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Prof. **Alojzy Z. Nowak, Ph.D.**

Vice-Rector for Research and Liaison

Dear Participants of the 13th Annual Session of Warsaw East European Conference!

It's my great pleasure and privilege to welcome all and each of you in this beautiful time of a year at the University of Warsaw.

Thank you for coming to this Annual Session entitled "Belavezha. 25 years later".

As far as I know it is an important meeting of scholars, politicians, business people and students who not only discuss

the current political, social and economic problems but also have a chance to establish new relationships and develop already existing friendships.

Please accept my best wishes for having both fruitful sessions and pleasant time at the University of Warsaw and in Poland.

Sincerely, Prof. Alojzy Z. Nowak, Ph.D. Vice-Rector for Research and Liaison.





From **Jan Malicki**

Director, Warsaw East European Conference, Centre for East European Studies, University of Warsaw

It is a very special honour for me to be your host for the 13th time at the Warsaw East European Conference.

I'm happy to see some old friends and meet new ones. It is also a possibility to discuss and confront sometimes similar and sometimes different views on the past, the recent history and the future of our region. In 2016 the 13th annual session of Warsaw Fast European Conference has the honour to welcome Mr Marek Ziółkowski, viceminister of Foreign Affairs of Poland as well as the laureates of a special Jubilee Aleksander Gieysztor Award of Przeglad Wschodni – to take part in the opening ceremony. Closing lecture will be delivered by professor Theodore Weeks from Southern Illinois Unversity.

Main objective of this year's conference the will be the developments and changes in the region after the collapse of the Soviet Union, as well as historical and contemporary relations between countries and nations of that

region. Owing to the fact that we will be hosting Gennadij Burbulis, Leonid Kravczuk, Stanisław Szuszkiewicz – we will have the unique opportunity to look behind the scenes of the Belavezha 1991 meeting.

During the last twelve editions of Warsaw East European Conference we have the honour of hosting many outstanding scientists and politicians such as: Hélène Carrère d'Encausse, Richard Pipes, Stanislav Shushkevich, Valdas Adamkus, Theodore Weeks, Bronisław Geremek, who directly or indirectly contributed to collapse of communism. It should be remembered that the first steps were made in 2004, during the Special Convention of the Association for the Studies of Nationalities, which gave birth to the concept of the WEEC.

The conference is structured according to a classical American conference system, with English as the official language. This year we will hold 27 dis-



cussion panels. Among these are the opening ceremony with the lecture presented by well-known expert on security issues - professor Theodore Weeks. Our special guests, already mentioned: Gennadii Burbulis, Leonid Kravchuk and Stanisław Szuszkiewicz, as well as Vladislav Inozemtsev, Andrzej Sulima Kamiński, Zbigniew Kruszewski, Mikheil Saakashvili, Alvydas Nikžentaitis, Theodore Weeks, Viktor Yushchenko, Leonid Zlotnnikov will add splendour to our three round table discussions concerning the collapse of the USSR, economy issues and eastern policy. The Thirteenth Annual Session of Warsaw East European Conference will host over 200 participants

including about 80 speakers from all over the world: North America, Western Europe, Central and East Europe, and Central Asia. I would like to thank all participants for coming and I hope that you will be satisfied. May you enjoy the conference, leave with best memories and return next year!

It is my sincere hope that the WEEC will be a great occasion to understand our region better. Once again I would like to express my gratitude to our special guests and to all the participants and I look forward to a most successful and fruitful conference.

Let the conference begin!



WARSAW EAST EUROPEAN CONFERENCE University of Warsaw July 18 – 21, 2016 GENERAL PROGRAMME

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TUESDAY, JULY 19 - DAY 2	Registration: 9.00 AM - 2.30 PM The Hall Of The Old Library	12:30 PM – 2:30 PM			11. Courts and Justice in Central- Eastern Europe	12. Relations of Russia, Ukraine, Belarus with Western structures	13. Russia under Putin's regime	ROUND TABLE II WHAT ABOUT THE ECONOMY?
	T.	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Room 6. The freedom of a person living in an unfree country	7. Language and Politics	8. Post-communism and the communist heritage	9. The policy towards ethnic minorities	10. The ways of development of Russia	4:00 PM – 6:00 PM Old Library, Main Auditorium
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		WEDNESDAY, JULY 20 - DAY 3		
		Registration: 9.00 AM - 2.30 PM The hall of the old library		
	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	12:30 PM - 2:30 PM	3:30 PM - 4:00 PM	10 PM
Room 111	14. Geopolitics and the transformation of Central and Eastern Europe	18. Internal and foreign policy dimensions of independent Ukraine	CH TIME	
Room 116	15. Theory and practice of economic transformation	19. National identity and historical memory	Daily M	
Room 211	16. The energy security of the countries of Central and Eastern Europe	20. Presentation: "Yearbook of Centre for Belarusian Studies" Journal of Centre for Belarusian Studies	Conference	e X
Room 216	Room 17. Ukraine within the context of 216 Russia-Ukraine conflict	21. Culture in its relation to politics in Belarus	7:30	
	4:00 PM – 5:30 PM Old Library, Main Auditorium	ROUND TABLE III TOWARDS THE NEW POLISH EASTERN POLICY	ERN POLICY	

