



**5th Conference of the Richard Pipes Laboratory of the Institute of Political Studies PAS**

**Imperialism, Decolonization, Agency.  
Historical and Political Discourses of Power in the Global East**

**13-14.11.2025**

**Pałac Staszica, Warszawa**

**CONFERENCE PROGRAM**

## **Day I, 13.11**

### **9:00-9:30 Conference Opening**

**Piotr Osęka, director of Institute of Political Studies PAS**  
**Mirosław Filipowicz, director of Institute of Central Europe**

### **9:30-10:15 Keynote Speech (English with SI)**

**Jie-Hyun Lim (Sogang University)**

*Decolonization Redux? Colonial Innocence and Victimhood Nationalism in Global Easts*

Introduction: **Dariusz Stola (Institute of Political Studies PAS)**

### **10:15-10:30 Coffee Break**

### **10:30-12:00 Sessions I, II, III**

#### **Sesja I. Institute of Central Europe Session (Polish with SI)**

***Political Emigres "from behind the Iron Curtain" and the Cold War Understanding of the Global East***

Chair: **Mirosław Filipowicz (Institute of Central Europe)**

**1. Oleksandr Avramchuk (University of Warsaw)**

*Abraham Brumberg, „Problemy Komunizmu” i polskie sieci w zimnowojennej sowietologii*

**2. Andrzej Czyżewski (Institute of Political Studies PAS/Jerzy Giedroyc Centre of University of Łódź)**

*Jakuba Karpińskiego analiza narodzin oraz rozpadu systemu komunistycznego w Europie Środkowej*

**3. Sławomir Łukasiewicz (The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin/Institute of Central Europe)**

*Obraz Wschodu w badaniach emigracyjnych sowietologów związanych z Russian Research Center na Uniwersytecie Harvarda*

4. **Jędrzej Piekara (The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin/Institute of Central Europe/Museum of the Second World War in Gdańsk)**

*Alternatywa dla imperializmu Rosji – przyszłość Związku Sowieckiego w sowietologicznych studiach kręgu paryskiej „Kultury”*

## **Session II. Cultural Dimension of Decolonisation in the Caucasus and Central Asia (English/Polish)**

Chair: **Przemysław Adamczewski (Institute of Political Studies PAS)**

1. **Karina Gaibulina (Free University of Bozen-Bolzano)**

*‘Adamdar’ Means People. Art and Social Identity in Central Asia*

2. **Karolina Kluczevska (Academy of International Affairs NRW)**

*Silent De-sovietisation in Tajikistan: The Case of Dushanbe’s Urban Renewal*

3. **Joanna Kula (University of Wrocław)**

*"Poskrob mniej Rosjanina, a zobaczysz Tatarzyna", czyli "orientalizacja" Rosji i/czy Kaukazu w 'Pamiętnikach' Zygmunta Rewkowskiego*

4. **Kamil Gleń (University of the National Education Commission in Kraków)**

*Postimperialna pamięć i tożsamość: dziedzictwo ZSRR w narracjach historycznych współczesnej Armenii*

## **Session III. Global East/Global South/Far East. Multitude of Experiences (English)**

Chair: **Aytac Yurukcu (University of Eastern Finland)**

1. **Tiago Magalhes Prates and Beatris de Arruda Campos (New College, University of Edinburgh//Faculdade de Filosofia, Letras e Ciencias Humanas University of Sao Paulo)**

*Reactivating magic: the Insurgence of Pagan Beliefs as a Creative Form of Living and Defiance towards Epistemicide in the Global East and Global South*

2. **Piotr Puchalski (University of the National Education Commission in Kraków)**

*Against Soviet Colonialism: Polish Émigrés and Africa during the Cold War*

3. **Marek Skurski (University of Gdańsk)**

*Japan and the Global East: Pan-Asian and Post-Imperial Roots of Decolonization in East Asia*

4. **Tom Junes (Institute of Political Studies PAS)**

*Misunderstanding Youth, Imperialism and Decolonisation: the 1968 World Festival of Youth and Students in Sofia*

**12:00-12:45 Keynote Speech (English with SI)**

**Jonathan Daly (University of Chicago)**

Richard Pipes's Interpretation of the USSR as "the Only Surviving European Colonial Empire"

