
Spatial dimensions of Russian and Soviet
Imperial Ideologies and Practices
(1689–2023)



Przestrzenie rosyjskich i sowieckich ideologii
oraz praktyk imperialnych
(1689–2023)

11 & 12 December 2023, Warsaw

11–12 grudnia 2023 r., Warszawa

PROGRAMME / PROGRAM

DAY I / DZIEŃ I

Monday 11 December, The Royal Castle in Warsaw / poniedziałek, 11 grudnia, Zamek Królewski w Warszawie

9.45 – 19.30

9.45 – 10.00 WELCOME / POWITANIE

Wojciech Fałkowski (Director of the Royal Castle in Warsaw / Dyrektor Zamku Królewskiego w Warszawie)

Maciej Janowski (Director of the Tadeusz Manteuffel Institute of History, Polish Academy of Sciences / Dyrektor Instytutu Historii im. Tadeusza Manteuffla Polskiej Akademii Nauk)

Andrzej Nowak (Chief of the Project / Kierownik projektu)

10.00 – 12.20 PANEL 1: *Russian “Great Space” and its Enemies / Rosyjska „wielka przestrzeń” i jej wrogowie*

Chair / moderator: Darius Staliunas

Mark Bassin (Södertörn University / Uniwersytet Södertörn, Stockholm): *From Grossraum to Bol'shoje Prostranstvo: Geopolitics and the Neo-Imperial Imagination / Od Grossraum do bol'shogo prostranstva: geopolityka i neoimperialna wyobraźnia*

Andrzej Nowak (Tadeusz Manteuffel Institute of History, PAS / Instytut Historii im. Tadeusza Manteuffla PAN): *“Eastern Europe”: When it Was Formed and How it Works as an Imperial Concept (1672–2022) / „Europa Wschodnia”: Kiedy powstała i jak działa jako koncepcja imperialna (1672–2022)*

Oleksandr Zaitsev (Ukrainian Catholic University, Lviv / Ukraiński Uniwersytet Katolicki we Lwowie): *“Europe” and “the West” as Enemy Spaces in the Imagined Geography of Russian Imperialism / „Europa” i „Zachód” jako wrogie przestrzenie w wyobrażonej geografii rosyjskiego imperializmu*

Alexander Etkind (Central European University, Vienna / Uniwersytet Środkowoeuropejski, Wiedeń): *Spatial Aspects of Nemesis / Przestrzenne aspekty Nemezis*

12.20 – 12.50 Coffee break / przerwa na kawę

12.50 – 14.30 PANEL 2: *Not only Europe: Colonial and Imperial Perspectives / Nie tylko Europa: Perspektywy kolonialne i imperialne*

Chair / moderator: Marek Kornat

Hiroaki Kuromiya (Indiana University / Uniwersytet Indiany): *Vladei Vostokom and Russia's Imperial Rivals in the East / Vladei Vostokom i imperialni rywale Rosji na Wschodzie*

Zaur Gasimov (University of Bonn / Uniwersytet w Bonn): *Russkij Mir Revisited: Geopolitics, Geopoetics, and Reality / Russkij Mir raz jeszcze: geopolityka, geopoetyka i rzeczywistość*

Curtis Murphy (Nazarbayev University, Astana / Uniwersytet Nazarbajewa, Astana): *Exiles, Colonists, and Natives: The Organisation of Territory and People during Russia's Imperial Expansion into Central Asia in the Nineteenth Century / Wygnańcy, koloniści i tubylcy: Organizacja terytorium i ludzi podczas imperialnej ekspansji Rosji w Azji Środkowej w XIX wieku*

14.00 – 15.30 Lunch break / przerwa na lunch

15.30 – 17.50 PANEL 3: *Space, Politics, and Imagination / Przestrzeń, polityka i wyobraźnia*

Chair / moderator: Andrzej Nowak

Volodymyr Sklokin (Ukrainian Catholic University, Lviv / Ukraiński Uniwersytet Katolicki we Lwowie): *The Enlightenment Mapping of the Russian Imperial Space: The Case of Vasilii Zuev / Oświeceniowe mapowanie rosyjskiej przestrzeni imperialnej: Przypadek Wasilija Zujewa*

Andrei Zorin (Oxford University / Uniwersytet Oksfordzki): *Leo Tolstoy's Spatial Imagination / Przestrzenna wyobraźnia Lwa Tołstoja*

Oleksandr Zabirko (University of Regensburg / Uniwersytet w Ratyźbonie): *From "New America" to "New Russia": Exploring Russian Poetic Colonization of the Donbas(s) / Od „Nowej Ameryki” do „Nowej Rosji”: odkrywanie rosyjskiej poetyckiej kolonizacji Donbasu*

