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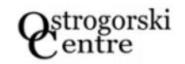
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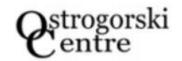
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Conference Programme

Friday, 21 February 2020

Venue: UCL School of Slavonic and East European Studies, 16 Taviton Street,

London, WC1H 0BW

9:15 – 9:45 **Registration. Coffee/Tea**

9:45 – 10:00 Conference Opening and Welcome Address

History 1

Moderator: Peter Braga

10:00 - 11:30

Yuliya Yarmak, Belarusian Jewess on the Political Arena in The

Jewish Pale of Settlement (late 19th - early 20th century)

Dr Joanna Getka, Missing Chain? Challenges for Contemporary Researchers of the History of the Belarusian Language of the 18th

century

Dr Anton Saifullayeu, The Masculinity of the Medieval Times in

the Belarusian Post-Soviet Historiography

History 2

Moderator: (**TBC**)

11:30 - 13:00

Dr Aleh Dziarnovich, *In Search of a Homeland: "Litva/*

Lithuania" and "Rus'/Ruthenia" in the Modern Belarusian

Historiography

Dr Sándor Földvári, Influence of Belarusian Book- and Church

Culture toward the West: Contacts Between the Grand Duchy of

Lithuania and the Habsburg Empire

13:00 - 14:00

Networking lunch

Elites

Moderator: Prof. Andrew Wilson

14:00 - 15:30

Dr Nataliia Steblyna, "President speaking!" Post-Soviet Regimes Measurement with Formal Analysis of Belarusian and Ukrainian Politicians' Speeches

Dr Ryhor Astapenia, All Lukashenka's Men: Belarusian Ruling Elites and What Do They Think About the West

Tadeusz Giczan, Belarus' Single-Pyramid Patronal System in Comparative Perspective. Dynamics, Distinctive Features and Key Threats to Its Stability

Yahor Azarkevich, Belarusian Political Elites since 1990: Between Soviet Legacy and Patronage

Society

Moderator: Prof. Yarik Kryvoi

15:30 - 17:00

Prof. Grigory Ioffe, *Life on an historical frontier: Polish minority in Belarus*

Dr Alena Marková, The Belarus language policy reflected in the public's letters to the authorities during the 1990s

Paula Borowska, From atheism to "choosing God and the nation": the narratives on converting in the post-Soviet Belarus

17:00 – 18:00 **Prof Thomas Bohn**, *Bagpipe Player and Painted Birds*.

Belarusian Histories of the People in the Marshes (The Annual

Lecture on Belarusian Studies)

19:00 – Close **Reception**







Saturday, 22 February 2020

Venue: Francis Skaryna Belarusian Library and Museum, 37 Holden Road, London,

N12 8HS

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch and Tour of the Francis Skaryna Belarusian Library and Museum

Literature

Moderator: Dr Karalina Matskevich

14:00 - 15:30

Jim Dingley, *Translating Bacharevič: who is Alindarka?*

Prof. Arnold Barratt McMillin, Between religion and sensuality. The gentle and mysterious strength of the lyric poetry of Valiancina Aksak

Angela Espinosa Ruiz, Migratory Birds: Exophonic Authors in Contemporary Belarusian Literature