THURSDAY, JULY 21 - DAY 4	Registration: 9.00 AM - 2.30 PM The hall of the old library	12:30 PM – 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM – 4:00 PM	26. The postcommunist mentality	M – 3:30 F	27. Belarus 2016 - geo-economic		Closing Lecture prof. Theodore Weeks Nations and State Power in Vilna – Wilno – Vilnius A Quick Look over Two Centuries with Lessons for Today	CLOSING CEREMONY - WEEC 2016 FAREWELL GLASS OF WINE
	Re	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Room 22. Social nature of Borderland 2	Room 23. The social dimension of education in the post-Soviet countries	Room 24. Memory and politics in 2 211 Belarus under Lukashenko	Room 25. Law Consciousness in Central and Eastern Europe	4:30 PM – 5:30 PM (Old Library, Main Auditorium)	5:45 PM - 6:00 PM

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Monday, 18th July, 2016, 5.45 PM University of Warsaw, Old Library, Auditorium

Special lecture by

MIKHEIL SAAKASHVILI

entitled

Postsoviet area - 25 years later



Mikheil Saakashvili – He is the currently the Governor of Ukraine's Odessa Oblast. One of Georgia's most recognizable politicians. One of the leaders of the Rose Revolution (November 2003) against the corrupted regime of Eduard Shevardnadze. For two consecutive terms (from 25 January 2004 to 17 November 2013) he served as a president of Georgia. Founder and former chairman of the United National Movement Party. Widely regarded as a pro-NATO and pro-West leader who spearheaded a series of political and economic reforms that saved Georgia from collapse.

		MONDAY, JULY 18 - DAY 1		
		Registration: 9.00 AM - 2.30 PM The hall of the old library		
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM		12:30 PM - 2:30 PM		7:15 PM - 7:30 PM
	Room 111	1. Russia and East-Central Europe: 25 years after the Belavezha		
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Award of "Przegląd Wschodni"	Room 211	4. The objectives of the war in Ukraine and its impact on Central and Eastern Europe	Π 7:30	Glass of Wine
	Room 216	5. Russian policy in the South Caucasus (Georgia, Azerbaijan)		
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM Old Library, Main Auditorium	m	ROUND TABLE I THE COLLAPSE OF THE USSR. SOURCES - CAUSES - PERIODIZATION	RCES - C,	auses - Periodization
5:45 PM – 6:45 PM Old Library, Main Auditorium	m	SPECIAL LECTURE BY MIKHEIL SAAKASHVIL. "POSTSOVIET AREA - 25 YEARS LATER"	AKASH\ \TER"	ארו



MONDAY - DAY 1, JULY 18

Schedule

Registration 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM Location: The hall of the old library 11:00 AM - 12:00 AM Opening Ceremony Ceremony of Presenting the Jubilee Aleksander Gieysztor Award of "Przegląd Wschodni" 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM Session I 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM Lunch Time 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Round Table I THE COLLAPSE OF THE USSR. **SOURCES - CAUSES - PERIODIZATION** Old Library, Main Auditorium 5:45 PM - 6.45 PM Special lecture by MIKHEIL SAAKASHVILI "POSTSOVIET AREA - 25 YEARS LATER" 6:15 PM - 6.30 PM Opening Ceremony WEEC 2016

Glass of Wine

OPENING CEREMONY

Monday, the 18th of July, 2016 at 11 a.m, University of Warsaw Old Library

CEREMONY OF PRESENTING THE JUBILEE ALEKSANDER GIEYSZTOR AWARD OF "PRZEGLĄD WSCHODNI"

Przegląd Wschodni is a quarterly academic journal published in conjunction with the Centre for East European Studies since 1991. It is dedicated to the history of Eastern Europe and Russia as a cultural-political region from the Middle Ages up to contemporary times. The most outstanding scholars of history, culture and art history, literature, linguistics, geography, demography, ethnology and other subjects, undertake to analyze a broad range of issues related to the region's common cultural heritage and differences between nations inhabiting the region.

