

International Conference

History, Memory and Politics in Belarus after 2020

Conference Venue: LUX A 332, Helgonavägen 3, Lund university

Organizers: Barbara Törnquist-Plewa, Per Anders Rudling, Aliaksandr Kazakou and Odeta Rudling

Day 1, February 27

9.30.00 – 10.00, Welcome and Coffee

10.00-10.15 Welcome

Barbara Törnquist-Plewa (Lund University), Introduction

10.15 -11.45, Panel 1

Nelly Bekus (University of Exeter, UK): Challenges of Mnemonic

Transnationalism: Political Mobilization of the Concept of Genocide in Belarus

Iryna Ramanava (European Humanitarian University in Vilnius):

View of Stalinism after 2020: "Denigration of Soviet reality" or "Victory of socialism"?

Gundula Pohl (Hagen University): Trials as historical-political tool in the Republic of Belarus

Discussant: Per Anders Rudling (Lund University)

11.45–13.00 Lunch

13.00–14.30, Panel 2

Thomas Bohn (Justus-Liebig-University): End of History – Russian World – Historic Turning Point. Reflections on Paradigm Shifts in Belarusian Studies

Dorota Michaluk (Nicolaus Copernicus University): Emigration of Belarusian historians to Poland after 2020

Simon Lewis (University of Bremen): Remembering Belarus's Revolutionary Summer: Memory, Outrage and Mobilization in Contemporary Belarusian Literature.

Discussant: Violeta Davoliute

14.30-15.00 Coffee break

15.00-16.30 Panel

Andrej Kotljarchuk (Uppsala University): History connects, History divides. The official and alternative narratives of World War II in today's Belarus

Aliaksei Kazharski (Charles University): Waging war on the dead? The destruction of memory sights of Poland's Home Army by the authoritarian regime in Belarus

Aliaksandr Kazakou (Lund University): From contested memory to

cooperative memory? Belarus-Ukraine memory entanglements in the time of war: the Battle of Orsha case.

Discussant: Thomas Bohn (Justus Liebig University)

17.30 Dinner at Kulturen Restaurant

Day 2, February 28

9:00 – 10:30, Panel 4

Aliaksei Bratachkin (Fern Universität in Hagen)

New Regimes of Forgetting in an Authoritarian Context: Transformation of Cultural Memory in Belarus and Russia (2020-2024)

Camilla Gironi (Independent Researcher)

"Two States, One Destiny": the Russification of the official Belarusian politics of memory in the post-2020 era. (online)

Valer Bulhakau (ARCHE journal)

Soft power of the "Russian world": the place of Belarus in the historical politics of Russia before and after the 2020 presidential elections

Discussant: Aliaksei Kazharski (Charles University)

10.30-10.50 Coffee break

10.50-12.00, Panel 5

Nikolay Zakharov (Södertorn högskola), Aliaksei Lastouski ("Political Sphere" Institute): Historical Politics of the Belarusian Orthodox Church: between Holy Russia and the national narrative

Tatsiana Astrouskaya (Herder Institute): The Meaning of Time in Lukashenka's Memory Politics After 2020

Discussant: Barbara Törnquist-Plewa (Lund University)

Conclusions by Barbara Törnquist Plewa and Per Anders Rudling

12.00 Lunch

End of the Conference



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