



International Conference
"Resistance, Protest and Criticism in the Name of Nature:
USSR and Post-Soviet States, 1950-2010"
Moscow, 8-9 October 2015

Program

Conference Venue: Memorial, ul. Karetnyi riad, dom 5/10

Thursday, 8 October 2015

- 9:30-10:00 Opening address from **German Historical Institute Moscow (GHI)** and **Centre d'études franco-russe (CEFR)**
- Introduction
- Melanie Arndt** (*Institute for East and Southeast European Studies Regensburg/Graduate School for East and Southeast European Studies, Regensburg*)
- Marc Elie** (*Centre d'études des mondes russe, caucasien et centre-européen, CNRS, Paris*)
- 10:00-12:15 **Panel 1. The Late Soviet Countryside: A Voiceless World or a Scenery for Protest?**
- Chair: **Ruben Mnatsakanian** (Central European University, Budapest)
- Laurent Coumel** (*CEFR, Moscow – CERCEC, CNRS*), Land and River as Cultural and Memorial Heritage: How Activists Protected the Upper Volga in the Late Soviet Union
- Nikolai Dronin** (*Moscow State University*), Climate and Russian Agriculture during the Last 30 Years: Do We Have Good Evidence about the Climate Change?
- Anna Olenenko** (*Zaporozhye National Technical University*), Flooded Memory of the Dnieper Region: Ukrainian versus Soviet Symbols in the Struggle for Landscape Design
- 12:15-12:30 Coffee break
- 12:30-13:30 Keynote: **Andy Bruno** (*Northern Illinois University*): Northern Exposures: Living through and Reacting to Environmental Degradation in the Late Soviet Arctic.
Chair: **Marc Elie** (*Centre d'études des mondes russe, caucasien et centre-européen, CNRS, Paris*)
- 13:30-15:00 **Lunch**

- 15:00-17:15 **Panel 2. The Soviet Dilemma: To Protect Nature or to Conserve Resources?**
Chair: **Evgenii Gololobov** (*Surgut State Pedagogical University*)
- Elena Kochetkova** (*Higher School of Economics, Saint Petersburg/University of Helsinki*), Between Pollution and Protection in the Soviet Context: the Svetogorsk Pulp and Paper Factory in the mid-1950s-1960s
- Alan Roe** (*Georgetown University*), New “Models” of Nature: Soviet International Scientific Cooperation, the Crisis of the Zapovedniki, and the Soviet National Park Movement
- Alexander Ananyev** (*Eberhard Karls University, Tuebingen*), „The Soviet Arctic is in Danger!“ Environmental Alarm, Questions, Discussions in Soviet Newspapers and Magazines, 1970-1990
- 17:15-17:30 Coffee break
- 17:30-19:00 **Panel 3. Clamorous Rivers and Silent Reservoirs: The Dam Controversies**
Chair: **Raphael Schulte-Kellinghaus** (*Eberhard Karls University, Tuebingen*)
- Georgios Tzifetas** (*Eberhard Karls University, Tuebingen*), Flood versus Ecological Catastrophe: Public Debate about the Leningrad Dike Construction during Perestroika
- Julia Prikhodko** (*Surgut State Pedagogical University*), *Environmental Risks of the Construction Project of the Lower Ob Hydropower Plant in the Northern Tyumen District*
- 19:30 Reception

Friday, 9 October 2015

- 09:30-12:45 **Panel 4. Post-Soviet Environmentalism: De-ecologization or New Forms of Eco-activism?**
Chair: **Katja Bruisch** (*German Historical Institute Moscow*)
- 9:30-11:00 **Panel 4A. The End of Green Utopia?**
- Roman Khandozhko** (*Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration under the President of the Russian Federation, Moscow/University of Bremen*), Environmental Utopianism in the Scientific Cities of the Late Soviet Union: From “Ecopolis” to the Noosphere Movement
- Olga Nikonova** (*South Ural State University, Chelyabinsk*), Expert Community and Environmental Policy in a Nuclear Disaster Region, 1990-2000
- 11.00-11.15 Coffee break
- 11 :15-12 :45 **Panel 4B. Green Vox Populi**

Olga Blatova (*Socio-Ecological Union, Moscow*), Conditions and Origins of the Environmental Mass Movement. Referendum as a Way to Protect the Civil Right to a Healthy Environment

Nadezhda Radina (*National Research University Higher School of Economics, Nizhny Novgorod*), The „Ecological Unconsciousness“ of citizens’ protest in the Nizhny Novgorod District, 2002-2014

12:45-14:15 **Lunch**

14:15-17:30 **Panel 5. Escaping Soviet Style Industrialism? Regional and Local Dynamics**

Chair: **Melanie Arndt** (*Institute for East and Southeast European Studies Regensburg/Graduate School for East and Southeast European Studies, Regensburg*)

14:15-15:45 **Panel 5A. Eco-nationalism and Anti-nuclear Movement**

Aleksei Popov (*Crimean Federal University V. I. Vernadsky, Simferopol*), An all-USSR Health Resort or Krymbass? The Environmental Movement in the latter half of the 1980s and the Development Strategy of the Crimean Region

Katja Doose (*Eberhard Karls University, Tuebingen*), Reclaiming Political Support? The Ecological Concessions of the Armenian Communist Party after 1988

15:45-16.00 Coffee break

16:00-17:30 **Panel 5B. Central Asia between Phantom Pains and a New Mining Rush**

Olga Sidorenko (*University of Eastern Finland, Joensuu*), Local Community and Resistance to Mining Expansion: Societal Challenges of Mining Development in Kyrgyzstan

Ivan Yashkov (*Saratov State Technical University*), Zhanatas: A Beautiful Industrial Project or a Post-Soviet Ghost Town?

17:30-18:00 Concluding Remarks

Julia Herzberg (*Albert Ludwigs University, Freiburg*)

Julia Lajus (*Higher School of Economics, Saint-Petersburg*)

Chair: **Klaus Gestwa** (*Eberhard Karls University, Tuebingen*)

18:00-19:00 Final discussion