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# International Conference

## “What Have we Learned from the Soviet Archives?”

May 10-11, 2013

*Sponsored by the Bank of Sweden Tercentenary Foundation*

**Friday, May 10**  
**University Main Building, Hall IX**

**9.00-9.15**      **Coffee**

**9.15-9.30**      **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

*Prof. Stefan Hedlund, UCRS Uppsala Centre for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Uppsala University*

**9.30-11.30**    **Panel *General on the Archives***

**Chair**

*Dr. Martin Kragh, UCRS Uppsala Centre for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Uppsala University*

**Panelists**

*Prof. Andrea Graziosi, University of Naples Federico II, Italy*  
Presentation: “The Characteristics, Riches and Biases of the Former Soviet Archives”

*Dr. Sergei Kudryashov, German Historical Institute Moscow, Russia*  
Presentation: “The Archive of the Russian President (AP RF) and its Role in Historical Research over the last 25 Years”

*Dr. Nikita Petrov, Memorial, Russia*  
Presentation: “Access to Archival Information”

**Discussant**

*Dr. Jonathan Brent, YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, USA*

**11.30-13.00**    **Lunch break**

**13.00-15.00 Panel Soviet Organs of Repression**

**Chair**

*Prof. Elena Namli*, UCRS Uppsala Centre for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Uppsala University

**Panelists**

*Prof. Mark Harrison*, University of Warwick, UK  
Presentation: "Counter-Intelligence in a Command Economy"

*Prof. Peter Solomon*, University of Toronto, Canada  
Presentation: "The History of Soviet Criminal Justice: Views from Different Sources"

*Prof. Amir Weiner*, Stanford University, USA  
Presentation: "Police and Politics, Surveillance and Society: Archival Findings and Lessons"

**Discussant**

*Prof. David Shearer*, University of Delaware, USA

**15.00-15.20 Coffee break**

**15.20-17.20 Panel Issues in Economic Development**

**Chair**

*Prof. Stefan Hedlund*, UCRS Centre for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Uppsala University

**Panelists**

*Prof. Leonid Borodkin*, Lomonosov Moscow State University, Russia  
Presentation: "Economic Dimensions of GULAG: Evidence from Federal and Regional Archives"

*Dr. Andrei Markevich*, New Economic School, Russia  
Presentation: "Economic Development of the Russian Empire in a Regional Perspective: Reconstruction of Regional Gross Products in 1897"

*Prof. Elena Osokina*, University of South Carolina, USA  
Presentation: "Soviet Industrialization and the Discoveries in the Russian Archives"

**Discussant**

*Prof. Paul Gregory*, Stanford University, USA

**Saturday, May 11**  
**Museum Gustavianum, Auditorium Minus**

**8.45-09.00**    **Coffee**

**9.00-11.00**    **Panel *Issues in Social History***

**Chair**

*Dr. Martin Kragh*, UCRS Uppsala Centre for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Uppsala University

**Panelists**

*Dr. Miriam Dobson*, University of Sheffield, UK  
Presentation: “Convictions under Article 58: Exploring Social History through Political Court Cases”

*Prof. Sheila Fitzpatrick*, University of Sydney, Australia  
Presentation: “Social History of the Stalin Period”

*Prof. Oleg Budnitskii*, Higher School of Economics National Research University, Russia  
Presentation: “War Diaries and Memoirs as a Source of the Social History of the Stalin Period”

**Discussant**

*Prof. Daniel Healey*, University of Reading, UK

**11.00-11.10**    **Coffee break**

**11.10-11.30**    *Alexander Husebye*, Center for Business History in Stockholm, Sweden  
Presentation: “To Make Digital a Common History: The Archives of Tbilisi, Baku and St. Petersburg”

**11.30-13.00**    **Lunch break**

**13.00-15.00**    **Panel *Soviet Science and Technology***

**Chair**

*Prof. Elena Namli*, UCRS Uppsala Centre for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Uppsala University

**Panelists**

*Prof. Irina Bystrova*, Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia  
Presentation: “Opening of Russian Archives on the History of Soviet Military-Industrial Complex”

*Dr. Slava Gerovitch*, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA

Presentation: “Unveiling the Construction of Truth: Archives and the Soviet Space Program”

*Prof. Douglas R. Weiner*, University of Arizona, USA

Presentation: “No Smoking Gun: Big Questions in Soviet Environmental and Education History and Lacunae in the Archives”

**Discussant**

*Prof. Loren Graham*, Harvard University, USA

**15.00-15.20 Coffee break**

**15.20-17.20 Panel *Tensions within the Soviet Empire***

**Chair**

*Prof. Stefan Hedlund*, UCRS Uppsala Centre for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Uppsala University

**Panelists**

*Prof. Michael Ellman*, University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands

Presentation: “Was the 1932/33 Famine Genocide? Archival vs. Legal Interpretations”

*Prof. Mark Kramer*, Harvard University, USA

Presentation: “Ethnic Unrest in the USSR, 1981-1991”

*Dr. Sergei Zhuravlev*, Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia

Presentation: “Foreigners in the Soviet Motherland: Problem of National Identification (1920-1930s)”

**Discussant**

*Prof. Timo Vihavainen*, University of Helsinki, Finland