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*Friday: 13,00-20,00  
Saturday: 9,30-13,30*

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## **Program**

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**Friday, 22 November 2024**

**13,00-13,30: Opening speeches**

Prof. Dr. Mihai Răzvan Ungureanu, Director of the Romanian Centre for Russian Studies

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Matei Gheboianu, Dean of the Faculty of History

**13,30-15,15: 1st panel**

*Chair: Dr. Anna Adashinskaya*

Dr. Andrei Zavadski (TU Dortmund University): *A Tool of Politics, a Weapon of War. How Memories of the 1990s Have Been Instrumentalized in Russia*

Stanislav Serhiienko, PhD candidate (University of Marburg): *Post-Soviet Leftists and the Soviet Past: Upcycling against Nationalism and Imperialism (the Case of Russia and Kyrgyzstan)*

Dr. Iulia Mustăţea (Romanian Centre for Russian Studies, University of Bucharest): *The Second World War in the post-Soviet presidential narrative*

**15,15-15,30: Coffee Break**

**15,30-17,15: 2nd panel**

*Chair: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Marius Diaconescu*

Prof. Dr. Ivan Foletti (Masaryk University, Brno): *The Russian Imperialism and the Myth of Byzantium (1801–2023)*

Dr. Olga Čadajeva (Palacký University Olomouc): *The Legacy of Prince Vladimir: Myth and History*

Dr. Anna Adashinskaya (Romanian Centre for Russian Studies, University of Bucharest): *Crafting the Russianness: Medieval Statehood, Christian Foundations, and National Identity in Russian Educational Curricula*

**17,15-17,30: Coffee Break**

**17,30-20,00: 3rd panel**

*Chair: Prof. Dr. Ivan Foletti*

Dr. Éric Aunoble (University of Geneva): *Down with imperialism !.. But Which? Reflections on a Concept Against the Backdrop of the Russian-Ukrainian War*

Dr. Mariana Bodnaruk (Masaryk University, Brno): *Ukrainian Histories of 'Kyivan' Rus': The Official Historical Narrative Between the West and the East*

Istvan Santha (Research Centre for the Humanities, Hungarian Research Network, Budapest): *Political Reinterpretations, Anthropological Theories, and Ethnographic Field Practices. The Case of Hungarian Turanism*

Dr. Kaarina Aitamurto (University of Helsinki): *Volga Bulgaria and Memory Politics in Tatarstan*

**20,00-21,00 : Dinner**

**Saturday, 23 November 2024**

**9,30-11,15: 4th panel**

*Chair: Dr. Adrian Nae*

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Marius Diaconescu (Romanian Centre for Russian Studies, University of Bucharest): *The Dispute between Nicolae Ceaușescu and Leonid Brezhnev on the "Moldovan People" and the "Moldovan Language"*

Prof. Dr. Sergiu Musteață (University of Valachia, Târgoviște): *History as a Tool of Imperial Identity in the 21st Century. Case of the Republic of Moldova*

Dr. Tatyjana V. Szafonova (Comenius University, Bratislava): *The Spectrum of Pan-Slavism in Contemporary Slovakia: From Being a Slavic Minority to Representing the Slavic Power*

**11,15-11,30 : Coffee Break**

**11,30-13,15: 5th panel**

*Chair: Dr. Tatyjana V. Szafonova*

Dr. René Andrejs (Palacký University Olomouc):  
***Fighting Against the Official History: Grassroot Initiatives in Russia***

Marianna Prysiashniuk, PhD student (University of Bucharest): ***Strategic Narratives: Comparing Russian and Western Approaches***

Dr. Adrian Nae (Romanian Centre for Russian Studies, University of Bucharest): ***Some Were Fair, While Others Not: Instances of the West in Selected Works of Russian Historians A. O. Chubarian and V. Medinsky***

***13,15-13,30: Closing session***

**13,30-14,30: Lunch**