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Disentangling Eurasia Russian Empire, Soviet Union and their Successors

**28 July - 4 August 2023
Tallinn, Estonia**

Third Tallinn Summer School in Soviet History and Culture

Hosting institutions: Tallinn University, Estonian Academy of Arts

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Organizing Committee: Epp Annus (Tallinn U/Ohio S), Karsten Brüggemann (Tallinn U), Linda Kaljundi (Estonian Academy of Arts), Andres Kurg (Estonian Academy of Arts), Uku Lember (Tallinn U), Kristo Nurmis (Tallinn U)

Course Director: Kristo Nurmis (Tallinn U)

MAIN VENUE:

Regular events of the summer school, if not announced otherwise, take place at Tallinn University, MARE building (Address: Uus-Sadama 5), **room M-225**.

PROGRAM

July 28, Friday

- 15:00-16:30 Registration of participants. Mare building lobby, Uus-Sadama 5.
- 16:30-17:00 Opening of the Summer School: A Word from the Organizers (Tallinna saal (M-218), Mare 2nd floor)
- 17:00-18:30 First keynote lecture: Joshua Sanborn (Lafayette C) *Decolonizing Russia? Thoughts and Warnings from Russia's First Imperial Collapse* (Tallinna saal (M-218), Mare 2nd floor)
- Moderator: Kristo Nurmis (Tallinn U)
- 18:30-20:30 Opening Reception for the Soviet Summer School Faculty, Participants, and Invited Guests (Mare atrium, 3rd floor, Uus-Sadama 5)

July 29, Saturday

- 09:30-11:00 Roundtable discussion I: *Decolonizing Soviet Studies – What Does It Mean?*
- Participants: Diana Kuidaibergen (U of Cambridge), Madina Tlostanova (Linköping U), Aro Velvet (U of Southern California), Zbigniew Wojnowski (U of Oxford)
- Moderator: Kristo Nurmis (Tallinn U)
- 11:00-11:30 *Coffee Break*
- 11:30-12:30 Roundtable discussion continues with a Q&A
- 12:30-14:00 *Lunch Break for All Participants*
- 14:00-15:30 Seminar I: Zbigniew Wojnowski (U of Oxford), *Poland, Ukraine, and the Soviet Politics of Empire: Transnational Histories of the Socialist Camp*
- 15:30-16:00 *Coffee Break*
- 16:00-17:30 Seminar II: Diana Kuidaibergen (U of Cambridge), *Fighting the NKVD ghost: Contemporary Art of Central Asia in Times of Post-Totalitarianism*
- 17:30-19:00 *Pizza Dinner for All Participants!*

19:00-21:00 Film Evening. The screening of *Kihnu Woman* (1974, 48') and *Lasnamäe District* (1985, 15') followed by a conversation with director Mark Soosaar moderated by Andres Kurg (Estonian Academy of Arts) and Kristo Nurmis (Tallinn U) at SuperNova Cinema, Narva mnt 27, 4th floor, room N-406.

July 30, Sunday

9:30-11:00 Roundtable Discussion II: *The Elephant in the Room: How to Approach the "Russia" Question in Russian and Soviet History and Cultural Studies?*

Participants: Joshua Sanborn (Lafayette C), Viacheslav Morozov (U of Tartu), Victoria Smolkin (Wesleyan U), Juliane Fürst (Leibniz Center)

Moderator: Karsten Brüggemann (Tallinn U)

11:00-11:30 *Coffee Break*

11:30-12:30 Roundtable Discussion continues with a Q&A

12:30-13:30 *Lunch Break for All Participants*

14:00-18:00 Guided walking tour led by Oliver Orro (Tallinn Urban Planning, Heritage Protection Unit) and Linda Kaljundi (Estonian Academy of Arts), starting from the Maarjamäe memorial complex (Mälestusvälja bus stop) and ending at the Pirita Olympic Yachting Center. *Meeting point at Mare lobby, Uus-Sadama 5.*

18:00-... *Picnic in Pirita.*

July 31, Monday

9:30-11:00 Seminar III: Mischa Gabowitsch (U of Vienna), *Visual Analysis in Soviet and Post-Soviet Studies*

