

Late Trials of Perpetrators in the Soviet Union: Between Propaganda, Rule of Law, And Memory

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PROGRAM

[proceedings in English except where noted]

Day 1, Thursday 24 Oct., Aula Gambi, Piazza San Giovanni in Monte, 2 (1st floor), Bologna

13.15 – 13.45 Welcome and Introduction

Vanessa Voisin, Università di Bologna / CERCEC-EHESS Paris

David Alan Rich, Catholic University of America Washington DC

13.45 – 17.00 (3h00) Session A

Yoram Gorlizki, University of Manchester: ‘Socialist legality’ collides with geographically mobile social reality: reimposition of ‘law and order’ and the tensions between justice agencies and policing authorities, 1956-1959.

Vanessa Voisin, Università di Bologna: Trials of Soviet perpetrators after the 1955 amnesty: accountability revisited, publicity increased.

Discussant: David Rich, Catholic University of America Washington DC

17.30 – 19.00 (Aula Capitani, Piazza San Giovanni in Monte, 2 ground floor, Bologna)

Book presentation -- Emilia Koustova [with Alain Blum], *Déportés pour l'éternité. Survivre à l'exil stalinien, 1939-1991* (Paris : EHESS-INED, 2024). Organized with Toni Rovatti (Università di Bologna), per ‘900 Storie’ (Istituto Parri Bologna)
Moderator: Elena Pirazzoli (Istituto Parri) **[in Italian]**

19.30: Hosted social dinner for workshop participants

La Svolta: Cucina di Ragione

Via Nosadella, 35a, walking distance from *Hotel Palace*

Day 2, Friday 25 Oct., Aula Gambi, DISCI, Piazza San Giovanni in Monte, 2 (1st floor)

Coffee and brioche from 09:00 until lunch

09.00 – 13.00 (4h00) Session B (break ca. 11.00)

Dmytro Myeshkov, Nordost-Institut Lüneburg / Universität Hamburg: Atrocities by and prosecutions of Volksdeutsche *Selbstschutz* members in Transnistria, post-1955

Jasmin Söhner, Research Center for History and Culture of Germans in Russia, Universität Heidelberg: ZSt Ludwigsburg and Soviet cooperation on German war crimes evidence, 1960-1980

Irina Rebrova, Zentrum für Antisemitismusforschung / Technische Universität Berlin: The story of the mass killing of 214 children with disabilities in Yeysk in 1942 in the trials in the USSR and East Germany in the 1960s

Discussant: Irina Makhalova, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin

13.00 – 14.00: Buffet lunch *in situ*, coffee service until 18.30

14.00 – 18.30 (4h00) Session C (break: ca. 16.00)

Roman Podkur, Institute of History, NAN-Ukr. / Commission on Rehabilitation, UINP Kyiv: The nationalist turn of post-amnesty prosecutions: the Chervonoarmiets trial (1959) **[in Russian]**

Olena Lysenko, Institute of History, NAN-Ukr. / Universität Heidelberg: ‘Generations’ of investigations and prosecutions: the case of Chernihiv **[in Russian]**

Irina Tcherneva, Centre national de la recherche scientifique (CNRS) Paris: How cinema professionals disputed control of the narrative with KGB agents, documentary films on war crimes in Soviet Latvia, 1961-1971

Jared McBride, University of California, Los Angeles: Domestic and international messaging: the 1979-80 Dufanets trial in Volyn

Discussant: Anton Weiss-Wendt, Norwegian Center for Holocaust and Minority Studies, Oslo, and Antonella Salomoni, Università di Bologna (to be confirmed)

Day 3, Saturday 26 Oct., Aula 1, Piazza Scaravilli, via Zamboni (ground floor)

Coffee and brioche from 09.00 until lunch

09.30 – 13.00 (3h30) Session D

Emilia Koustova, Université de Strasbourg / CERCEC-EHESS Paris: The postwar Lithuanian Sentencing Review Commission: de-Stalinization, case quantification, and the logic of sentence reversal.

David Alan Rich: Inflection point in post-1955 *karateli* trials: the Trawniki cases, 1960s

Eric Le Bourhis, Institut national des langues et civilisations orientales (INALCO) Paris: Soviet perpetrator trials after the 1955 amnesty in the Latvian SSR.

Discussant: Anton Weiss-Wendt, Norwegian Center for Holocaust and Minority Studies, Oslo

13.15 Concluding remarks and next steps: Vanessa Voisin and David Alan Rich