

Programme
International Conference

Twenty-Five Years after the USSR
Moscow 10-11 June 2016

German Historical Institute in Moscow

Address: Vorontsovskaya-street, 8, building 7, new office of the GHI in Moscow

Friday, 10 June

- 9.30 – 9.35 *Opening address, Sergey Kudryashov (DHI Moskau / GHI Moscow)*
- 9.35 – 11.00 ***Panel 1. The End of the Soviet Union as a History***
Simon Pirani (Canterbury Christ Church University): Looking back at 1917
Vladislav Zubok (LSE): Who killed the Soviet Union?
Sergey Soloviev (Journal “Scepsis”): Ideological changes in Soviet Nomenklatura on the eve of the breakup
- 11.00 – 11.30 *Coffee break*
- 11:30 – 13.00 ***Panel 2. Archival discoveries and assessments***
Mark Kramer (Davis Center, Harvard): The decision-making in Soviet foreign policy after Stalin. Rigidity and flexibility
Mikhail Prozumenshchikov (RGANI): New evidence from the archives
Chen Jian (Cornell University, Department of History): How do Beijing's perceptions of Russia change in the Post-Cold War era, and why?
- 13:00 – 14.00 *Lunch*
- 14.00 – 15.30 ***Panel 3. The Soviet Union in Historical and Social Imagination***
Perry Anderson (University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), the former editor of “New Left Review”): After Napoleon, after Gorbachev: comparing restorations
Georgy Derluguian (University of Abu-Dhabi): National writers and first secretaries: unwitting grave-diggers of the USSR
Terry Brotherstone (University of Aberdeen): The struggle for a “Truly Human World”. Twenty-five years after the collapse of the Soviet Union
- 15.30 – 16.00 *Coffee break*

- 16.00 – 17.45 **Panel 4. Economic Lessons of the Soviet Union – Today**
Mikhail Lipkin (RAN): The USSR as a member of world economy. Preliminary analysis
Vladimir Popov (RAN): The Cycle of Life of a Planned Economy. Why did Soviet economic growth rate declined during the Brezhnev period?
Vyacheslav Nekrasov (Surgut State Pedagogical University): The Soviet Gosplan: institutional mechanisms of the economic crisis in the late USSR
Rudolf Pikhoya (RAN): The year 1987 as a point of no return

18.00 *Wine reception*

Saturday, 11 June

- 10.00 – 11.30 **Panel 5. The Soviet Heritage and Modern World**
Viktoria Zhuravleva (RGGU): How Russians and Americans study each other after the Soviet breakup
David Cadier (LSE): The EU member states policies towards Russia: a comparative analysis
Philip Roe (Co-Director, Evaluametrics Ltd, UK): Russian science since the USSR: changes in output and in international collaboration

11.30 – 12.00 *Coffee break*

- 12.00 – 13.00 **Round table. Part 1**
Gijs Kessler (International Institute of Social History, Amsterdam): The Soviet Heritage as an academic problem
Olga Pavlenko (RGGU): Breakup of the USSR in historical perspective: flash points of a discussion
Michal Reiman (Free University in Berlin and Karlov University in Prague): “Prague spring” and 1991

13.00 – 14.00 *Lunch*

- 14.00 – 16.00 **Round-table. Part 2. Discussion**
Open discussion between speakers and conference guests. Among them are:
Sergey Zhuravlev (RAN)
Tatiana Smirnova (RAN)
Gennadiy Kostirchenko (RAN)
Elena Zubkova (RAN)
Vladimir Pechatnov (MGIMO)
Oleg Khlevnyuk (MHSE) et al.

16.00 – 16.15 *Closing address and remarks, Professor Nikolaus Katzer, Director (DHI Moskau / GHI Moscow)*