

**PROGRAM OF THE CONFERENCE «THIRTY YEARS LATER: THE SOVIET
LEGACY, ITS PRACTICES AND DISCOURSES»**

23-24th April 2021

Organizers:

The Moscow School of Social and Economic Sciences (MSES)
The European University at St. Petersburg (EUSP)
Group for the anthropology of post-socialism «Soyuz» of the American Anthropological Association
The New Literary Observer Publishing House (NLO)

April, 23

10 am – 10.20 am. Opening of the conference. Greetings

Vladimir Malakhov (ISS RANEPa)

«Rethinking the Soviet»

10.20 am – 12 am. Section I. Institutions: inertia and variability

Moderator Vladimir Malakhov

Alexander Osipov (ICELDS)

«Soviet Nationalities Policy and Perestroika: continuity of management practices»

Alexander Agadjanian (RSUH)

«Victims, martyrs, saints, heroes. The religious dimension of the memory of the Soviet Union»

Vitaly Kurennoy (HSE)

«Soviet and post-Soviet state cultural policy in the age of discontinuities»

Ruslan Khestanov (HSE)

«The fundamental factor of culture in the construction of Soviet statehood»

Discussion

12 am–2 pm. Section II. Reassembling the Social: Revisionism in Soviet Historiography and Post-Soviet Anthropology

Moderator Anna Kruglova

Nikolai Ssorin-Chaikov (HSE St Petersburg)

«Postsocialism as the post-social»

Maria Staroon (HSE St Petersburg)

«Comradeship and collectivity: assembling sociality in Soviet industrial labour conflicts in 1930s»

Xenia Cherkaev (HSE St Petersburg)

«Society overgrows the state: another look at the one and the many»

Andrei Tutorski (MSU)

«A bottom-up view on society: "village" and "collective farm" in Zapinezhie»

2 pm – 3 pm. Lunch break

3 pm – 5 pm. Section III. Ethnicity, «race» and migration

Moderator Sergey Abashin

Victor Shnirelman (IEA RAS)

«Scientific racism - from 'psychic disposition' to 'ethnopsychology'»

Guzel Yusupova (RANEPA St Petersburg)

«Nationalism, cultural diversity and inequality: current issues and approaches to the study of the Russian context»

Konstantin Zamyatin (University of Helsinki, Finland)

«From a multinational federation to a nation-state: strategies for diversity management in post-Soviet Russia»

Sergey Abashin (EU St Petersburg)

«Post-Soviet migration: a new phenomenon or a forgotten old one?»

Elena Borisova (University of Manchester)

«From kul'turnyi chelovek to a migrant worker: migration and the crafting of a modern self»

Discussion

April, 24

11 am – 3 pm. Section IV. Memory and identity

Moderator Alexander Osipov

Nina Bagdasarova (AUCA)

«Without nostalgia, but with trust»: young leftists in Kyrgyzstan on the Soviet past»

Georgy Kasyanov (IHU NASU)

«In Soviet style towards the Soviet: some results of the «decommunization» policy in Ukraine (2014-2019)»

Tatiana Kruglova (URFU)

«The problem of understanding the experience of Soviet life: reception of works of mainstream art of the Soviet period in the XXI century»

Roman Abramov (HSE)

«The genre of alternative history and postcolonial traumas: on the example of «popadancheskaya» literature in Russia»

Galina Yankovskaya (PSNRU)

«Post-Soviet interpretations and public representation of official Soviet art: towards the understanding of evolution»

Discussion

3 pm – 4 pm. Break

4 pm – 5 pm. Section V.

Ronald G. Suny (University of Michigan, University of Chicago)

«The Legacy of Leninism: Lessons for the Politics of Our Times»

Final discussion