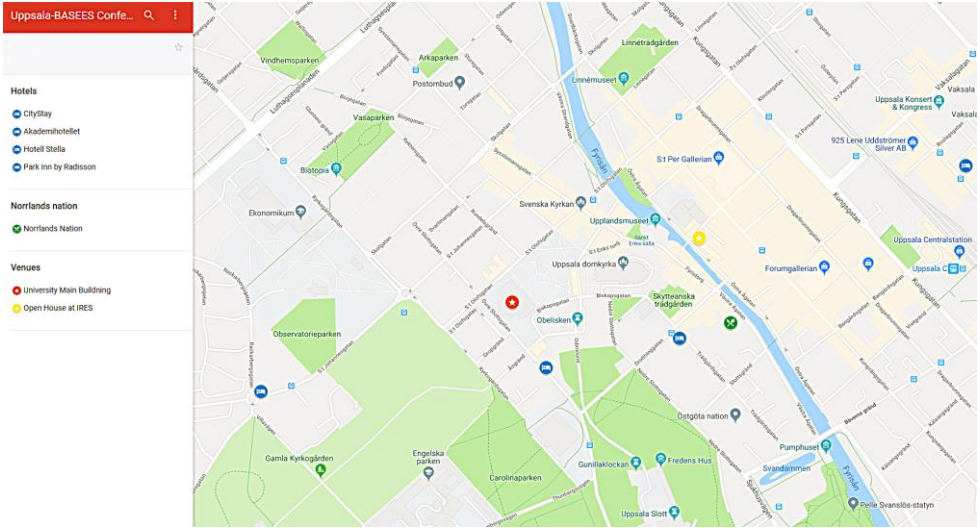
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