**12:45-13:30 Dinner**

**13:30-14:30 The College of Eastern Europe Debate (English/Polish with SI)**

*Discussion about the book 1940. Lithuania's Last Summer*

Author **Norbertas Černiauskas** with commentary by **Grzegorz Motyka**

Chair: **Tomasz Stryjek (Institute of Political Studies PAS)**

**14:30-16:00 Sessions IV, V, VI**

**Session IV. Session of Polish Political Science Association. Part I (English)**

*Central Asia and Eastern Europe – Towards (Re)constructing Regional Identities*

Chair: **Diana Kudaibergenova (University College London)**

1. **Roman Bäcker (Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń)**

*Russian Imperialism. Basic Structure of Thinking or Political Necessity?*

1. **Bartosz Hordecki (Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań)**

*Eurasia – the Concept's Imperial Appropriation and Its Meanders*

2. **Togzhan Izmailova (Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań)**

*Becoming a Regional Leader? Kazakhstan's Possibilities and Ambitions*

3. **Zinyat Samadzade (Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań)**

*Political Rhetoric of Azerbaijan on The New Silk Road and Shaping Regional Identity*

**Session V. Ideologies. Between Decolonization and Imperialism (Polish)**

Chair: **Oleksandr Avramchuk (University of Warsaw)**

1. **Konrad Świder (Institute of Political Studies PAS)**

*Ewolucja rosyjskich doktryn imperialnych a ewolucja koncepcji państwa w perspektywie historycznej*

2. **Michał Żejmis (Independent Researcher)**

*Imperium sowieckie a postsocjalistyczny Globalny Wschód z perspektywy teorii systemu światów*

3. **Grzegorz Bonusiak (University of Rzeszów)**

*Udział ludów rdzennych Federacji Rosyjskiej w wojnie o Ukrainę jako przejaw kolonizacji wewnętrznej*

4. **Mateusz Drozdowski (University of the National Education Commission in Kraków)**

*Recepcja thatcheryzmu w Polsce w latach osiemdziesiątych i dziewięćdziesiątych XX w. Przykład ideologicznej akulturacji okresu transformacji*

**Session VI. Empire of the East. Historical Experience and Its Contemporary Remnants (English)**

Chair: **Jonathan Daly (University of Chicago)**

1. **Aytac Yurukcu (University of Eastern Finland)**

*Imperial Collective Memories: the Russian Imperial Army in the Balkans in the 1870s for the Liberation of Ottoman Imperial Minorities*

2. **Marta Czerwieniec-Ivasyk (University of Siedlce)**

*Eastern Chinese Railway – Imperialistic aspirations of Russia to Conquer the Far East*

3. **Damian Markowski (Pilecki Institute)**

*A Soviet West – A Space of Colonization or Decolonization? Rethinking the Sovietization of Western Oblasts of USSR, 1944-1953*

4. **Yevhen Hessen (Comenius University of Bratislava)**

*Mechanisms for the Creation of Ukrainian Soviet Republics to Oppose the Ukrainian People's Republic in 1917-1918*

**16:00-16:15** Coffee Break

**16:15-17:45** Sessions VII, VIII, IX

**Session VII. Identities and Migration in the Global East (English)**

Chair: **Martyna Rusiniak-Karwat (Institute of Political Studies PAS)**

1. **Olga Khabibulina (Institute of Slavic Studies PAS)**

*To Speak or Not to Speak: Is Russian Language Practices of Georgian Migrants in Poland a Manifestation of Post-Soviet Nostalgia?*

2. **Karolina Pirianowicz-Urbańska (Independent Researcher)**

*The Significance of Belarus in Central and Eastern Europe. An Analysis of Social Attitudes in the Belarusian Diaspora in Poland*

3. **Alina Sukach (The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin)**

*War as a Catalyst of Desovietization and Decolonization Processes in Ukraine – an Identity Awakening*

4. **Andrii Minenko (Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv)**

*Memory Politics as an Important Tool of Power and Influence in the Global East*

5. **Thomas Myers (University of Cambridge)**

*Diverging Paths: The Impact of the 2022 Russian Invasion of Ukraine on Polish-Hungarian Relations*

**Session VIII. Russian/Soviet Shaping of Political Thought in Poland. Reception and Criticism of Tsarist and Communist Imperialism in Poland and Europe in the 19th and 20th centuries (Polish)**

Chair: **Wojciech Łysek (Institute of Political Studies PAS)**

1. **Eryk Krasucki (University of Szczecin)**

*Postrzeganie Związku Sowieckiego przez członków Komunistycznej Partii Polski w okresie Wielkiego Terroru z lat 30. XX wieku*

