

Conference Program
Popular Participation in Authoritarian Governance in the USSR

8:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.

Introduction: Inga Zakšauskiene

9:00 a.m.-9:15 a.m.

Coffee break

9:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m.

Panel 1: Victims and Perpetrators Under Stalinism

Chair: Sophia Kalashnikova Horowitz

- ❖ Alexandra Sukalo, Assistant Professor of Modern Russian History and Security Policy (U.S. Naval Postgraduate School): “Portraits of the Political Police: Constructing Stalin’s Domestic Intelligence Service in the Soviet Republics, 1940-1953”
- ❖ Tetiana Boriak, Ukrainian Historian, Associate Professor and Researcher (History Faculty, Vilnius University (Lithuania)): “‘I Am the Soviet Authority’: People’s Participation in State Building during the Holodomor”
- ❖ Timothy Blauvelt, Regional Director for the South Caucasus (American Councils for International Education: ACTR/ACCELS), Professor of Soviet and Post-Soviet Studies (Iliia State University): “NKVD Investigators as Subjects during the Great Terror” [ZOOM]
- ❖ Oksana Yermolaeva, Visiting researcher (Complutense University of Madrid, Spain): “‘Lapsed Chekists’ careers in the Gulag” [ZOOM]

10:45 a.m.-11:00 a.m.: Coffee break

11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Panel 2: Deepening State Control

Chair: Alexandra Sukalo

- ❖ Anastasiia Presniakova, M.A. Student in History of Arts (Sapienza University): “The State Museum of New Western Art's 1925–1930 Survival Journey through a Public Campaign (Archival Reconstruction)”
- ❖ Iurie Bostan, Ph.D. Candidate (State University of Moldova), Leading Specialist (National Agency for Archives): “The Statistical Analysis on the Movement of the Agent-Informer Network of the Security Services of the Lithuanian SSR, 1945-1965”
- ❖ Sierra Nota, Ph.D. Candidate in Russian and Eastern European History (Stanford University): “Nuns into Dachniki: Mezhyhirya and the Redefinition of State Property in Soviet Ukraine, 1921-1945”

- ❖ Eric Le Bourhis, historian, associate professor (Institute for Oriental Languages and Civilizations (INALCO, Paris)) and Irina Tcherneva, historian specializing in Soviet documentary film and photography, senior researcher (French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS/Eur'ORBEM)): "Risks and Results of Citizens' Commitments: The Kačerovski Case in Riga, 1958–1963" [ZOOM]

12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. Lunch

1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Panel 3: Willing Participants and Unwilling Participants

Chair: Alexandra Sukalo

- ❖ Sophia Kalashnikova Horowitz, Ph.D. Candidate in History (Harvard University): "Purging the Political Police Network: The Problem of Ineffective Informers, 1927-1965"
- ❖ Viktor Vasilievich Chentsov, Doctor of History, Doctor of Government Administration Science, Professor: "Documents of the Soviet Secret Services as a Source for Studying the Relationship between the People and the Government in the USSR"
- ❖ François-Xavier Nérard, Associate Professor (Sorbonne School of History, University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne), member of SIRICE Research Laboratory: "How did denouncers participate to Stalin's Regime?"
- ❖ Junona Almonaitienė, Doctor of Social Sciences (psychology), Associate Professor of the Health Psychology Department (Lithuanian University of Health Sciences): "“Doing whatever you want under that banner’: Exploring ‘camouflage tactics’ of Lithuanian Psychologists in the 1960s and 1970s"

3:00 p.m.-3:15 p.m. Coffee Break

3:15 p.m.-4:15 p.m.

Panel 4: Policing Soviet Citizens Abroad

Chair: Sophia Kalashnikova Horowitz

- ❖ Suzanne Freeman, Ph.D. Candidate in the international relations and comparative politics subfields (Political Science Department, Massachusetts Institute of Technology): "First Directorate on the Fringe: the KGB's Monitoring of Lithuanian Emigre Communities in the US and Canada"
- ❖ Ina Emužiene, Postdoctoral Researcher (Vilnius University), (National Museum of Lithuania): "Communicating 'Soviet Dream' – Soviet Propaganda to the Lithuanian Diaspora."

4:15 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Coffee Break

4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Panel 5: Democratic Symbolism, Democratic Realities

Chair: Inga Zakšauskienė

- ❖ David Brandenberger, Professor (Department of History, University of Richmond):
“‘Election Integrity’: Party Democracy and Concerns about Vote-Rigging at the Leningrad Party Organization’s December 1948 Conference
- ❖ Mark Kramer, Director of the Cold War Studies Project (Harvard University Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies): "Ethnic Unrest and Official Responses in the USSR, 1981-1991."
- ❖ Vladas Sirutavičius, Senior Researcher (Lithuanian Institute of History): “Political Spectacle as a (and) Means to Mobilize Society. Elections in the Lithuanian SSR 1946-1956.”
- ❖ Igor Cașu, (National Agency for Archives, director/ State University of Moldova):
“Political and civil police reports on popular mood during the famine in Soviet Moldavia, 1946-7”