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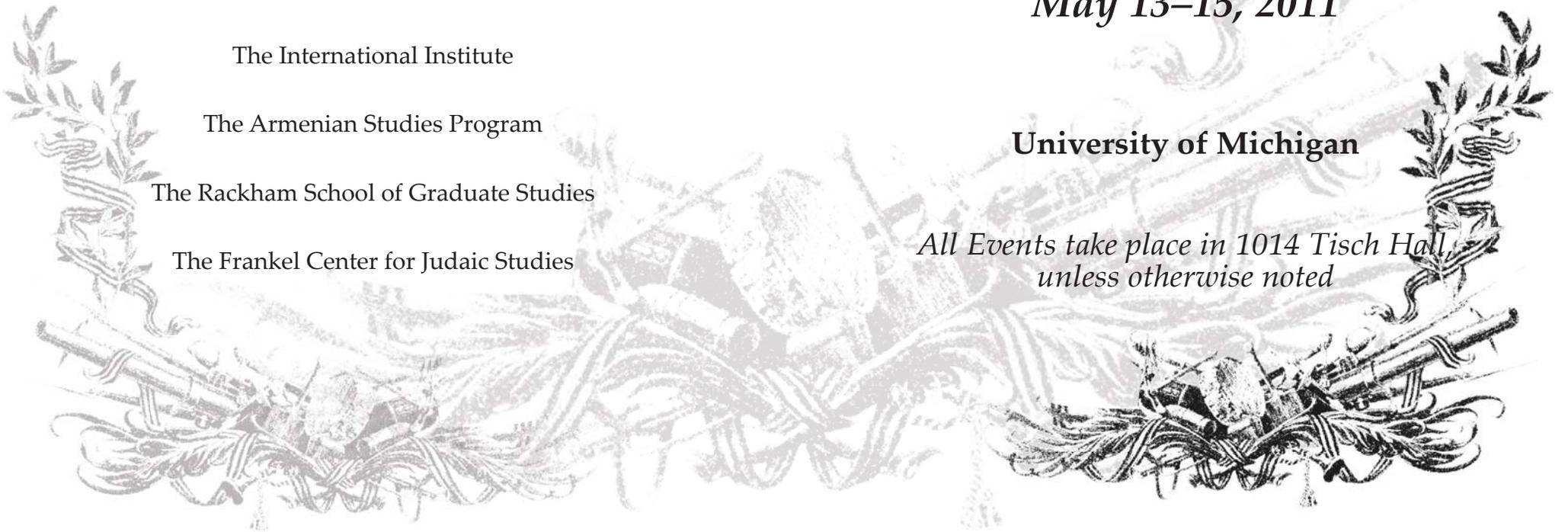


Imperial Nation Tsarist Russia and the Peoples of Empire

May 13–15, 2011

University of Michigan

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Friday, May 13

8:30 Continental Breakfast Available

9:30 — 11:15 Session I: Conceptualizing Empire and Nation

Chair: Ronald Grigor Suny [Michigan]

- Ilya V. Gerasimov [Ab Imperio, Kazan']
Beyond Discursive Analysis: Reframing Empire vs. Nation. Dichotomy in New Imperial History
- Seymour Becker [Rutgers]
Concepts of Nation and State in Russia to the End of the Eighteenth Century

Commentator: Alex Martin [Notre Dame]

11:15 — 11:30 Break

11:30 — 1:15 Session II: Dealing with Ethnicity

Chair: Olga Maiorova [Michigan]

- Gene Avrutin [University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign]
The Velizh Affair: Ritual Murder in a Russian Border Town
- Darius Staliunas [Lithuanian Institute of History and Munich University]
Territorialization of Ethnicity in the Russian Empire? (The Case of Avgustav/Suvalki Province)

Commentators: Mikhail Krutikov [Michigan]
Mikhail Dolbilov [University of Maryland]

1:15 — 2:15 Break for Lunch

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2:15 — 4:15 Session III: Intellectuals and the Construction of Empire

Chair: Valerie Kivelson [Michigan]

- Mark Bassin [Södertörn]
Colonization Without Empire? Frontier Expansion and Narratives of Russian Nation-Building
- Sergey Glebov [Smith and Amherst Colleges]
The Ladder and the Rainbow: Evolutionism, Diversitarianism and Anti-Colonialism in Russian Eurasianism
- Olga Maiorova [Michigan]
A Revolutionary and the Empire: Herzen as a Precursor of Eurasianism

Commentator: Richard Wortman [Columbia]

4:15 — 4:30 Break

4:30 — 6:15 Session IV: Empire in Central Asia

Chair: Douglas Northrop [Michigan]

- Alexander Morrison [University of Liverpool]
The Russian Conquest of Central Asia and the Napoleonic Generation, 1814-1853
- Ian Campbell [Michigan]
Kazakhness and Empire: Ibrai Altynsarin and the Epistemological Violence of the Nationalism Paradigm

Commentator: Kimberly Powers [Michigan]

Saturday, May 14

9:30 Continental Breakfast Available

10:00 — 12:00 Session V: The Imperial and the National: Visions and Promises

Chair: Gerard Libaridian [Michigan]

- Inna Naroditskaya [Northwestern University]
Expansion of the Empire under Catherine II and the Roots of Russian Historical Opera
- Susan Layton [The University of Edinburgh and the Centre d'études des mondes russe, caucasien et centre-européen, Paris]
The Journey of a Provincial Imperialist: Evgeny Verderevsky's 'From Trans-Uralia to Transcaucasia'
- Harsha Ram [UC Berkeley]
Imagined Community: The Georgian Intelligentsia Between Nation and Empire

Commentator: Ronald Grigor Suny [Michigan]

12:00 — 1:30 Break for Lunch

1:30 — 3:15 Session VI: An Empire of Laws

Chair: Ronald Grigor Suny [Michigan]

- Paul Werth [Nevada, Las Vegas]
Conscience, Conversion, and the 'Foreign Confessions': Tsarist Regulation of Religious Change in the Nineteenth Century
- Alexander Semyonov [Ab Imperio and Smolny College of Liberal Arts and Sciences/St. Petersburg State University]
Law and Liberalism in Empire

Commentator: Yana Arnold [Michigan]

3:15 — 3:30 Break

3:30 — 5:15 Session VII: Imperial Subjects, Imperial Subjectivity

Chair: Douglas Northrop [Michigan]

- Paul Brykczynski [Michigan]
Prince Adam Czartoryski as a Liminal Figure in the Development of Modern Nationalism in Eastern Europe at the Turn of the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries
- Ted Weeks [Southern Illinois University Carbondale]
Representing Russian Power in Vilna, 1863-1914

Commentator: Valerie Kivelson [Michigan]

8:30 Michigan Union, 1st Floor, Pond Room

Keynote Address: Richard Wortman [Columbia]

Sunday, May 15

10:00 Continental Breakfast Available

10:30 — 12:30 Wrap-up Session: Rapporteurs and Discussion of the Volume

Chair: Olga Maiorova [Michigan]

- Alexander Martin [Notre Dame]
- Ronald Grigor Suny [Michigan]

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