11:00-11:30 *Coffee Break*

11:30-13:00 Seminar IV: Madina Tlostanova (Linköping U), *Future(s) in the past, past(s) for the future? The current forking path and the possible ways to refuturing*

13:00-14:30 *Lunch Break*

14:30-16:00 Seminar V: Aro Velvet (U of Southern California), *Soviet Science in a Postsoviet World*

16:00-16:30 *Coffee Break*

16:30-18:00 Second Keynote Lecture: Epp Annus (Tallinn U/Ohio State), *The Late Soviet Roots of 21st-century Decolonial Engagements: an Ecosocial Perspective* (Tallinna saal (M-218), Mare 2nd floor)

Moderator: Linda Kaljundi (Tallinn U)

August 1, Tuesday – Presentation Day ([click here for the program](#))

9:30-11:10 Panel I (M-225) and Panel II (M-213)

11:10-11:40 *Coffee Break*

11:40-13:20 Panel III (M-225) and Panel IV (M-213)

13:20-14:40 *Lunch Break*

14:40-16:20 Panel V (M-225) and Panel VI (M-213)

16:20-16:50 *Coffee Break*

16:50-18:15 Panel VII (M-225) and Panel VIII (M-213)

18:30-... Walk to the rooftop views from and a guided tour inside the Tallinn City Hall (Tallinna Linnahall) aka V. I. Lenin Palace of Culture and Sports, led by Andres Kurg (Estonian Academy of Arts). Address: [Kalasadama 4](#).

19:30- ... Contemporary Art Museum of Estonia (EKKM) building and garden. Informal evening gathering for quiche & kibbitz — address: [Põhja 35](#).

August 2, Wednesday

9:30-19:00 Bus excursion day: *Shifting Scales of Empire. From Everyday Interiors to Public Projects*. Led by Epp Lankots (Estonian Academy of Arts). *NB! Registration required.*

August 3, Thursday

10:00-12:00 Curator-guided tours at Kumu Art Museum to the exhibitions and *Through the Black Gorge of Your Eyes* (late-Soviet Estonian female graphic artists) with Eda Tuulberg (Estonian Academy of Arts) and *Art in the Time of Anthropocene* with Linda Kaljundi (Estonian Academy of Arts). The [museum](#) is within walking distance from Tallinn U. Address: Weizenbergi 34.

12:30-14:00 *Lunch Break*

14:00-16:00 Roundtable discussion III: *Treating Soviet Legacies: Memory, Heritage, and the Environment*

Participants: Mischa Gabowitsch (U of Vienna), Eglė Rindzevičiūtė (Kingston U), Linda Kaljundi (Estonian Academy of Arts), Margaret Comer (U College London), Eva-Clarita Pettai (Akademiezentrum Sankelmark)

Moderator: Kristina Jõekalda (Estonian Academy of Arts)

16:00-16:30 *Coffee Break*

16:30-18:00 Third Keynote Lecture: Juliane Fürst (Leibniz Center for Contemporary History), *Arguments, Facts and Emotions or How Perestroika Never Finished the Conversation* (Tallinna saal (M-218), Mare 2nd floor)

Moderator: Karsten Brüggemann (Tallinn U)

August 4, Friday

9:30-11:00 Seminar VI: Epp Annus (Tallinn U/Ohio S), *Rethinking Soviet Selfhood in the Era of the Anthropocene*

11:00-11:30 *Coffee Break*

11:30-13:00 Seminar VII: David Beecher (U of Tartu), *What was the Post-Stalinist "Friendship of the Peoples"?*

13:00-14:30 *Lunch Break*

14:30-16:00 Seminar VIII: Eglė Rindzevičiūtė (Kingston U), *Critical Infrastructures: Predicting and Orchestrating Our Cybernetic and Nuclear Worlds*

16:00-16:30 *Coffee Break*

16:30-17:45 Concluding Discussion with Faculty, Program Committee, and Participants

18:00- ... Farewell Outing in the City.
