International Conference
"Resistance, Protest and Criticism in the Name of Nature:
USSR and Post-Soviet States, 1950-2010"
Moscow, 8-9 October 2015

Program
Conference Venue: Memorial, ul. Karetnyi riad, dom 5/10

**Thursday, 8 October 2015**

9:30-10:00 Opening address from **German Historical Institute Moscow** (GHI) and **Centre d’études franco-russe** (CEFR)

Introduction

**Melanie Arndt** (Institute for East and Southeast European Studies Regensburg/Graduate School for East and Southeast European Studies, Regensburg)

**Marc Elie** (Centre d’études des mondes russe, caucasien et centre-européen, CNRS, Paris)

10:00-12:15 Panel 1. The Late Soviet Countryside: A Voiceless World or a Scenery for Protest?

Chair: **Ruben Mnatsakanian** (Central European University, Budapest)

**Laurent Coumel** (CEFR, Moscow – CERCEC, CNRS), Land and River as Cultural and Memorial Heritage: How Activists Protected the Upper Volga in the Late Soviet Union

**Nikolai Dronin** (Moscow State University), Climate and Russian Agriculture during the Last 30 Years: Do We Have Good Evidence about the Climate Change?

**Anna Olenenko** (Zaporozhye National Technical University), Flooded Memory of the Dnieper Region: Ukrainian versus Soviet Symbols in the Struggle for Landscape Design

12:15-12:30 Coffee break

12:30-13:30 Keynote: **Andy Bruno** (Northern Illinois University): Northern Exposures: Living through and Reacting to Environmental Degradation in the Late Soviet Arctic.

Chair: **Marc Elie** (Centre d’études des mondes russe, caucasien et centre-européen, CNRS, Paris)

13:30-15:00 **Lunch**
Panel 2. The Soviet Dilemma: To Protect Nature or to Conserve Resources?
Chair: Evgenii Gololobov (Surgut State Pedagogical University)

Elena Kochetkova (Higher School of Economics, Saint Petersburg/University of Helsinki), Between Pollution and Protection in the Soviet Context: the Svetogorsk Pulp and Paper Factory in the mid-1950s-1960s

Alan Roe (Georgetown University), New “Models” of Nature: Soviet International Scientific Cooperation, the Crisis of the Zapovedniki, and the Soviet National Park Movement

Alexander Ananyev (Eberhard Karls University, Tuebingen), „The Soviet Arctic is in Danger!“ Environmental Alarm, Questions, Discussions in Soviet Newspapers and Magazines, 1970-1990

17:15-17:30  Coffee break

Panel 3. Clamorous Rivers and Silent Reservoirs: The Dam Controversies
Chair: Raphael Schulte-Kellinghaus (Eberhard Karls University, Tuebingen)

Georgios Tziafetas (Eberhard Karls University, Tuebingen), Flood versus Ecological Catastrophe: Public Debate about the Leningrad Dike Construction during Perestroika

Julia Prikhodko (Surgut State Pedagogical University), Environmental Risks of the Construction Project of the Lower Ob Hydropower Plant in the Northern Tyumen District

19:30 Reception

Friday, 9 October 2015

09:30-12:45  Panel 4. Post-Soviet Environmentalism: De-ecologization or New Forms of Eco-activism?
Chair: Katja Bruisch (German Historical Institute Moscow)

9:30-11:00  Panel 4A. The End of Green Utopia?

Roman Khandozhko (Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration under the President of the Russian Federation, Moscow/University of Bremen), Environmental Utopianism in the Scientific Cities of the Late Soviet Union: From “Ecopolis” to the Noosphere Movement

Olga Nikonova (South Ural State University, Chelyabinsk), Expert Community and Environmental Policy in a Nuclear Disaster Region, 1990-2000

11.00-11.15  Coffee break

11 :15-12 :45 Panel 4B. Green Vox Populi
Olga Blatova (Socio-Ecological Union, Moscow), Conditions and Origins of the Environmental Mass Movement. Referendum as a Way to Protect the Civil Right to a Healthy Environment

Nadezhda Radina (National Research University Higher School of Economics, Nizhny Novgorod), The „Ecological Unconsciousness“ of citizens’ protest in the Nizhny Novgorod District, 2002-2014

12:45-14:15 Lunch

14:15-17:30 Panel 5. Escaping Soviet Style Industrialism? Regional and Local Dynamics

Chair: Melanie Arndt (Institute for East and Southeast European Studies Regensburg/Graduate School for East and Southeast European Studies, Regensburg)

14:15-15:45 Panel 5A. Eco-nationalism and Anti-nuclear Movement

Aleksei Popov (Crimean Federal University V. I. Vernadsky, Simferopol), An all-USSR Health Resort or Krymbass? The Environmental Movement in the latter half of the 1980s and the Development Strategy of the Crimean Region

Katja Doose (Eberhard Karls University, Tuebingen), Reclaiming Political Support? The Ecological Concessions of the Armenian Communist Party after 1988

15:45-16.00 Coffee break

16:00-17:30 Panel 5B. Central Asia between Phantom Pains and a New Mining Rush

Olga Sidorenko (University of Eastern Finland, Joensuu), Local Community and Resistance to Mining Expansion: Societal Challenges of Mining Development in Kyrgyzstan

Ivan Yashkov (Saratov State Technical University), Zhanatas: A Beautiful Industrial Project or a Post-Soviet Ghost Town?

17:30-18:00 Concluding Remarks

Julia Herzberg (Albert Ludwigs University, Freiburg)

Julia Lajus (Higher School of Economics, Saint-Petersburg)

Chair: Klaus Gestwa (Eberhard Karls University, Tuebingen)

18:00-19:00 Final discussion