2. **Jerzy Rohoziński (Pilecki Institute)**

*Joseph-Antoine Castagné – prekursor badań nad sowiecką Azją Środkową*

3. **Mateusz Sokulski (University of Silesia)**

*Ewolucja poglądów na Rosję, komunizm i Związek Sowiecki jugosłowiańskiego dysydenta Mihajlo Mihajlova*

4. **Wojciech Łysek (Institute of Political Studies PAN)**

*„Ucieczka ze Wschodu” i przebudowa Związku Radzieckiego w perspektywie Ministerstwa Spraw Zagranicznych i Krzysztofa Skubiszewskiego (1989-1991)*

**Sesja IX. Memory, Law, Politics. Postimperial Narratives of the Global East (English/Polish)**

Chair: **Krzysztof Persak (Institute of Political Studies PAS)**

1. **Barbara Jundo-Kaliszewska/Tomasz Lachowski (University of Łódź)**

*Memory over the Soviet Crimes in Lithuania with Special Reference to the Vilnius Massacre of January 1991 – Selected Political and Legal Aspects*

2. **Dmitriy Panto (Museum of the Second World War in Gdańsk)**

*Wielki Głód w Kazachstanie. W poszukiwaniu definicji przestępstwa*

3. **Liliana Tymchenko (European Humanities University)**

*Decolonizing Thought: Ukrainian International Lawyers and the Future of Global Law*

4. **Barbara Markowska-Marczak (Civitas University)**

*Imaginarium Globalnego Wschodu? Analiza topologii w narracji historycznej na przykładzie książki Jarosława Hrycaka “Ukraina – wyrwać się z przeszłości” (2023)*

**17:45-18:30 Lecture**

**Lecture of Payam Sharifi from the Slavs and Tatars collective**

***Red-Black Thread***

**18:30 - 20:30 Banquet**

## **Day II, 14.11**

### **9:00 – 9:45 Keynote Speech**

**Madina Tlostanova (Linköping University) (English with SI)**

*The no-longer-post-socialist in the Age of Suspicion and the Decolonial Political Imagination*

### **9:45 – 11:15 Workshop/Plenary Debate**

- I. Workshop on Decolonization of Museum by Kacper Dziekan, Concordia University, Dmitriy Panto, Muzeum II Wojny Światowej (Polish)**

For those interested, please notify the organizers in advance – limited number of participants.

- II. Gabriel Narutowicz Institute of Political Thought Debate (English with SI)**

***Competing Democratic Imaginaries: What Happens When Russian Rhetoric Meets Polish Voters?***

- 1. Roland Zarzycki (Gabriel Narutowicz Institute of Political Thought)**
- 2. Asel Doolotkeldieva (University of Potsdam)**
- 3. Pawel Jurowczyk (ABR SESTA Sp. z o.o)**
- 4. Elżbieta Korolczuk (University of Warsaw/ Södertörn University)**

The panel will explore how competing visions of democracy—liberal and illiberal—are shaped and contested in Poland, as well as within a broader geopolitical context across Europe and Central Asia. It will examine the growing influence of narratives such as sovereign democracy, alongside other ideological projects that challenge Western liberal norms. We will ask whether these alternative models gain traction primarily through the strength of state-driven propaganda—such as that of the Russian Federation—or because illiberal democratic ideals resonate more deeply with local value systems in this part of the world. The discussion will also highlight the vital role of civil society and civic organisations in sustaining liberal democratic resilience.



**11:15 – 11:30** Coffee Break

**11:30 – 13:00** Sessions X, XI, XII

**Sesja X. Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Wrocław Session (English)**

***East and South vis-à-vis the Global West: New and Old Vectors of Colonialism***

Chair: **Bartłomiej Krzysztan (Institute of Political Studies PAS)**

**1. Wojciech Ufel (University of Wrocław)**

*Political Rivalry and Populisms in the Post-Soviet Semi-peripheries of the West*

**2. Mateusz Zieliński (University of Wrocław)**

*(In)gratitude: Varieties of Emotional Labour in Service of Empire*

**3. Bartłomiej Krzysztan (Institute of Political Studies PAS)**

*A Selective Anti-colonialism? Joseph Conrad towards Peripheral Imperialism in Eastern Europe*

**4. Michał Słowikowski (University of Łódź) Shame, Uncertainty and War... Ontological**

*Insecurity as a Source of Russian Aggression against Ukraine*

**Session XI. Different Shades of Postsocialism (Polish)**

Chair: **Agnieszka Stec (Institute of Political Studies PAS)**

**1. Karolina Hermann (University of Warsaw)**

*Wpływ partnerstwa Czarnogóry z Chińską Republiką Ludową na proces akcesji Czarnogóry do Unii Europejskiej w ujęciu metody analizy polityki zagranicznej*

