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SEMINAR: New Perspectives on Empire and Space: Russia and the Soviet Union in Focus

Feb 16-17, 2012

University of Helsinki, Main Building

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Thursday, Feb 16, University Main Building, Aud XVI (Entrance on Unioninkatu, 4<sup>th</sup> floor)

12:00-12:15 p.m.

Opening of the Seminar

12:15-12:45 p.m.

Sanna Turoma (Aleksanteri Institute, University of Helsinki) and Maxim Waldstein (University of Amsterdam): Presentation of the forthcoming book *Decentering the Soviet Empire: New Spatial Histories of Russia* (Farnham: Ashgate)

12:30 – 13:15 p.m.

Nick Baron (University of Nottingham): "D.I. Mendeleev and the Mapping of Russian Modernity"

13:15-14:00 p.m.

Katri Pynnöniemi (Finnish Institute of Foreign Affairs): "Representations of Post-Soviet Space in the Contemporary Russian Political-Economic Discussion"

Coffee

14:30-15:15 p.m.

Anni Kangas (University of Tampere/ Finnish Academy): "Land of Giants and Gallows: Russian and Soviet Empires in the Finnish Political Imaginary"



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15:15-16:00 p.m.

Marina Loskutova (European University at Saint Petersburg): "Regionalization, Imperial Legacy and the Soviet Geographical Tradition"

Friday, Feb 17, University Main Building, Aud VI (Entrance on Unioninkatu, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor)

9:00-9:45 a.m.

Sanna Turoma (Aleksanteri Institute / University of Helsinki): "*Imperii* Re/Constructed: Narratives of Space and Nation in the 1960s Soviet Russian Culture"

9:45-10:30 a.m.

Iina Kohonen (Aalto University, Helsinki): "Picturing Infinity: Space Race and the Cosmic Landscape"

10:30-11:15 a.m.

Kevin M. Platt (University of Philadelphia): "Eccentric Orbit: Mapping Russian Culture in the Baltic"

11:45 a.m.

Lunch

12:30 p.m.

Mark Bassin (Södertörn University): Comments

*After 1:00 p.m. the seminar continues as a workshop for the participants.*