



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

WHAT IS RUSSIAN COLONIALISM?

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PROGRAMME

TUESDAY, 4 JUNE

18:30 **Welcome and Keynote**
Wolfgang Mueller
Christiane Wendehorst | President of the Division of the Humanities and Social Sciences, Austrian Academy of Sciences
Paolo Sartori

Botakoz Kassymbekova | Basel
Victimhood as Method: Notes on Russian Colonialism

Dinner

WEDNESDAY, 5 JUNE

09:00–10:45 **CENTRAL ASIA**
Ulrich Hofmeister | Munich
Colonialism or kolonizatsiia? Why the Difference between Uzbekistan and Ukraine Matters
James Pickett | Pittsburgh
The Edge Case of Russian Colonialism: Bukhara as a Perso-Islamic State and Russian Protectorate, 1885–1920
Eren Tasar | Chapel Hill
Colonialism in Soviet Atheism

COFFEE BREAK

11:15–13:00 **THE VIEW FROM THE CENTER**
Chechesh Kudachinova | Bonn
The Silence of the Yasyr: The Commodification of Indigenous Women in 17th Century Siberia
Sean Pollock | Dayton
Anglophone Historiography of Russian and Soviet Imperialism and Colonialism
Martin Malek | Vienna
Visions of Russia's Imperial Future. The Russian Discourse on the Restoration of the USSR or a Russian Empire after 1992

LUNCH BREAK

14:00–15:45 **WESTERN BORDERLANDS I**
Robert L. Przygodzki | Chicago
The Russian Press in the Congress Kingdom as Tool of Colonialism on the Empire's Western Borderlands
Epp Annus | Tallinn
Russian / Soviet Colonialism in Estonian and Latvian SSR

Jonathan Raspe | Princeton
Soviet Domestic Imperialism through Industrial Labor: Diverging Paths of Belarusian and Kazakh Workers, 1940s–1980s

COFFEE BREAK

16:15–18:00 **WESTERN BORDERLANDS II**
Maria Vyatchina | Helsinki
The Colonial Trope of 'Tipshar': Unveiling Epistemological Grounds of Russian Colonialism
Anna Sokolova | Helsinki
Late Soviet Settler Colonialism: Multi-Ethnic Timber Workers and the Development of Soviet Karelia
Alexandra Pulvermacher | Klagenfurt
Russian Colonialism in Ukraine? The Nationality Concept of Sovetskii Narod in the 1970s

Dinner

THURSDAY, 6 JUNE

09:00–10:45 **CAUCASUS AND CENTRAL ASIA**
Brian Davies | San Antonio
The Forced Emigration of the Adyghei Circassians: N. A. Frankini's 1863 Dissent
Riccardo Maria Cucciolla | Naples
Colonial Dimensions, Imperial Crisis, and Postcolonial Discourses in Soviet Uzbekistan during the 'Cotton Affair'
Katarzyna Jarosz | Warsaw
Soviet Friend or Foe, Seen Through the Lens of Lieux de Memoire in Central Asia

COFFEE BREAK

11:15–13:30 **THE FAR EAST**
Liao Zhang | Shanghai
Constructing Albazino: A Comparative History of Narrating a Far Eastern Borderland Settlement
Ulfat Abdurasulov | Vienna
The Politics of Knowledge Production in the Russian Diplomatic Archives
Stephanie Ziehaus | Vienna
The Role of Buryat taisha in Russian Colonialism: Indigenous Leaders or Empire-Builders?

LUNCH BREAK

14:30–15:30 **Final Discussion and Conclusions**