Since 2000, the **Aleksander Gieysztor Award of Przegląd Wschodni** is presented to exceptional figures, who dedicated their life and work to academy, their country

and the "eastern affaires". Amongst its laureates are such outstanding individuals as, among others – Alfredas Bumblauskas (Lithuania); Adam Maldzis (Bielarus), Marek Karp (Poland) or Jerzy Pomianowski (Poland)

Professor Aleksander Gieysztor, born in Moscow in 1916, was an outstanding Polish medieval historian, president of the Polish Academy of Sciences (1980-1983 and 1990-1992). For his brave and honorable attitude during the World War II and engagement in anti-Soviet opposition after the war he was decorated with many of Poland's most important orders of merits. In 2016 we celebrate a 100th anniversary of the birth of Professor Gieysztor.



Jubilee Aleksander Gieysztor Award of Przegląd Wschodni will be presented to:

Wiaczesław Briuchoweckyj – recreator and first president of the present "NaUKMA – National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy", strongly engaged in Polish-Ukrainian academic cooperation, academic teacher and researcher, specialist in studies on literature

Andrzej Sulima Kamiński – historian, professor emeritus of the Georgetown University in Washington, specialist on the history of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth as well as on the history of East-Central Central Europe and Russia in XVI-XVIII CC.

Zbigniew Antoni Kruszewski – soldier of the Polish "Home Army" and participant of the Warsaw Uprising during the World War II, active member of the Polish American Congress, political scientist and professor emeritus of the University of Texas. El Paso.

Alvydas Nikžentaitis – historian, professor, longstanding director of the Lithuanian Institute of History (2000-2008) and president of Lithuanian National Historians Committee, his specialty is the history of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania.

Henryk Samsonowicz – historian, professor emeritus and former rector of the University of Warsaw, minister of education in the first non-communist government of Poland (1989-1991), specialist on the history of medieval Poland.

LOCATION: AL. UJAZDOWSKIE 4

(FENCE OF THE UNIVERSITY BOTANICAL GARDEN VIS A VIS THE OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER)

EXHIBITION

Renovation of the Pre-War University of Warsaw Meteorological Observatory on the Mount Pop Ivan – The Joint Polish-Ukrainian Project

The project of restoration of the Observatory is part of the broader concept for the creation of the International Youth Academic Meeting Center in the Ukrainian Carpathians, which since 2007 it is held under the patronage the presidents of the two countries. The initiators and executors of these ambitious ideas include University of Warsaw and Precarpathian National University named by Vasyl Stefanyk.



JULY 18, ROOM 205

PRESENTATION OF A NEW ISSUE OF "OBÓZ" JOURNAL (KAZIMIERZ WÓYCICKI, ANTON SAIFULLAYEU).



AFTER THE PRESENTATION THERE WILL BE A DEBATE ENTITLED:

"BORDERS AND NEW IDENTITIES OF CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE"

WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF AUTHORS AND THE EDITORIAL BOARD:
PAWEŁ KOWAL, KAZIMIERZ WÓYCICKI, RIGIELS HALILI
MODERATOR: KRZYSZTOF NIECZYPOR

SESSION I - 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM

1. Russia and East-Central Europe: 25 years after the Belavezha

CHAIR: MIKOŁAJ IWANOW (POLAND)

OPOLE UNIVERSITY

PARTICIPANTS: KAZIMIERZ DADAK (POLAND)

HOLLINS UNIVERSITY, ROANOKE

POLAND VS. RUSSIA: STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AFTER BELAVEZHA

LAURA VALERIA GHEORGHIU (ROMANIA)

University of Bologna, Forli

BELAVEZHA ACCORDS - UNFINISHED BUSINESS

JAN HOLZER (CZECH REPUBLIC)

Masaryk University, Brno

FEAR OF RUSSIA: CENTRAL EUROPE BEFORE POLITICAL

CHOICE

DISCUSSANT: MARIUSZ MASZKIEWICZ (POLAND)

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF POLAND

2. HYBRID WAR

CHAIR: VAKHTANG MAISAIA (GEORGIA)

CAUCASUS INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY, TBILISI

PARTICIPANTS: ALEXANDER SMOLJANSKI (RUSSIA)

INTEGRUM WORLD WIDE, WOODCLIFF LAKE

REFLECTING RUSSIAN-UKRAINIAN RELATIONS IN MASS-MEDIA AND SOCIAL NETWORKS

KAZIMIERZ WÓYCICKI (POLAND)

CENTRE FOR EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES, UNIVERSITY OF WARSAW

THE INTERNET AND "INFORMATION WARFARE"

OF PRESIDENT PUTIN

3. Presentation: "Obóz" Journal of the Centre for East European Studies, University of Warsaw

Moderator: KRZYSZTOF NIECZYPOR (POLAND)

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PAWEŁ KOWAL (POLAND)

POLISH ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, WARSAW

4. The objectives of the war in Ukraine and its impact on Central and Eastern Europe

CHAIR: ŁUKASZ ADAMSKI (POLAND)

