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International Conference

“What Have we Learned from the Soviet Archives?”

May 10-11, 2013

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Friday, May 10
University Main Building, Hall IX

9.00-9.15 **Coffee**

9.15-9.30 **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Prof. Stefan Hedlund, UCRS Uppsala Centre for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Uppsala University

9.30-11.30 **Panel *General on the Archives***

Chair

Dr. Martin Kragh, UCRS Uppsala Centre for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Uppsala University

Panelists

Prof. Andrea Graziosi, University of Naples Federico II, Italy
Presentation: “The Characteristics, Riches and Biases of the Former Soviet Archives”

Dr. Sergei Kudryashov, German Historical Institute Moscow, Russia
Presentation: “The Archive of the Russian President (AP RF) and its Role in Historical Research over the last 25 Years”

Dr. Nikita Petrov, Memorial, Russia
Presentation: “Access to Archival Information”

Discussant

Dr. Jonathan Brent, YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, USA

11.30-13.00 **Lunch break**

13.00-15.00 Panel *Soviet Organs of Repression*

Chair

Prof. Elena Namli, UCRS Uppsala Centre for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Uppsala University

Panelists

Prof. Mark Harrison, University of Warwick, UK
Presentation: “Counter-Intelligence in a Command Economy”

Prof. Peter Solomon, University of Toronto, Canada
Presentation: “The History of Soviet Criminal Justice: Views from Different Sources”

Discussant

Prof. David Shearer, University of Delaware, USA

15.00-15.20 Coffee break

15.20-17.20 Panel *Issues in Economic Development*

Chair

Prof. Stefan Hedlund, UCRS Centre for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Uppsala University

Panelists

Prof. Leonid Borodkin, Lomonosov Moscow State University, Russia
Presentation: “Economic Dimensions of GULAG: Evidence from Federal and Regional Archives”

Dr. Andrei Markevich, New Economic School, Russia
Presentation: “Economic Development of the Russian Empire in a Regional Perspective: Reconstruction of Regional Gross Products in 1897”

Prof. Elena Osokina, University of South Carolina, USA
Presentation: “Soviet Industrialization and the Discoveries in the Russian Archives”

Discussant

Prof. Paul Gregory, Stanford University, USA

Saturday, May 11
Museum Gustavianum, Auditorium Minus

8.45-09.00 **Coffee**

9.00-11.00 **Panel *Issues in Social History***

Chair

Dr. Martin Kragh, UCRS Uppsala Centre for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Uppsala University

Panelists

Dr. Miriam Dobson, University of Sheffield, UK
Presentation: “Convictions under Article 58: Exploring Social History through Political Court Cases”

Prof. Sheila Fitzpatrick, University of Sydney, Australia
Presentation: “Social History of the Stalin Period”

Prof. Oleg Budnitskii, Higher School of Economics National Research University, Russia
Presentation: “War Diaries and Memoirs as a Source of the Social History of the Stalin Period”

Discussant

Prof. Daniel Healey, University of Reading, UK

11.00-11.10 **Coffee break**

11.10-11.30 *Alexander Husebye*, Center for Business History in Stockholm, Sweden
Presentation: “To Make Digital a Common History: The Archives of Tbilisi, Baku and St. Petersburg”

11.30-13.00 **Lunch break**

13.00-15.00 **Panel *Soviet Science and Technology***

Chair

Prof. Elena Namli, UCRS Uppsala Centre for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Uppsala University

Panelists

Prof. Irina Bystrova, Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia
Presentation: “Opening of Russian Archives on the History of Soviet Military-Industrial Complex”

Dr. Slava Gerovitch, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA

Presentation: “Unveiling the Construction of Truth: Archives and the Soviet Space Program”

Prof. Douglas R. Weiner, University of Arizona, USA

Presentation: “No Smoking Gun: Big Questions in Soviet Environmental and Education History and Lacunae in the Archives”

Discussant

Prof. Loren Graham, Harvard University, USA

15.00-15.20 Coffee break

15.20-17.20 Panel *Tensions within the Soviet Empire*

Chair

Prof. Stefan Hedlund, UCRS Uppsala Centre for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Uppsala University

Panelists

Prof. Michael Ellman, University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands

Presentation: “Was the 1932/33 Famine Genocide? Archival vs. Legal Interpretations”

Prof. Mark Kramer, Harvard University, USA

Presentation: “Ethnic Unrest in the USSR, 1981-1991”

Dr. Sergei Zhuravlev, Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia

Presentation: “Foreigners in the Soviet Motherland: Problem of National Identification (1920-1930s)”

Discussant

Prof. Kimmo Rentola, University of Turku, Finland