Jan Szumski (Institute for the History of Science, PAS / Instytut Historii Nauki PAN): *"A Friendly Family of Slavic Nations": The Soviet Historical View on Nation-Building of Slavic Nations (Russians, Ukrainians, Belarusians) and the Post-Soviet Transition / „Przyjazna rodzina narodów słowiańskich”: Sowiecki pogląd historyczny na budowanie narodów słowiańskich (Rosjan, Ukraińców, Białorusinów) i transformację postsowiecką*

18.00 – 19.30 Dinner / Obiad

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DAY II / DZIEŃ II

Tuesday 12 December, Bellotto Hotel, Miodowa Street, Warsaw / wtorek 12 grudnia, Hotel Bellotto, ul. Miodowa, Warszawa

9.40 – 17.30

Parallel panels / Panele równoczesne

9.40 – 11.50 **PANEL 1 (Hall 1): *Modelling Space and Emotions / Modelowanie przestrzeni i emocji***

Chair / moderator: **Dorota Dukwicz**

Paweł Krokosz (Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow / Uniwersytet Papieski Jana Pawła II w Krakowie): *Shaping the Attitudes and Consciousness of Russian Soldiers in the Army of Peter I / Formowanie postaw i świadomości żołnierzy rosyjskich w armii Piotra I*

Adam Danilczyk (Tadeusz Manteuffel Institute of History, PAS / Instytut Historii im. Tadeusza Manteuffla PAN): *"New Russia": The Colonization of Lands Conquered by Russia in the Second half of the 18th Century on the Example of Grigory Potemkin's Settlement of Crimea / „Nowa Rosja” – kolonizacja podbitych przez Rosję ziem w drugiej połowie XVIII wieku na przykładzie zasiedlania Krymu przez Grigorija Potiomkina*

Henryk Głębocki (Jagiellonian University / Uniwersytet Jagielloński): *Geopolitics of Space and Emotion. The Confrontation between the Empire and the Polish Question (1861–1863) in the Diary by Alexander Kireev, Aide-de-Camp of Grand Duke Constantine / Geopolityka przestrzeni i emocji. Konfrontacja imperium z kwestią polską (1861–1863) na kartach dziennika Aleksandra Kirejewa, adiutanta cesarzewicza Konstantego*

Stanisław Wiech (Jan Kochanowski University of Kielce / Uniwersytet Jana Kochanowskiego w Kielcach): *The Third Western Committee – the Third Wave of De-Polonisation of the Taken Lands (1914) / Trzeci Komitet Zachodni – trzecia fala depolonizacji Ziemi Zabrzanych (1914)*

9.40 – 11.50 **PANEL 2 (Hall 2): *Partitions and Emigrations / Rozbiory i emigracja***

Chair / moderator: **Jan Szumski**

Oleksandr Avramchuk (John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin / Katolicki Uniwersytet Lubelski Jana Pawła II): *Limits of Liberal Nationalism. Russian Émigré Intellectuals and Ukraine during the Cold War / Granice liberalnego nacjonalizmu. Rosyjscy emigranci intelektualni i Ukraina w czasach zimnej wojny*

Gennadii Korolov (Tadeusz Manteuffel Institute of History, PAS / Instytut Historii im. Tadeusza Manteuffla PAN): *"Historical Poland", the "Russian World" and "Ethnographic Ukraine": Reconstructing Spatial Concepts in Ukrainian Intellectual Thought (1848–1918) / „Historyczna Polska”, „rosyjski świat” i „etnograficzna Ukraina”. Rekonstrukcja koncepcji przestrzennych w ukraińskiej myśli intelektualnej (1848–1918)*

Łukasz Dryblak (Tadeusz Manteuffel Institute of History, PAS / Instytut Historii im. Tadeusza Manteuffla PAN): *The Limits of Empire, or Russian Territory and Spheres of Influence in the Thought of the Main Centres of Russian Emigration from the 1930s to the 1950s / Granice imperium, czyli o rosyjskim terytorium i strefach wpływów w myśli głównych ośrodków emigracji rosyjskiej od lat 30. do 50. XX wieku*

Sławomir Łukasiewicz (John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin / Katolicki Uniwersytet Lubelski Jana Pawła II): *“Expansion and Coexistence”: Adam Ulam’s Reflections on the Spatial Vectors of Soviet Foreign Policy / „Ekspansja i koegzystencja”: Refleksje Adama Ulama na temat przestrzennych wektorów sowieckiej polityki zagranicznej*

