



14th Annual Aleksanteri Conference

RESTRUCTURING STATE AND SOCIETY IN RUSSIA

Time and venue: 22-24 October 2014, University of Helsinki, Finland
Organiser: Aleksanteri Institute, University of Helsinki and Finnish Centre of Excellence in Russian Studies – Choices of Russian Modernisation

The Aleksanteri Institute of the University of Helsinki will hold the 14th Annual International Aleksanteri Conference, October 22-24, 2014. The conference will bring together scholars, experts and advanced graduate students from a variety of disciplinary backgrounds, including but not limited to social and political sciences, cultural studies, the arts and humanities, law and economics.

It will aim to examine the intersections of and interrelationships between state and society in Russia and other post-Soviet and post-Communist countries in diverse theoretical and comparative perspectives; with the focus on critical issues of political, economic, and societal developments; in-between macro and micro levels of analysis.

To stimulate topics for debates and the formation of panels, the programme committee suggests, for instance, the following sub-themes for consideration:

- *Political regimes and patterns of governance*
- *Public administration and the (un)rule of law*
- *Social policy, welfare and human development*
- *Religion, nationalism and migration*
- *Civil society, collective action and the state*
- *Media, communication, and the public sphere*
- *National developments and international experience*

CONFIRMED KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

- Professor **Alexander Etkind**, European University Institute, Florence (Italy):
www.eui.eu/DepartmentsAndCentres/HistoryAndCivilization/People/Professors/Etkind.aspx



- Professor **Steven Hanson**, College of William and Mary, Williamsburg (USA):
www.wm.edu/offices/revescenter/viceprovost/index.php
- Professor **Oleg Kharkhordin**, European University at St. Petersburg (Russia):
www.eu.spb.ru/en/people/item/3414-kharkhordin-3414
- Professor **Alena Ledeneva**, School of Slavonic and East European Studies, University College, London (UK):
www.ucl.ac.uk/ssees/people/politics-sociology-folder/alena-ledeneva
- **Maria Lipman**, editor-in-chief, Pro et Contra, Moscow Carnegie Center (Russia): www.carnegie.ru/experts/?fa=189

In addition to plenum sessions, there will be panels gathered on a call-for-papers basis. Individual proposals for papers are welcome as well.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE AND DEADLINES:

Panel proposals (c.a. 500 words): May 15, 2014
Abstracts for individual papers (c.a. 300 words): May 15, 2014
Notification of acceptance: June 19, 2014
Online Registration by: September 22, 2014
Conference: October 22-24, 2014

SUBMISSIONS:

Paper proposals: Individual paper abstracts of max. 300 words are invited until May 15, 2014. Please submit your abstract via [abstract submission form](#). Notification of acceptance will be sent by e-mail to the accepted applicants by June 19, 2014.

Panel Proposals: Proposals for panels of max. 500 words are invited until May 15, 2014. Panels should consist of three panelists, chair and discussant. Please submit your panel proposal via [panel proposal submission form](#). Notification of acceptance will be sent by e-mail to the accepted applicants by June 19, 2014.

GUIDELINE FOR SESSIONS:

Panels sessions will last 90 minutes each:
Panelists: 20 minutes
Discussant: 10 minutes
Q&A

The chair will introduce the panel and its participants. Each panelist will have the maximum of 20 minutes for their presentations. The discussant will have 10 minutes to give their comments, which can be either direct questions on each of the papers or/and general remarks on the broader themes discussed in the panel. Finally there is time for questions from the audience.



The papers will be circulated amongst panel chairs and discussants prior to the conference.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

The working language of the conference is English. Unfortunately no translation can be provided.

There is a PC and a projector in every lecture hall.

There is no registration fee.

Participants are requested to make their own arrangements for travel and accommodation and cover the costs related to participation. Information on hotels will be provided later on the conference webpage. For Helsinki hotel and tourism information, please see www.visithelsinki.fi/en/come/tourist-information/helsinki-city-tourist-information.

Participants and observers who do not wish to give a paper or organise a panel or a workshop are also welcome to take part in the Conference. There is no registration fee but registration will be required.

Please consult our website for information and discussion:

WWW.HELSINKI.FI/ALEKSANTERI/CONFERENCE2014

For further information, or any questions you may wish to ask, please contact the conference coordinator at Aleksanteri Conference: fcree-aleksconf@helsinki.fi

WELCOME!

On behalf of the Organising committee,

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