Programme

National Minorities in the Soviet bloc after 1945
Conference at Vilnius, Wednesday October 22nd – Saturday, October 25th 2014

Thursday, October 23rd

9.00  Darius Staliūnas (Vilnius), David Feest (Lüneburg), Heidi Hein-Kircher (Marburg): Welcome and opening remarks

9.15  David Feest (Lüneburg): Ethnic suppression or national mobilization? Problems of conceptualizing the Soviet approach to nationality after the Second World War

Coffee break

10.45 Panel I: Governance and nationality issues
Chair: Karsten Brüggemann

Karol Rawski (Bochum): Ethnographic science and soviet nationalities policy 1942-1991

Eglė Rindzevičiūtė (Paris): Nationally Anchored Soviet Technocrats?

Mariliis Hämäläinen (Põlva): The Soviet Nomenklatura: Case of Central Committee of the Estonian Communist Party from 1940 to 1953

Darius Juodis (Vilnius): The Lithuanian national cadres in the system of the Soviet security in the Lithuania SSR in 1944-1953

Commentary (Darius Staliunas) and discussion

13.00 Lunch break

14.00 Panel II: Variations in the soviet nationality policy
Chair: Heidi Hein-Kircher


Kiryl Kascian (Bremen): Soviet constitutional law and national republics: unequal among equals?

Carol Marmor (Passau): Soviet nationality politics in sport and throughout sport – A cultural approach to the “golden seventies” through the prism of the XXII. Summer Olympic Games in Moscow
Inga Zemblienė (Vilnius): Interethnic family in Soviet Lithuania: Is this USSR “approach and amalgamation of nations” policy model?

Coffee break

Commentary (David Feest) and discussion

17.30 Arkadij German (Saratov): Policy of the Soviet state concerning the German minority in the first post-war decade (1945-1955)

Friday, October 24

9.00 Panel III: Case studies: local situations of minorities in soviet republics
Chair: Darius Staliunas

Anna Zadora (Schiltigheim): Poles in Belarus – eternal enemy and significant other

Vilius Ivanauskas (Vilnius): In the shadow of “titular nation”: literary people of national minorities and Lithuanian union of writers during soviet period

Maria Caddell (Belfast): The Soviet and Post-Soviet Experience of Poles in the Soviet Union – Soviet policy in regard to ethnic minorities during and after Stalinism

Coffee break

Triin Tark (Tartu): The fate of the remaining Germans in Estonia after 1944

Vasilijus Safronovas (Klaipeda): The people of Klaipeda after 1945

Commentary (Karsten Brüggemann) and discussion

Coffee break

11.30 Panel IV: Case studies: local situations of minorities in Poland (PRL)

Yaman Kouli (Chemnitz): The German minority in Poland between 1945 and 1960

Achim Wörn (Berlin): Jews in Stettin, 1946-1950

Commentary (Heidi Hein-Kircher) and discussion

13.15 David Feest, Darius Staliūnas, Heidi Hein-Kircher: Summary and conclusions

Final discussion

13.45 end of conference

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