

# Making the Empire Great Again: Challenges in Modernising the Russian Empire

June 20-21, 2019

## June 20 (Thursday)

### 9.00-10.30 Key-note talk

Ronald Grigor Suny (University of Michigan), Imperial Over-Achievement: Confidence and Crisis in the Twilight of the Tsarist Empire

10.30-10.45 *coffee break*

### 10.45-12.45 Russian Nationalism as a Challenge

Malte Rolf (Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg)  
Make Russians Great Again? Imperial Bureaucracy and Russian Community in the Kingdom of Poland Around 1900. A Study of a Strained Encounter

Vytautas Petronis (Lithuanian Institute of History)  
Association by Need: Relations Between the Authorities and Right-Wing Organisations in the North Western Provinces of the Russian Empire, 1905-1914

Philipp Schedl (University of Bamberg)  
Modernizing the Empire from its Periphery - Visions of a Modern Russia by Russian Borderland Nationalists

12.45-14.30 *lunch*

### 14.30-17.00 Democratization as a Challenge

Alexander Semyonov (Higher School of Economics, St Petersburg)  
Tensions of Democracy and Empire in the Era of Mass Politics in the Russian Empire

Karsten Brüggemann (Tallinn University)  
Reforming the Baltic Borderland: Challenges and Problems

Yoko Aoshima (Kobe University)  
Liberal Opposition or National Protest? - The Parents' Committee after 1905

Peter Waldron (The University of East Anglia)  
Russia's First World War: Power and Public Organisations

## June 21 (Friday)

### 9.00-11.00 New ways of Imagining Empire

Jolita Mulevičiūtė (Lithuanian Culture Research Institute)  
The Crisis of Authority: On Violence against the Images of the Russian Imperial Family

Darius Staliūnas (Lithuanian Institute of History), National Identification as a Problem of Russian Nationality Policy in Late Imperial Period

Benedikt Tondera (Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg), "From This Day On, We Are One Day Further Behind the West." How High Imperial Officials Reflected on the Western Borderlands

11.00-11.30 *coffee break*

### 11.30-12.50 Changes in Religious life

Vilma Žaltauskaitė (Lithuanian Institute of History), Religious (In)tolerance in the Western Borderlands of the Late Imperial Russia

Vladimir Levin (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), Imperial Synagogue? Jewish Worship as Object and Subject of Policy Making in the Western Borderlands.

12.50-14.15 *lunch*

### 14.15-15.35 Many Faces of Modernization

Ruth Leiserowitz (German Historical Institute in Warsaw), Modernization, Migrant Work and Migration. New Challenges in the Border Area.

Juozapas Paškauskas (Lithuanian Institute of History), Late 19th Century Vilnius and Struggle to Keep Pace With Modernization.

15.35-15.50 *coffee break*

### 15.50-17.50 Imperial and Other Frameworks of Territorial Imagination

Ivars Ijabs (University of Latvia), Between Two Hegemonies: Russian Empire, Baltic Germans, and fin-de-siècle Latvian Political Imagination

Catherine Gibson (European University institute, Florence), From Krasnoiarsk to Santa Katarina: Mapping Latvians in Global Contexts in the Early 20th Century

Grzegorz Krzywiec (Institute of History, Polish Academy of Sciences), Mapping Homeland, Civilization, World. 'National Territory' in the Polish fin-de-siècle Political Imagination (1890-1914, 1919)

### 17.50 Conclusions