

Collective Memory in Contemporary Russia: The Soviet Past in Post-Soviet Context(s)

Conference Programme

Times are listed in CET (UTC/GMT + 2:00 hours)

Day 1, 22 September

9:00 – 9:15 Online and offline registration

9:15 – 9:30 Opening remarks from the Institute of Russian and Eurasian Studies.

9:30 – 11:00

Panel One: Memory in Politics and the Politics of Memory

James Pearce, Liverpool University, UK. *Elections are a Thing of the Past: Historical Nostalgia and Russia's 2018 Presidential Election.*

Alexander Makhov, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Polish Academy of Sciences, Poland. *Russian Academic Historians as a Target of Memory Politics.*

James Ryan, Cardiff University, UK. *Reckoning with the Past: Stalin and Stalinism in Putin's Russia.*

11:00 – 11:15 COFFEE BREAK

11:15 – 12:45

Panel Two: Regional Memories and Memories of Regions

Olga Malinova, Higher School of Economics, Russia. *The Symbolic Legacy of the Soviet Past: A Comparative Analysis of the Repertoires of Usable Past in the Regions of Russia.*

Artem Spirin, University of Tromsø – Arctic University of Norway. *Litsa Front Memorials of the Battle for Zapolyarye: Developments in the Post-Soviet Period.*

Matthew Blackburn, University of Uppsala, Sweden. *Popular Memory Narratives: European Russia Compared to Siberia.*

12:45 – 13:00 COFFEE BREAK

13:00 – 14:30

Panel Three: Contrasting Popular and Official Memory

Maria Matskevich, Sociological Institute (FCTAS) of the Russian Academy of Sciences (RAS), Russia. *Historical Memory and Generations: Evidences from Surveys in Russia.*

Daria Khlevniuk, Higher School of Economics, Russia. *Surveying Russian Memory of Repressions: Method of Dilemmas.*

Paul Goode, Carleton University, Canada. *What's Love Got to Do with It? Everyday Patriotism and Remembrance in Today's Russia.*

Day 2, 23 September

9:30 – 11:00

Panel Four: Militarization of Memory and Mnemonic Militarism

Anastassiya Mahon, Independent Scholar. *Unpacking the Militarisation Narrative in Russia: Examples of the Annexation of Crimea and the Syrian Counterterrorism Campaign.*

Jade McGlynn, Oxford University, UK. *Living Forms of Patriotism: Engaging Young Russians in Military History?*

Elizaveta Gaufman, University of Groningen *Assembling the Victory: Playing and Consuming the Great Patriotic War in Russia.*

11:00 – 11:15 COFFEE BREAK

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Panel Five: Memory, Religion and Religious Memory

Zuzanna Bogumił, Institute of Archaeology and Ethnology of the Polish Academy of Sciences, Poland. *Why Religion Should Be Treated Seriously in Russia: On Postsecular Memories of Soviet Repressions.*

Jeanne Kormina, Higher School of Economics, Russia. *Russian Orthodox Church and the Memory of the Last of the Romanovs.*

Ekaterina V. Klimenko, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Polish Academy of Sciences, Poland. *Martyrdom of Patriotism and Patriotic Martyrdom: The Church, the State and the Memory of the Great Patriotic War.*

12:45 – 13:00 COFFEE BREAK

13:00 – 14:30

Panel Six: Memory of the 1990s: Interpreting Recent Past(s)

Roberto Rabbia, King's College London, UK. *Deception, Loss, Treason: How Russian Political Talk Shows Build the Memory of the 'Wild 1990s' (2015-2018).*

Zinaida Vasilyeva, Technical University of Munich, Germany. "Nostalgia" or "Recycling"?:
Nostalgia as a Form of Social Critique.

Olga Zabalueva, Linköping University, Sweden. *From "Usable Past" to "Usable Present":
Performing the Recent History in Russian Museums.*

Day 3, 24 September

9:30 – 11:00

Panel Seven: Memory of the War and War over Memory

Alexei Miller, European University at Saint Petersburg, Russia. *Celebrating the Anniversary:
Russia, the Great Patriotic War and International Relations.*

Alexandra Martin Brankova, Uppsala University, Sweden. *75 Years of Victory: Construction
of Digital National Identity in Russian Twitter Spaces.*

Paul Graystone, University of Birmingham, UK. *A Sacred Site of Sacrifice? Legacies and
Remembrance of the Great Patriotic War in Post-Soviet Kaliningrad.*

11:00 – 11:15 COFFEE BREAK

11:15 – 12:45

Panel Eight: Memory of Stalinism: Actors, Institutions, Interpretations

Selbi Durdiyeva, University of Ulster, Northern Ireland. *An Uneasy Relationship. International
Memorial vs. the State: The Genealogy of Battles over Memory for Three Decades.*

Andrea Gullotta, University of Glasgow, UK. *The Gulag Returns: Side Effects of the Gulag
Memory War in Russia.*

Antony Kalashnikov, University of Alberta, Canada. *Stalinist 'Prospective' Monuments in the
Post-Soviet Cityscape.*

12:45 – 13:00 COFFEE BREAK

13:00 – 14:30

Panel Nine: Painful Memories and Difficult Pasts

Gavin Slade, Nazarbayev University, Kazakhstan. *Punishment, Memory and Society: The Gulag Yesterday and Today.*

Kirill Molotov, Higher School of Economics, Russia. *"That's Me, and that's Stalin! We're Married!": What Are Neo-Stalinists Doing on TikTok?*

Isabel Sawkins, University of Exeter, UK. *Memory Alliances and Memory Wars: The Geopolitics Shaping Holocaust Memory in the Russian Federation.*