Lunch break

Panel 6

The Legacy of Nazi Crime Documentation and its Reinterpretations

14:30-16:00

Chair: Vojtěch Kyncl

Monika Rogers

The Narratives of Doubts: Documents of the Soviet Trials and Repressive **Institutions in Contemporary** Lithuanian Academic Research and Memory Culture

Tatiana Voronina

Politicians, Witnesses, and Narrators: **Leningrad Siege Testimony in the Discourse** of WWII in the USSR and Russia

Discussant: Matthias Uhl

Short break

Concluding discussion 16:15-17:00

Chairs: Gintarė Malinauskaitė, Walter Sperling



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The Politics and Poetics of Evidence

The Soviet Documentation of Nazi Crimes, the Myth of the Great Patriotic War, and their Legacies

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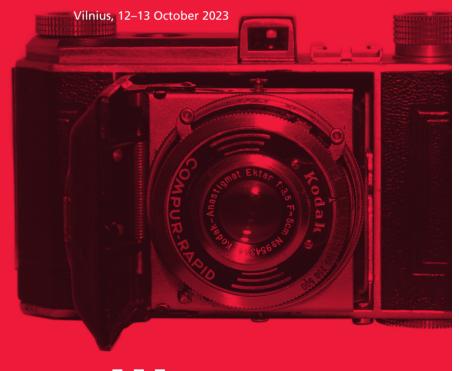




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The conference seeks to reconstruct the formation and instrumentalization of Soviet knowledge on Nazi crimes. It also aims to understand and to deconstruct the very poetics of the documentary evidence and the politics of its selection, which were deployed to convince the people inside and outside of the postwar USSR. Besides memory studies, research has addressed this powerful link between the documentation of war crimes and the poetics of evidence in a rather unsystematic way. If archives exercise power, if collections of written, photographic, and filmic materials create veracity by virtue of their authenticity, represent a form of 'inner truth', the question arises as to what role the archives of knowledge created under Soviet rule played in the constitution of postwar societies and the postwar order in Europe. To explore these questions, the conference wants to engage the different fields of historical research as well as cultural studies in dialogue.

Thursday, 12 October

9:00–9:30 Welcome

> 9:30-10:30 Keynote

Franziska Exeler

What Counts as a Reliable Source and for Whom? Some Reflections on Soviet Justice during and in the Aftermath of the Second World War

Coffee break

Panel 1

Documenting Nazi Crimes During and After the War 11:00–13:00

Chair: Dovilė Bataitytė

Jochen Hellbeck

Ilya Ehrenburg: The First Soviet Wartime Documentarist

Vojtěch Kyncl

Documenting Nazi Crimes in Court. The Audiotapes of the Karl Hermann Frank Trial in Czechoslovakia, 1946

Viktoria Naumenko

A History of Heroes/Bandits: Soviet Partisan Testimonies in the Collection of the Commission on the History of the Great Patriotic War

Discussant: Karsten Brüggemann

Lunch break



Panel 2

Nazi Crimes and their Visual Documentation 14:30–16:00

Chair: Sandra Dahlke

Agata Pietrasik

Visualizing the Notion of "Nazi War Crimes" in the Immediate Aftermath of the War in Poland

Irina Tcherneva

Marks of Crime in the Lens of Soviet Cameras: Methodological and Epistemological Issues of Historicization

Discussant: Gintarė Malinauskaitė

Coffee break

Panel 3

Witnessing and Mediating between Narratives 16:30–18:00

Chair: Tatiana Voronina

Nathalie Moine

The Writer, the Doctor, and the Filmmaker: Kharkov/ Kharkiv 1943. The Participation of the Soviet Intelligentsia in the Construction of the Documentation of the Nazi Occupation and its Legacy

Ulrike Huhn

Rediscovering the Shtetl, Reassessing the Holocaust: The Leningrad Jewish Independent Movement in the 1980s

Discussant: Tomas Vaiseta

Dinner

Friday, 13 October

Panel 4

Soviet "Truth-Making" and the Archives 9:00–11:00

Chair: Karsten Brüggemann

Walter Sperling

A Soviet "Fetish" in the Archives. The German Trophy Files in the Aftermath of War

Gintarė Malinauskaitė

Holocaust and the Public Re(Use) of Nazi Documents in Soviet Lithuania in the 1960s: Archival Documents as Public Embodiments of the Enemies

Matthias Uhl

The Heusinger File. Trophy documents and Kompromat in the Cold War

Discussant: Vladas Sirutavičius

Coffee break

Panel 5

Contesting Authenticity in Global Cold War 11:30–13:30

Chair: Jochen Hellbeck

Justas Stončius

"Documents Accuse". The Soviet Regime Against Lithuanian War Criminals in America

Vanessa Voisin

Evidence Reassessed? The Fedorenko Case and Soviet Cold War Game, 1973–1986

Discussant: Kristina Burinskaitė