11.50 – 12.20 Coffee break / przerwa na kawę

Parallel panels / Panele równoczesne

12.20 – 14.10 **PANEL 1 (Hall 1): *Imagining Peripheries / Peryferie wyobrażone***

Chair / moderator: **Oleksandr Avramchuk**

Karsten Brueggemann (Tallinn University / Uniwersytet Talliński): *The Baltic “Our Abroad” in Russian Imperial Imagination: Continuity and Change from the Late Russian Empire to the Soviet Union / Bałtycka „nasza zagranica” w rosyjskiej wizji imperialnej: Ciągłość i zmiana od późnego imperium rosyjskiego do Związku Sowieckiego*

Andrei Cusco (Ion Creangă State Pedagogical University of Chişinău, Imre Kertész Kolleg Jena / Państwowy Uniwersytet Pedagogiczny im. Iona Creangă w Kiszyniowie, Kolegium im. Imre Kertésza w Jenie): *Imagining Bessarabia: Multi-Ethnicity, (Internal) Colonization, and Province-Building on the Russian Imperial Periphery / Wyobrażając sobie Besarabię. Wieloetniczność, (wewnętrzna) kolonizacja i budowanie prowincji na rosyjskich peryferiach imperialnych*

Igor Caşu (National Archives Agency, State University of Moldova / Narodowa Agencja Archiwalna, Państwowy Uniwersytet Mołdawski): *Famines in Tsarist and Soviet Context, 1892–1947: Ideology, Space, and Environment / Głód w kontekście carskim i sowieckim, 1892–1947: ideologia, przestrzeń i środowisko*

12.20 – 14.10 **PANEL 2 (Hall 2): *Interpretations of Imperial Expansion and Its Failures / Interpretacje ekspansji imperialnej i jej niepowodzeń***

Chair / moderator: **Sławomir Łukasiewicz**

Tomasz Zarycki (University of Warsaw / Uniwersytet Warszawski): *An Unmodern Empire? Modernisation Failures of the Russian Imperial Project in the late 19th and 20th centuries / Nienowoczesne imperium? Porażki modernizacyjne rosyjskiego projektu imperialnego w końcu XIX i XX wieku*

Kristo Nurmis (Tallinn University / Uniwersytet Talliński): *Spatial Rhetoric and Temporal Constructs in Soviet Annexation of the Baltic States in the 1940s / Retoryka przestrzenna i konstrukcje czasowe w sowieckiej aneksji państw bałtyckich w latach 40. XX wieku*

Andrii Portnov (European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder) / Uniwersytet Europejski Viadrina we Frankfurcie nad Odrą) & **Tetiana Portnova** (University of Potsdam / Uniwersytet Poczdamski): *The Russian Colonial Politics in Ukraine as Depicted in Modern Ukrainian Historiography / Rosyjska polityka kolonialna na Ukrainie we współczesnej historiografii ukraińskiej*

14.10 – 15.00 Lunch break / przerwa na lunch

Final plenary session / końcowa sesja plenarna

15.00 – 17.30 *Imperial Metamorphoses / Metamorfozy imperialne*

Chair / moderator: **Andrzej Nowak**

Darius Staliūnas (Lithuanian Institute of History, Vilnius / Instytut Historii Litwy, Wilno): *Imagined Geographies and Nationality Policy: The Case of Late Imperial Russia / Geografie wyobrażone i polityka narodowościowa. Przypadek późnej carskiej Rosji*

Guido Hausmann (University of Regensburg / Uniwersytet w Ratyzbonie): *The End of the Empire? Soviet Russian Territorial Strategies and Concessions at Brest-Litovsk 1917/18 / Koniec imperium? Sowiecko-rosyjskie strategie terytorialne i koncesje w Brześciu Litewskim w 1917/1918 r.*

David Brandenberger (University of Richmond / Uniwersytet w Richmond): *Empire 2.0? Soviet Russocentrism's Place in the Party Leadership's Official Plans for the Communist Future, 1938–1961 / Imperium 2.0? Miejsce sowieckiego rusocentryzmu w oficjalnych planach kierownictwa partii dotyczących komunistycznej przyszłości, 1938–1961*

Liliya Berezhnaya (Austrian Academy of Sciences, KU Leuven / Austriacka Akademia Nauk, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven): *Religious Memories in Mapping of Russian Post-Communist Space / Religijne wspomnienia w mapowaniu rosyjskiej przestrzeni postkomunistycznej*

Closing remarks / Uwagi końcowe

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