Study Group on the Russian Revolution

XL Annual Conference

University of East Anglia, Norwich, UK, 3 – 5 January 2014

Friday 3 January

12.00-13.30  Welcome, Lunch, and Registration

13.30-15.30  Panel 1: Politics 1900-1917

Chair: Matt Rendle (Exeter)

George Gilbert (UEA/IHR, London)
Rightist death rituals and memory in late Imperial Russia, 1900-1914

Zinaida Gafurova (Moscow)
On the 135-th anniversary of V.V.Shulgin's birth. Family and revolution in unpublished memoirs by Vassily Shulgin

Alistair Dickins (Manchester)
Taking the Stage: Space, Interaction, and the Reconstitution of the Public Arena in Revolutionary Krasnoyarsk, 1900-1916

15.30-16.00  Coffee, tea and biscuits

16.00-18.00  Panel 2: Party and society after 1917

Chair: Andy Willimott (UCL/SSEES)

James Ryan (Warwick/University College Cork)
‘They know not what they do…or do they?’ Bolshevik Understandings of the Agency of the Perpetrator, 1918-1928

Yiannis Kokosalakis (Edinburgh)
The Communist Party in Leningrad: Implications for the study of Soviet rule

Charters Wynn (Austin)
NEP’s Last Stand: The Eighth Trade Union Congress

End of day one. Check-in/return to Georgian House Hotel, Earlham Road, Norwich

19.30  Dinner, The Library, Guildhall Hill, Norwich
Saturday 4 January

09.15-09.45  Coffee, tea and biscuits

09.45-11.15  Panel 3: Civil War

Chair: Erik Landis (Oxford Brookes)

Steven Balbirnie (University College Dublin)
“A Bad Business”: A Study of Mutiny during the British Intervention in North Russia

Natalia Khisamutdinova (Vladivostok)
The Russian Civil War Refugees in the Far East

Christopher Gilley (Hamburg)
The Ukrainian Anti-Bolshevik Risings of Spring and Summer 1919: Intellectual History in a Space of Violence"

Dimitri Tolkatsch (Freiburg)
A society armed: Ukrainian uprisings 1918 – early 1920s.

11.15-11.45  Coffee, tea and biscuits

11.45-13.15  Panel 4: Russian society in the revolutionary era

Chair: Jon Smele (QMUL)

Jessica Howell (Flagler, St Augustine)
Mission Impossible: Political Peasants

Richard King (Ursinus, Pennsylvania)
Candles in the Whirlwind: popular piety in late Imperial Russia 1890-1913

Tony Heywood (Aberdeen)
Friend or Foe? ‘General Winter’ and Tsarist Russia’s War Effort, 1914-1917

Simon Pawley (Oxford)
The Nervous Generation: Youth, Nervousness, and Health, 1890-1914

13.15-14.15  Lunch

14.15-15.30  Annual General Meeting of the Study Group on the Russian Revolution

15.30-16.00  Tea, coffee & biscuits
16.00-17.30 Panel 5: Roundtable – Reflections on 40 years of studying the Russian Revolution

Chair: Peter Waldron (UEA)

Edward Acton (UEA), Chris Read (Warwick), Bob Service (Oxford), Steve Smith (Oxford)

17.30 Reception to mark the 40th annual meeting of the Study Group, hosted by Edward Acton, Vice-Chancellor, University of East Anglia

19.00 Dinner, The Mad Moose, Warwick St, Norwich

After dinner: Yuri Birte Anderson & Gleb Albert (Bielefeld)
From the Archives to the Stage: ‘Letters to Trotsky’ – The Making of a Play

Sunday 5 January

09.15-09.45 Coffee, tea and biscuits

09.45-11.15 Panel 6: Roundtable – The Russian Revolution: the next 40 years

Chair: Matthias Neumann (UEA)

Gleb Albert (Bielefeld), Aaron Retish (Wayne State), Jon Waterlow (Oxford), Andy Willimott (UCL/SSEES), Frank Wolff (Osnabrück)

11.15-11.45 Coffee, tea and biscuits

11.45-13.15 Panel 7: Media and culture

Chair: Charlotte Alston (Northumbria)

Octavie Bellavance (Yale)
The daily press as a tool of social development in Russia, 1878-1914

Elizaveta Zhdankova (European University, St Petersburg)
The development of a new culture of leisure: cinemas in Soviet Russia in the NEP period

Bob Henderson (QMUL)
Liberty Hall: Apollinariya Yakuboba and the East London Lecturing Society

Mark Vincent (UEA)
‘Born with the shots of the cruiser Aurora’: Tsarist Precedents and Soviet Peculiarities in the Evolution of Gulag Subculture
End of conference

Conference sessions, registration and lunch will all take place in Arts 01.06 and its foyer.