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Германский Исторический Институт в Москве



**Imperium inter pares: Reflections on Imperial Identity and Interimperial Transfers in the Russian Empire (1700-1917)**

International Conference, September, 9–11, 2008, INION  
(Nakhimovskii Prospekt 51/21, Malyi Konferents-zal)

Organizers: PD Dr. Martin Aust (Kiel), Prof. Dr. Aleksei Miller (Moscow/Budapest), Dr. Ricarda Vulpius (Munich/Berlin)

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**September 9**

10.00 – 11.00	Opening Address	Bernd Bonwetsch
	Introduction	Martin Aust, Aleksei Miller, Ricarda Vulpius
11.00 – 11.15	<i>Coffee-break</i>	
11.15 – 13.00	<b><u>Section 1: Imperial Representation</u></b>	
	Chair: Aleksei Miller (Moscow/ Budapest)	
	Denis Zdvizhkov (Moscow): Империя в наполеоновском наряде. Восприятие французского неоклассицизма в Российской Империи	
	Steven Seegel (Colorado): Mental Maps of the Empire: Russia's Europeanizing Cartography, 1863-1917	
	Alexander Semyonov (St. Peterburg): Mirrors of Imperial Imagination: Entangled Histories of Ideological Construction of Empire in Britain and Russia	
	Discussant: Richard Wortman (New York) Discussion	
13.00 – 15.30	<i>Lunch and Break</i>	

15.30 – 17.30

**Section 2: Civilizing Mission and Colonialism**

Chair: Martin Aust (Kiel)

Ricarda Vulpius (Munich/ Berlin):  
The Westernization of Russia and the Formation of a  
Russian Civilizing Mission in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century

Anatolii Remnev (Omsk):  
Российская власть в Сибири и на Дальнем Востоке. Колониализм без  
Министерства колоний – русский "Sonderweg"?

Willard Sunderland (Cincinnati):  
The Ministry of Asiatic Russia: The Colonial Ministry That Never Was  
But Might Have Been

Discussant: Aleksandr Kamenskii (Moscow)  
Discussion

18.00

*Reception at the German Historical Institute*

**September 10**

10.00 – 13.30

**Section 3: Integration and Methods of Integration**

With *coffee-break*  
around 11.15

Chair: Ricarda Vulpius (Munich/Berlin)

Aleksei Miller (Moscow/ Budapest):  
Трансфер концепции нации и Российская империя

Vladimir Bobrovnikov (Moscow):  
Русский Кавказ и французский Алжир: Случайное сходство или  
обмен опытом колониального строительства?

Michail Dolbilov (St. Petersburg):  
Adoption and Rejection of other Empires' Patterns of Integration: The  
Russian State and Non-Orthodox Confessions in the "Western Provinces"

Vladimir Lapin (St. Petersburg):  
Армия многонациональной империи – проблемы интеграции

Andrei Cusco (Kishinev):  
Constructing Bessarabia: Imperial and National Models of Province-  
Building

Discussant: Andreas Kappeler (Vienna)  
Discussion

13.30 – 15.30

*Lunch and Break*

15.30 – 18.30

**Section 4: Infrastructure and Imperial Agents**

With *coffee-break*  
around 17.00

Chair: Martin Aust (Kiel)

Ilia Vinkovetskii (Vancouver):  
European Colonial Trade Companies as a Model for Imperial Agents in  
the Russian Empire

Eric Lohr (Washington, D.C.):  
Copied from Germany: Passport and Border Control Practices in the  
Russian Empire

Benjamin F. Schenk (Munich):  
Imperial Inter-Rail: The Impact of Trans-National Perception and  
Competition on Railroad Politics in Tsarist Russia

Discussant: Mikhail Dolbilov (St. Petersburg)  
Discussion

<b>September 11</b>
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10.00 – 13.00

**Section 5: International History**

With *coffee-break*  
around 11.15

Chair: Bernd Bonwetsch (Moscow)

Martin Aust (Kiel):  
Russia and Great Britain: Foreign Policies and Visions of Empire from the  
Crimean War to the First World War

Vera Tolz (Manchester):  
Russian Orientalists and the Transnational Discourses of Empire at the  
Turn of the Twentieth Century

Jane Burbank (New York):  
Russia's Imperial Pathways: Transfer or Transformation

Discussant: Aleksei Miller  
Discussion

13.00 – 15.00

*Lunch and Break*

15.00 – 17.00

**Section 6: Imperial History**

Chair: Aleksei Miller (Budapest/ Moscow)

Final Discussion:  
Entangling the Histories of the Romanov Empire and of other Empires:  
Final Notes on Future Potentials of this Field of Research in a Global  
Perspective