CENTRE FOR POLISH-RUSSIAN DIALOGUE AND UNDERSTANDING,

Warsaw

PARTICIPANTS: NATALIA YAKOVENKO (UKRAINE)

TARAS SHEVCHENKO NATIONAL UNIVERSITY, KYIV

De-occupation of Crimea: Priority Issue for

UKRAINE

GALYNA ZELENKO (UKRAINE)

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF UKRAINE, KYIV

THE IMPACT OF THE MINSK AGREEMENT ON THE SOCIO-POLITICAL SITUATION IN EAST-CENTRAL EUROPE

5. Russian Policy in the South Caucasus (Georgia, Azerbaijan)

CHAIR: TOMASZ KNOTHE (POLAND)

CENTRE FOR EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES, UNIVERSITY OF WARSAW,

F. Ambassador of Poland to Armenia

PARTICIPANTS: TEIMURAZ PAPASKIRI (GEORGIA)

TBILISI STATE UNIVERSITY

Russian Policy towards Georgia since 1991

KAKHABER KALICHAVA (GEORGIA)

TBILISI STATE UNIVERSITY

Some aspects of Russian 'Passport Policy'

CONDUCTED IN GEORGIA



GULSHAN PASHAYEVA (AZERBAIJAN)

CENTER FOR STRATEGIC STUDIES UNDER THE PRESIDENT OF THE

REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN, BAKU

THE RUSSIAN DIMENSION OF AZERBAIJAN'S FOREIGN

POLICY

DISCUSSANT: KONRAD ZASZTOWT (POLAND)

Polish Institute of International Affairs, Warsaw

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EXHIBITION FROM MAIDAN TO DONBAS

UKRAINE 2014-2015

Witold Dobrowolski (b. 1992), student of the Centre for East European Studies, University of Warsaw.

In 2014, only few days after the "Black Thursday", he went to Maidan as a photographer. Subsequently three times he visited Donbas in the ATO area, to photograph the ongoing military conflict.

He visited Donetsk (controlled by the separatist) and besieged Sloviansk. In the company of the "Donbas" Battalion he witnessed the battle for Ilovaisk and was hiding from the gunfire in the ruins of Piski (a city just outside the Donetsk airport). Together with other journalists he failed in getting to Debaltseve, where this war's bloodiest battle was taking place.

He was a guest of the "Azov" Regiment in Mariupol.

THE EXHIBITION PRESENTS SELECTED PHOTOGRAPHS FROM ALL ABOVE MENTIONED TRIPS.

ROUND TABLE I

Monday, July 18, 4:00 PM

THE COLLAPSE OF THE USSR. SOURCES - CAUSES - PERIODIZATION.

Moderators: Jan Malicki & Włodzimierz Marciniak

Gennadij Burbulis - a close associate of Boris Yeltsin, he held several high positions in the first Russian government, including Secretary of State, and was one of the drafters and signers of the Belavezha Accords on behalf of Russia. He was one of the most influential Russian political figures in the late 1980s and early 1990s and one of the main architects of Russian political and economic reform.

Leonid Kravchuk, president of Ukraine from 1991 to 1994. He became chairman of the Ukrainian Supreme Soviet in July 1990, and as such he soon became the effective leader of the republic. As the central government in Moscow grew weaker, Kravchuk began to warm to the Ukrainian independence movement. After the failure of the coup attempt by Soviet Communist hardliners in August 1991, he expressed unqualified support for independence. He was elected president in December 1991 but lost reelection to Leonid Kuchma in July 1994. Since leaving office, Kravchuk has remained politically active. From September 1994 to April 2006 he served as a member of parliament and its Committee for Foreign Affairs.

Stanislau Shushkievich. Belarusian politician and scholar. Before his political career he was a prominent scientist (physics and mathematics). From September 28 1991 till January 26 1994 he was the first leader and Head of State of independent Belarus after the dissolution of the Soviet Union (Chairman of the Supreme Soviet - also chairman of the Parliament). He supported free market and democratic reforms. On December 8, 1991 together with the leaders of Russia – Boris Yeltsin and Ukraine – Leonid Kraychuk he signed a declaration of the dissolution of the Soviet Union and the creation of the Commonwealth of Independent States. He continues to be active in politics, heading the Belarusian Social Democratic Assembly "Hramada" party.

Moderators:

Jan Malicki – Director of the Centre for East European Studies of the University of Warsaw. A member of the first underground editorial board of Obóz (as well as later boards), he was founder and head of the underground Institute of Eastern Europe (1983-1985); founder and chief editor of the quarterly Przegląd Wschodni (from 1991); cofounder (1990), and later, director of the work of the Centre for East European





Studies, author of the Eastern Studies programme, coordinator of government and university scholarship programs for the East; director of the Konstanty Kalinowski Polish government scholarship (since 2006) and permanent deputy chairman of the "Consortium of Ukrainian Universities and the University of Warsaw".

