



MIDWEST RUSSIAN HISTORY WORKSHOP

February 29–March 1, 2008

The Franke Institute for the Humanities
at The University of Chicago

Friday, February 29

2:00-3:20 Panel 1: Late Imperial Lives and Deaths

Chair: Sheila Fitzpatrick (University of Chicago)

Mark D. Steinberg (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign)

Suicide in Fin-de-Siècle St. Petersburg: Interpreting the Inexplicable, 1906-1914

Willard Sunderland (University of Cincinnati)

The Baron's Cloak: A Tale of the Russian Empire, from Promise to Collapse

3:20-3:40 Break

3:40-5:00 Panel 2: Borders, Ethnicities, and Emigration

Chair: Tara Zahra (University of Chicago)

Andrey Shlyakhter (University of Chicago)

Frontlines into Borderlines: The Birth of Soviet Border Controls, 1917-1921

Brigid O'Keeffe (New York University)

We, Too, Are Soviet: The All-Russian Gypsy Union, 1924-1928

**6:00-8:00 Reception & Dinner for RSVP confirmed guests
at the Franke Institute**

Saturday, March 1

8:00-8:30 Continental Breakfast

8:30-11:10 Panel 3: Economic Issues, 1940s and '50s

Chair: Richard Hellie (University of Chicago)

Marcie Cowley (Michigan State University)

[Soviet Inheritance Law] Necessary Compromises: The Great Patriotic War

Joonseo Song (Manchester College)


The Politics of Postwar Stalinist Care: Motivations, Strategies, and Responses

Kyung Deok Roh (University of Chicago)

Headquarters for the Old and Foreign: Rethinking the Varga Controversy and the
End of the Institute of World Economy and World Politics, 1941-1953

Oscar Sanchez (University of Chicago)

The Uses of the Soviet Union: Soviet Economic Relations with the Third World



11:10-11:45 Break

11:45-12:45 Panel 4: Persecutions and Prosecutions

Chair: Benjamin Frommer (Northwestern)

Robert Thurston (Miami University, Ohio)

Comparing Episodes of Mass Persecution: Functional Theory and the European Witch Hunts, Soviet Terror, and American Lynching

Leonid Trofimov (University of Western Ontario)

Soviet Reporters at the Nuremberg Trial: Agenda, Attitudes, and Encounters, 1945-46

12:45-2:00 Lunch at Franke Institute, with discussion on location of next meeting and other general business.

2:00-3:30 Panel 5: Roundtable on Revisionism

Chair: Mark Steinberg (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

Diane Koenker (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

Alexander Rabinowitch (Indiana University)

Stephen Wheatcroft (University of Melbourne)

William Chase (University of Pittsburgh)

Sheila Fitzpatrick (University of Chicago)

3:30-3:45 Break

3:45-5:45 Panel 6: Late Soviet Culture

Chair: Susan Larsen (University of Chicago)

William J. Risch (Georgia College and State University, Milledgeville, Georgia),

Russians, Rock, and the Western Periphery: Mass Culture and Counter-Cultures in Lviv, 1965-89

Melissa Cakars (Indiana University)

A Means to Soviet Modernity: Media and Culture among the Buryats, 1960-1980

Sergei I. Zhuk (Ball State University)

"The West in the Closed City:" Cultural Consumption, Identities and Ideology of Late Socialism in Soviet Ukraine, 1964-1984

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