**2. Tadeusz Stawujak (Independent Researcher)**

*Gruzja doby Eduarda Szewardnadze – ofiara polityki zagranicznej Federacji Rosyjskiej*

**3. Jens Boysen (Civitas University)**

*Między współpracą a kolonizacją: zmienność polskiej percepcji i polityki wobec Ukrainy w cieniu rosyjskiego/radzieckiego imperializmu w XX i XXI w.*

**4. Paulina Iłowiecka (University of Warsaw/War Studies University)**

*„Serbski świat” – odrodzona idea wielkoserbska, czy polityka regionalna Serbskiej Partii Postępowej?*

## **Session XII. Between Decolonisation and Neoimperialism (English)**

Chair: **Jie-Hyun Lim (Sogang University)**

1. **Rene Andrejs (Palacký University Olomouc)**

*On the Specifics of Decolonial Activism in Contemporary Russia*

2. **Anatoliy Kruglashov (University of Łódź)**

*Retroimperialism in Action: a Russian Case*

3. **Kinga Soós (Eötvös Loránd University)**

*Post-socialist “Normalization” and the Post-imperial Imaginary in Hungary*

4. **Irina Gordeeva (Leibniz Centre for Contemporary History (ZZF Potsdam))**

*Beyond Borders, Against Authoritarianism, Violence, and Empire: the Transnational Radical Party in the Late USSR and Post-Soviet Russia in the 1990s*

**13:00 – 13:45 Dinner**

**13:45 – 14:30 Keynote Debate (English with SI)**

**Diana Kudaibergenova and Mykola Riabchuk**

*Two Edges of Empire. Different Modes of Colonial Politics*

Chair: **Bartłomiej Krzysztan (Institute of Political Studies PAS)**

**14:30 – 16:00 Sessions XIII, XIV, XV**

## **Session XIII. Session of Polish Political Science Association. Part II (English/Polish)**

*Central Asia and Eastern Europe – Towards (Re)constructing Regional Identities*

Chair: **Bartosz Hordecki (Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań)**

1. **Joachim Diec (Jagiellonian University)**

*„How to Cope with Neo-Imperialism in the Twilight of the Liberal Era: a Survival Kit for Smaller Players*

2. **Karolina Szydywar-Grabowska (Naval Academy in Gdynia)**

*The Shadow of External Regionalization: Russia's Perception of Changes in the Near Abroad and Its Impact on the Scope of Autonomy of Selected Subjects of the Russian Federation*

3. **Nartiss Shukuralieva (Kazimierz Wielki University in Bydgoszcz)**

*Dyskurs bezpieczeństwa w Azji Centralnej w cieniu neo/kolonializmu*

4. **Artur Lorek (Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań)**

*The Normative Causality of the Global East? Iterative Models of Identity and Norm Formation in a Constructive Perspective*

**Session XIV. Centre for East European Studies University of Warsaw Session (English)**

***Legacies of Empire: Gender, Memory, and the Struggle for Postcolonial Power***

Chair: **Madina Tlostanova (Linköping University)**

1. **Ludwika Włodek (Centre for East European Studies)**

*Gratitude vs. Grievance. Two Rivalerying Narratives about Russia in the Post Independence Central Asia*

2. **Shahla Kazimova (Centre for East European Studies)**

*Women as Frontiers: Gendered Boundaries of Civilization in Colonial Discourses*

**Sesja XV. The Global East as a Theme of Propaganda and Disinformation Narratives (Polish)**

Chair: **Justyna Olędzka (University of Białystok/War Studies Academy)**

1. **Olena Balatska (Independent Researcher)**

*Wojna w polskim dyskursie prasowym: analiza porównawcza narracji o inwazji Rosji na Czechenię (1999–2000) i Ukrainę (2022)*

2. **Konrad Zasztowt (University of Warsaw)**

*Dekolonizacja i desowietyzacja pamięci historycznej w publicystyce Tatarów Krymskich;*

3. **Marcin Fronia (Centre for Historical Research of PAS in Berlin)**

*Kto komu zagraża? Mapowanie „kolektywnego Wschodu” w narracjach dezinformacyjnych i propagandowych o bezpieczeństwie w regionie Morza Bałtyckiego*

**4. Justyna Olędzka (University of Białystok/War Studies Academy)**

*Zwrot na Globalny Wschód w białoruskiej narracji propagandowej*

**16:00 – 16:30** Closing Remarks

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