Włodzimierz Marciniak, Polish scholar, sovietologist and diplomat. Professor of political sciences, specializes in con-

temporary Russia (political and social issues). Graduate of the University of Warsaw. Professor of the National-Louis University in Nowy Sącz. Since 1980 he is an academic at the Warsaw School of Economics. Former Counselor at the Polish Embassy in Moscow. Director of the Department of Comparative Post Soviet Research at the Polish Academy of Sciences Institute for Political Studies, PASc. Lecturer at the Centre for East European Studies UW (2006-2009).

Room 107 111 111	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM 6. The freedom of a person living in an unfree country 7. Language and Politics 8. Post-communism and the communist heritage 9. The policy towards ethnic minorities	Registration: 9.00 AM - 2.30 PM The Hall Of The Old Library 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM 11. Courts and Justice in Central- Eastern Europe 12. Relations of Russia, Ukraine, Belarus with Western structures	10 PM - 3:30 PM LUNCH TIME	6:30 PM – 8:00 PM "IN SEARCH OF A LOST PARADISE" German-Russian documentary by Evgeniy Tsymbal and Alexander Smoljanski
10.	10. The ways of development of Russia	13. Russia under Putin's regime	2:3	
4 Id Lik	4:00 PM – 6:00 PM Old Library, Main Auditorium	ROUND TABLE II WHAT ABOUT THE ECONOMY?		



TUESDAY - DAY 2, JULY 19

Schedule

9:00 AM – 2:30 PM Registration

Location:

The Hall of the Old Library

10:00 AM – 12:00 AM Session I 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM Session II 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM Lunch Time

3:30 PM – 4:00 PM Daily Conference Summary

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Round Table II

WHAT ABOUT THE ECONOMY?

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM "IN SEARCH OF A LOST PARADISE"

German-Russian documentary

by Evgeniy Tsymbal

and Alexander Smoljanski

TUESDAY – DAY 2, JULY 19 ROOM 111

FILM PRESENTATION

IN SEARCH OF A LOST PARADISE

BY EVGENIY TSYMBAL AND ALEXANDER SMOLJANSKI

FOLLOWED BY A DISCUSSION WITH THE AUTHOR



This film tells the story of Russian artist **Valentina Kropivnitskaya** and her husband, the artist Oskar Rabin. It is a story about great talent and great love, which shows what it is like to live in a totalitarian regime, while still trying to retain one's personal and artistic freedom. The story of people, who have created the very notion of nonconformist art, later called The Second Russian Avant-garde; who never betrayed their artistic principles and showed how powerful a weapon nonviolent resistance can be. In 1974, the couple organized a prohibited open-air art exhibition, which was smashed by the KGB using bulldozers. The following day the event was publicized worldwide. In 1977, Oscar was placed under house arrest and shortly thereafter, the family was exiled from the USSR and stripped off their citizenship. However, this historical event forced the Soviets to change their stance regarding art.

They came to France without any money and not knowing a single word of French - they nevertheless continued pursuing their artistic passion, and gradually became famous painters.

Aside from the biography of the artists, the film also addresses their unconventional thoughts about twentieth-century art. The director, Evgeny Tsymbal, one of the most internationally acclaimed contemporary Russian documentary filmmakers (BAFTA, FIPRESCI and 30 other awards), recounts this refugee success story of an artist who was true to her talent and never gave into the pressures of life.

Discussants:

Lyudmila Evgenyevna Ulitskaya (born February 21, 1943) is an internationally acclaimed modern Russian novelist and short-story writer who, in 2014, was awarded the prestigious Austrian State Prize for European Literature for her oeuvre. In 2006 she published Daniel Stein, Translator (Даниэль Штайн, переводчик), a novel dealing with the Holocaust and the need for reconciliation between Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.

Alexander Smoljanski. Representative of Information Service "Integrum World Wide". Russian researcher specializing in exploring mass-media and social networks of Russia and other post-soviet countries. His field of interest involves information and disinformation in mass media and social networks, and information wars in media.



