



4th VILNIUS SYMPOSIUM ON LATE SOVIET AND POSTSOVIET ISSUES

Managing the Empire: Oblast, Republic and Eastern Bloc countries as Soviet Peripheries and the Question of “Dependence”

5 –6 December 2013

*Venue: Lithuanian Institute of history
& Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania
Vilnius, Lithuania*

Program

Thursday, December 5

Venue: Lithuanian institute of history (Kražių str. 5)

9:30-9:45 Opening speech

9:45-11:15

1st session. **Between Historical Evolution and Historical Determinism**

Zenonas Norkus, Vilnius University

Did Lithuania Escape the Same Empire in 1918 and in 1990

Česlovas Laurinavičius, Lithuanian Institute of History

Lithuanian Political Elite Attitudes Towards Kremlin in 1939-1940

Aliaksei Lastouski, Institute for Policy Studies (Minsk)

*Contestation over Resources of Memory in Late Soviet Period:
Minsk, Moscow, Kiev*

11:15-11:30 Coffee break

11:30-13:00

2nd session. **Centre Domination: creating System of Control and Dependence**

Saulius Grybkauskas, Lithuanian Institute of History

*What makes Differences between Central Committee and Obkom?
The Impact of the National Question in Kremlin-Soviet Republic
Relations*

Jeremy Smith, University of Eastern Finland

*Randomness and Order: the Authority of Leaderships in the Soviet
Republics after the Death of Stalin*

Jeff Jones, The University of North Carolina at Greensboro

*On the Eve of War: The National Soviet Exhibit in Kabul, April-May
1979*

1300-14:30 Lunch

14:30-16:00

3rd session. **Making Sense of Ethno-federalism in USSR**

Vilius Ivanauskas, Lithuanian Institute of History

Three trajectories of Ethnic particularism in „Druzhba narodov“ Empire: Cases of Lithuanian, Georgian and Kyrgyzstan writers

Sören Urbansky, Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg

Where pragmatism prevailed over ideology. Sovietization on Sakhalin

Kaspars Zellis, University of Latvia

Ideological Education in the Soviet Latvian Universities (1960 - 1970s): General Soviet Practice and Particularity

16:00-16:15 Coffee break

16:15-17:45

4th session. **Baltic states in the USSR: from Comparison to Particularity**

Daina Bleiere, Rigas Stradins University

Dynamics of Relationship between Moscow and Republican Authorities in Matters of Cultural Policy: Latvian Case

Malte Rolf, Otto-Friedrich-Universität Bamberg

Home Rule „Made in the USSR“? Cultural Policies the Lithuanian Soviet Socialist Republic (1944-1991)

Marius Ėmužis, Vilnius University

Republic First Secretary and Moscow: a Case Study of an Attempt to replace A. Snieckus in 1967

18:00 Vilnius Old City

Friday, December 6

Venue: *Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania* (Gedimino ave. 53)

Conference Hall

9:30-11:15

5th session. **Making sense of “Structural Fractology” (adjusting Similar Structures)**

Arnd Bauerkämper, Freie Universität Berlin

Sovietization and Self-sovietization in the GDR: the Case of Land Reform and Collectivization

Andrzej Skrzypek, University of Warsaw,

1956 as Frontier Line: Two Models of Relations with USSR Center

Marija Drėmaitė, Vilnius University

The "Soviet DNA" in Architecture and Built Environment: the Case of the Baltic Republics

Rasa Čepaitienė, Lithuanian Institute of History

What is Imperial and What is National in Stalinist Architecture and Urbanism?

11:15-11.45 Coffee break

11:45-13:30

6th session. **Particular Peripheries with Particular Leaderships**

Yoram Gorlizki , University of Manchester

Networks, Dependence, and the Bifurcation of the Territorial Party Apparatus under Khrushchev

Andrei Kazakevich, Institute for Policy Studies (Minsk)

Belarusian Soviet Elites: Crises of 1980s and its Political Consequences

Artyom Ulunyan, Russian Academy of Science

Nationhood under the Eastern Bloc: Communist Romanian Mode of Ethno-Political Construction as the Response to the "Elder Brother" (late 60s - 70s)

Arvydas Anušauskas, Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania

Local KGB (NKVD) Relations with Lubianka in Sovietization of the Lithuania

13:30-14.30 Lunch

14:30-16:00

7th session. **Perception of Soviet Empire in Post-Soviet period: from Post-Colonialism to the Politics of History**

Ilya Kukulín , National Research University, Higher School of Economics (Moscow)

The Different Versions of Orientalism in Soviet Literature: calling "Said's Orientalism" into Question

Martins Kapran, Tartu University

Remembering the Soviet era in Ukraine, Moldova, Latvia, and Estonia: Similarities and Differences of Post-Soviet Memory Regimes

Aurimas Švedas, Vilnius University

The Relations between Lithuania and Russia in XXIst Century: the Usage of the Politics of History

16:00-17:00 Closing Discussion

What Historiography on Soviet Past does Eastern Europe need?

Moderator: Vilius Ivanauskas

