

CONFERENCE

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# ENGINEERING IMPERIAL MEMORIES

PUTIN'S HISTORY POLITICS IN  
COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE

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# PROGRAM

## 9:00 – OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE

- **Rifka Weehuizen** (Administrative Director, University of Strasbourg Institute for Advanced Study).
- **Sandra Schaal** (Director of GEO – UR 1340 Research Center, University of Strasbourg).

## 9:20-10:50 – PANEL 1: *National Narratives, Memory Politics, and the Freedom of History - 1*

Chair: Sandra Schaal (University of Strasbourg)

- **Antoon De Baets** (University of Groningen), *A Human Rights View of Memory, Memory Politics and Memory Laws*.
- **Emmanuel Droit** (University of Strasbourg), *Le modèle mémoriel allemand à la croisée des chemins : Quelle mémoire négative pour la République de Berlin ?*
- **Nikolay Koposov** (Georgia Institute of Technology), *Memory Politics and the Crisis of History*.

## 10:50-11:10 – COFFEE BREAK

## 11:10-12:40 – PANEL 2: *National Narratives, Memory Politics, and the Freedom of History - 2*

Chair: Nikolay Koposov (Georgia Institute of Technology)

- **Nikol Dziub** (University of Basel), *Lessia Oukrainka et le droit à la souveraineté*.
- **Emilia Koustova** (University of Strasbourg), *Recycler, rénover, innover? Les politiques historiques en Russie, entre archaïsmes et modernités*.
- **Lev Maciel Sanchez** (independent scholar, Mexico), *The Churches as War Memorials in Contemporary Russia*.

## 12:40-14:00 – LUNCH

## **14:00-16:00 – PANEL 3: *Political Neomedievalism in Comparative Perspective***

Chair: Alexandre Kostka (University of Strasbourg)

- **Richard Utz** (Georgia Institute of Technology), *Malevolent Memories: Anti-Semitic Medievalisms in the German-Speaking World (online)*.
- **Frithjof Benjamin Schenk** (University of Basel), *Birthday Celebration as War Preparation: Alexander Nevsky's 800th Jubilee in Russia in 2021*.
- **Luiz Felipe Anchieta Guerra** (International Society for the Study of Medievalism, Brazil), *The TFP and the Transnational Right: Brazil as an Exporter of Political Neomedievalisms (online)*.
- **Dina Khapaeva** (Georgia Institute of Technology), *Putinism and the Global Appeal of Political Neomedievalism*.

### **16:00-16:20 - COFFEE BREAK**

## **16:20-18:00 – ROUND TABLE: *Culture as a Weapon: Is "Great Russian Culture" an Instrument of Imperial Hegemony?***

Chair: Dina Khapaeva (Georgia Institute of Technology)

- **Victoire Feuillebois** (University of Strasbourg)
- **Eleonora Gilburd** (University of Chicago) (online)
- **Luba Jurgenson** (Université Paris-Sorbonne) (online)
- **Dmitry Dubrovsky** (Charles University, Prague)
- **Elena Ostrovskaya** (Strasbourg University)

### **18:00-18:30 – CONCLUDING DISCUSSION**

Chair: Emilia Koustova (University of Strasbourg)