SESSION I - 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

6. The freedom of a person living in an unfree country

CHAIR: MIKOŁAJ IWANOW (POLAND)

OPOLE UNIVERSITY

PARTICIPANTS: LYUDMILA ULITSKAYA (RUSSIA)

Author, Moscow

THE FREEDOM OF A PERSON LIVING IN THE LIVING IN AN

UNFREE COUNTRY

DISCUSSANT: ALEXANDER SMOLJANSKI (RUSSIA)

INTEGRUM WORLD WIDE

7. Language and Politics

CHAIR: HUBERT ŁASZKIEWICZ (POLAND)

THE JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF LUBLIN

PARTICIPANTS: ANA BAKANIDZE (GEORGIA)

SOKHUMI STATE UNIVERSITY, TBILISI

IMPERIALISTIC LANGUAGE POLICY OF THE SOVIET UNION

IN GEORGIA 1970-1990

NONA TATIASHVILI (ESTONIA)

TALLINN UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

CAUSES AND CONSEQUENCES OF MINORITY LANGUAGE

DIVERSITY IN THE AGE OF GLOBALIZATION

MARYNA HOHULIA (UKRAINE)

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF UKRAINE, KYIV

The Character of the Totalitarian W orld in

MODERN SLAVIC NOVELS

ANNA DOLIDZE (GEORGIA)

TRILISI STATE UNIVERSITY

DREAMS IN GEORGIAN SOCIAL-REALIST FICTION ACCORDING TO "THE FLOWER OF THE VINE"

DISCUSSANT: ROMAN SZUL (POLAND)

University of Warsaw

8. Post-communism and the communist heritage

CHAIR: CORNELIUS OCHMANN (GERMANY)

FOUNDATION FOR POLISH-GERMAN COOPERATION, WARSAW

PARTICIPANTS: RUSTIS KAMUNTAVIČIUS (LITHUANIA)

Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas

LITHUANIA AFTER 1990: BETWEEN "AMERICAN LIBERALISM" AND "SOVIET CONSERVATISM"

PAVEL IVLEV (UNITED STATES)

COMMITTEE FOR RUSSIAN ECONOMIC FREEDOM, CLOSTER

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Masaryk University, Brno

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WHAT ABOUT ECONOMY?

Moderator: Tomasz Żylicz

Vladislav Inozemtsev, Russian economist, political scientist and a public intellectual, Doctor of Economics, director of the Post Industrial Society Research Center, publisher and editor-in-chief of the "Svobodnaya mysl" journal, and a member of the Foreign and Defense Policy Council (SVOP). He has authored thirty monographs, four of them, including 'Split Civilization' (1999), were translated into English, French, Japanese, and Chinese.

Viktor Yushchenko, former president of Ukraine (2005- 2010). In 1993 Yushchenko was appointed governor of newly independent Ukraine's national bank. In this position he oversaw the introduction in 1996 of the national currency, the hryvnya. In 1999 President Leonid Kuchma appointed Yushchenko prime minister. Over the next year and a half, many analysts credited Yushchenko with helping Ukraine emerge from a prolonged financial and economic crisis. Among other measures, he introduced fiscal restraints and ended the costly practice of issuing subsidies to unprofitable companies. In 2001 Kuchma abruptly dismissed Yushchenko, partly because he feared his growing popularity. Yushchenko responded by forming a broad-based democratic coalition called Our Ukraine, which was victorious in the parliamentary elections later that year and gave him a platform from which to mount a credible challenge to Kuchma, who had been accused of overseeing an increasingly corrupt administration.

Leonid Zlotnikov, Graduated from Moscow State University. Before the collapse of the Soviet Union he worked as senior researcher at the Institute of Economics of the Byelorussian Academy of Sciences and was engaged in the problems of economy development prediction. Zlotnikov worked as director of finance in the JSC, the chief specialist of the Committee on Economic Policy and Reforms of the 13th Supreme Soviet. After retirement, Zlotnikov taught at Belarusian universities. Currently he is a professor at the Minsk branch of the Russian State Economic Plekhanov's University.

Moderator:

Tomasz Żylicz, founder of the Warsaw Ecological Economics Center, former Head of the Division of Microeconomics, former Dean of the Department of Economic Sciences at the University





of Warsaw. He is a graduate from the Department of Economic Sciences (WNE) (1974) and the Department of Mathematics (1977) at the University of Warsaw. In 1978-1979 he studied further both economics and mathematics at Wisconsin University in Madison (USA). In 1979 he received a PhD degree in economics in the filed of decision making theories. In 1989 he received a diploma and a postdoctoral degree and in 2001 he became a professor. He is a former or present member of numerous scientific and editorial boards, including: International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA), European Environment Agency, European Commission, European Consultative Forum on the Environment and Sustainable Development, GEF-Poland

Small Grant Programme, the Institute of Environmental Protection (IOS), Ojcowski National Park, Warsaw University Centre for Environmental Studies, Ambio (the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences), the International Journal of Agricultural Resources, Governance and Ecology, Ecological Economics and finally Environmental and Resource Economics (Elsevier) where he holds the position of the deputy chief editor.

