



## 7th Vilnius Symposium on Late Soviet and PostSoviet Issues

### Equal Nations, Classless society: hierarchies, tensions and conflicts in a Socialist State

1–2 DECEMBER, 2016

Venue: Lithuanian Institute of History  
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Institute  
of History

## PROGRAMME

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

#### 1ST SESSION

10.00–11.30 „Soviet Empire and Equal Nations“

**Balázs Apor**, Trinity College Dublin  
*Cultic Hierarchies and Symbolic Competitions:  
Stalinist Leader Cults in Eastern Europe*

**Saulius Grybkauskas**, Lithuanian Institute of History  
*Brezhnevist Check and Balance System in Ruling of  
Soviet Empire: Evidences from Soviet Republics*

**Руслан Шевченко**, Институт эффективной  
политики (Moldova)

*Политический статус Молдовы в составе СССР  
(1940–1991)*

11.30–11.45 Coffee break

#### 2ND SESSION

11.45–13.15 „Between Centre and Periphery“

**Vladas Sirutavičius**, Lithuanian Institute of History  
*„We“ and „They“: ethnic conflicts and *druzba narodov*.  
Soviet Lithuania in the Late Stalinism (according to  
the „letters to the government“)*

**Igor Casu**, State University of Moldova  
*Why national identity survived the Soviet system?  
National renaissance in Moldavian SSR in the late 1980s*

**Marius Ėmužis**, Vilnius University  
*Autobiographies of soviet Lithuanian nomenklatura.  
How did they present themselves and what was their  
identity?*

13.15–14.30 Lunch

#### 3RD SESSION

14.30–16.00 „Voice and demand of Soviet citizens“

**Li Bennich-Bjorkman**, Uppsala University  
*Neither Voice, Nor Loyalty: Existence and Meaning as  
Power In Post-Stalinist Soviet Borderlands*

**Rasa Čepaitienė**, Vilnius University  
*Thaw without spring? How post-Stalinist regime does  
fulfill its promises to citizens*

**Eva Eglaja**, Institute of Literature, Folklore and Art,  
University of Latvia

*Go West! Soviet cultural elite's travel to capitalist  
countries: aspects of reciprocity*

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

#### 4TH SESSION

10.00–11.30 „Everyday life and Everyday politics“

**Rasa Baločkaitė**, Vytautas Magnus University  
*Ideological Appropriations and Everyday Life during  
Late Socialism in Lithuania*

**Monika Kareniauskaitė**, Vilnius University  
*Phenomenon of Deviance in Late Soviet Lithuania*

**Neringa Kumbytė**, Miami University and LSTC  
*Moral Activism in Citizen's Letters to The Broom,  
Soviet Lithuanian Humor and Satire Journal*

11.30–11.45 Coffee break

#### 5TH SESSION

11.45–13.15 „Intellectuals and hierarchies“

**Valentyna Kharkhun**, Mykola Gogol State U of Nizhyn  
(Ukraine)  
*Ukrainians in the Soviet Literary Hierarchy:  
a Case of Oleksander Korniychuk*

**Vilius Ivanauskas**, Lithuanian Institute of History  
*Coming from 'Periphery' and 'Periphery of the  
periphery': Lithuanian writers Eduardas Mieželaitis  
and Grigory Kanovich absorb the Post-Stalinist Empire*

**Aurimas Švedas**, Vilnius University  
*The Axiom of Jupiter and the Oxen: Moscow and  
soviet Lithuanian historians' community (1944-1985)*

13.15–14.30 Lunch

#### 6TH SESSION

14.30–15.30 „Dominance, Loyalty and Survival“

**Daina Bleiere**, Institute of Latvian History,  
Latvian University  
*Development of the Soviet Latvian cultural elites -  
conflicts and compromises (1944-1965)*

**Edward Cohn**, Grinnell College  
*Prophylactic Policing and the KGB's Struggle with  
Foreign Influence in Lithuania, 1959–1985*