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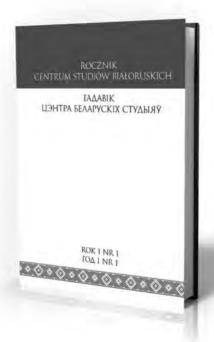
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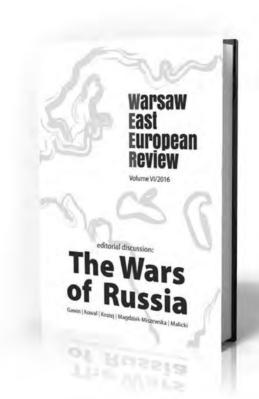
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TOWARDS THE NEW POLISH EASTERN POLICY

Moderator: Paweł Kowal

Łukasz Jasina, Polish historian and publicist, earned his PhD in Philosophy, author of several hundred publications. John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin and Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute graduate. Head of East Department of "Liberal Culture" magazine ("Kultura Liberalna"), currently working at Museum of Polish History.

Marcin Kacperek, graduate of international relations at the Faculty of Political Science and Journalism of Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań. member of the Board of Polish Forum of Young Diplomats and a graduate of the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs Diplomatic and Consular Training in 2014. His areas of interest include the Weimar Triangle, the Visegrad Group, Central and Eastern Europe, and world politics.

Paweł Purski, Polish political analyst and researcher. His professional field of work includes strategic communication and political consulting. Graduated from the Warsaw School of Economics and Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw. He held an internship at the Polish National Security Bureau and the European Parliament. Paweł Purski was

the first editor-in-chief of Eastbook.eu, currently works as head of the council of Common Europe Foundation (Fundacja Wspólna Europa)

Bartosz Rydliński, earned his PhD in Social Science, graduated form the Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw. Associate Professor at Institute of Politology UKSW. In 2014 he held the post of visiting scholar at the School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University. Currently works as project coordinator at Amicus Europae Foundation.

Moderator:

Paweł Kowal – historian, political scientist, publicist, editor-in-Chief of the Warsaw East European Review. Editor-in-chief, historian, political scientist, publicist. He works in the Institute of Political Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences, College of Europe in Natolin and lectures and the Centre for East European Studies UW. He publishes on the topics of system transformation in Central and Eastern Europe. Co-creator of the Warsaw Uprising Museum; from 2005-2014, he was MP in the Polish Sejm and European Parliament. In 2006-2007, he was secretary of state at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.





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CHAIR: LESZEK ZASZTOWT (POLAND)

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CHAIR: ANNA MARIA DYNER (POLAND)

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(EXAMPLE OF THE CITY SKIDEL)

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COMMITTEE FOR RUSSIAN ECONOMIC FREEDOM, CLOSTER

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CHAIR: ALEXANDER SMOLJANSKI (RUSSIA)

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TBILISI STATE UNIVERSITY

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University of Warsaw

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McMaster University, Hamilton

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Participants: OLGA LAVRINENKO (Russia)

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VERANIKA LAPUTSKA (BELARUS)

POLISH ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, WARSAW

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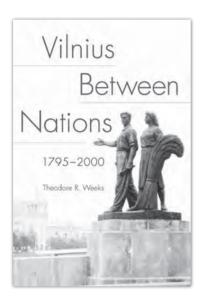
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CEREMONY OF PRESENTING THE "PRZEGLĄD WSCHODNI" AWARD



The Przegląd Wschodni Award 2015 in the category: non-Polish book will be presented to THEODORE WEEKS from Carbondale, USA for his book "Vilnius between Nations. 1795-2000"

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Nations and State Powers in Vilna – Wilno – Vilnius: a Quick Look over Two Centuries with Lessons for Today



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CLOSING LECTURE

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Theodore WEEKS historian, professor at the Southern Illinois University in Carbondale (USA). Fulbright Distinguished Chair at the Centre for East European Studies UW (2008/2009). His main specialty is research on national and ethnic identity and nationalism. confessional problems as well as the phenomena of anti-Semitism in East-Central Europe.

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Grigoryan, Stepan (Analytical Centre on Globalization and Regional Cooperation,

Yerevan)

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Halili, Rigels (Centre for East European Studies, University of Warsaw)

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Hohulia, Maryna (National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, Kyiv)

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Holzer, Jan (Masaryk University, Brno)

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Inozemtsev, Vladislav (Center for Post-Industrial Studies, Moscow)

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Ivlev. Pavel (Committee for Russian Economic Freedom, Closter)

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Iwanow, Mikołaj (Opole University)

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Jasina, Łukasz (Museum of Polish History, Warsaw)

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Kacperek, Marcin (*Polish Forum of Young Diplomats, Warsaw*)

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Kalichava, Kakhaber (*Tbilisi State University*)

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Kamiński, Antoni (*Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw*)

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Kamuntavičius, Rustis (*Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas*)

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Kasataya, Tatsiana (Center for Belarusian Studies, University of Warsaw)

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Kazemzadeh, Hamed (University of Warsaw)

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Kelikhashvili, Lasha (*Tbilisi State University*)

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Knothe, Tomasz (Centre for East European Studies, University of Warsaw,

f. Ambassador of Poland to Armenia)

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Koblan, Andrii (Ivan Franko National University, Lviv)

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Kowal, Paweł (Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw)

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Krawcewicz, Aleksander (*Center for Belarusian Studies, University of Warsaw*)

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Krawczuk, Leonid (former president of Ukraine)

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Kurczewski, Jacek (University of Warsaw)

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Kutsenko, Denys (Pultusk Academy of Humanities)

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Kuzminich, Ihar (*Center for Belarusian Studies, Warsaw*) July 21, 10:00, Panel No. 25.

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Lavrinenko, Olga (*Belarusian Analytical Workroom, Warsaw*) July 21, 12:30, Panel No. 27.

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Maisaia, Vakhtang (Caucasus International University, Tbilisi)

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Malicki, Jan (Centre for East European Studies, University of Warsaw)

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Marciniak, Włodzimierz (National-Louis University, Nowy Sącz)

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Maszkiewicz, Mariusz (Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Poland)

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Matviyenko, Viktor (Taras Shevchenko National University, Kyiv)

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Melnikau, Ihar (istpravda.ru, Minsk)

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Mushkudiani, Giorgi (Tbilisi State University)

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Nasonova, Kateryna (University of Warsaw)

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Nieczypor, Krzysztof (Centre for East European Studies, University of Warsaw)

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Nikžentaitis, Alvydas (Vilinus Pedagogical Universit)

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Papaskiri, Teimuraz (Tbilisi State University)

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Pashayeva, Gulshan (*Center for Strategic Studies under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Baku*)

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Pikhoia, Rudolf (Russian Academy of Public Administration, Moscow)

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Piskorska, Galyna (Taras Shevchenko National University, Kyiv)

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Polegkyi, Oleksii (*University of Antwerp*)

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Purski, Paweł (Common Europe Foundation, Warsaw)

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Rodkiewicz, Witold (Centre for East European Studies, University of Warsaw)

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Ross, Wiktor (*Centre for East European Studies, University of Warsaw*)

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Rubtsova, Maryna (*Taras Shevchenko National University, Kyiv*)

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Rydliński, Bartosz (Amicus Europae Foundation, Warsaw)

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Saakashvili, Mikheil (former president of Georgia, governor of Odessa Oblast, Ukraine)

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Samsonowicz, Henryk (profesor emeritus University of Warsaw)

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Saratikyan, Narek (National Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Armenia, Yerevan)

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Semianchuk, Henadzi (*Center for Belarusian Studies, University of Warsaw, Warszawa*)

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Shevchenko, Olena (*Taras Shevchenko National University, Kyiv*)

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Shushkevich, Stanislau (former president of Belarus)

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Shynkarenko, Tetiana (*Taras Shevchenko National University, Kyiv*)

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Sialverstava, Sviatlana (*Center for Belarusian Studies, University of Warsaw*)

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Sialvestrava, Sviatlana (*Centre for Belarusian Studies, Centre for East European Studies, University of Warsaw*)

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Smalianchuk, Aliaksandr (*Center for Belarusian Studies, University of Warsaw*)

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Smoljanski, Alexander (Integrum World Wide, Woodcliff Lake)

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Stroinska, Maria Magdalena (McMaster University, Hamilton)

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Sulima Kamiński, Andrzej (pofessor emeritus Georgetown University)

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Szeptycki, Andrzej (*University of Warsaw*)

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Szul, Roman (*University of Warsaw*)

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Tatiashvili, Nona (*Tallinn University of Technology*)

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Tokts, Siarhei (Center for Belarusian Studies, University of Warsaw)

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Tomášková, Ludmila (Masaryk University, Brno)

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Tuleoglueva, Leiman ("Angel Kanchev" University of Ruse)

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Turchenko, Yuliia (*Taras Shevchenko National University, Kyiv*)

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Ulitskava, Lyudmila Evgenvevna (Russian novelist)

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Vardomatski, Andrei (Belarusian Analytical Workroom, Warsaw)

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Vereshchuk. Irvna (Center for Baltic and Black Sea Studies, Kviv)

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Wóycicki, Kazimierz (*Centre for East European Studies, University of Warsaw*)

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Yushchenko, Viktor (former president of Ukraine)

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Ziółkowski, Marek (Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Poland)

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Żurawski vel Grajewski, Przemysław (University of Łódź)

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Żylicz, Tomasz (University of Warsaw)

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