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Institute “Political Sphere”

“Wars in Political and Cultural Traditions of Belarus and Countries of East-Central Europe”

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Organizers and partners:

Institute of Political Studies “Political Sphere” (Belarus-Lithuania)
 Institute of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania (Lithuania)
 Polish Institute in Minsk (Belarus)
 Vytautas Magnus University (Lithuania)
 Embassy of the Republic of Lithuania in Belarus (Belarus)
 Belarusian Collegium (Belarus)
 Flying University (Belarus)
 Lithuanian Institute of History (Lithuania)

1st day. 30 May.

Venue: Embassy of the Republic of Lithuania in Belarus (Minsk)

10.00-10.15. Opening of the conference. Organizers’ speeches.

10.15-12.00

Panel I. Wars, States, Nations.

Aleksandr Filiushkin (Russia). *“Lieux de Mémoire” of Wars of Russia and the GDL in the 16th Century*
 Rimantas Miknys (Lithuania). *World War I and Reconstruction of Historical Lithuania’s Statehood in the Vision of Michał Romer*
 Andrzej Szpociński (Poland). *Cultural Canon as an Instrument of Historical Politics*
 Alieś Smaliančuk (Belarus). *1939 in Oral History of Belarusians*
 Andrej Kazakievič (Belarus). *Politics of “Vorša Battle”: History of Commemoration in 1992-2013*

12.00-12.15 Coffee break.

12.15-14.00

Panel II. Vorša Battle and Military History of the GDL: Questions of Historiography

Aliaksandr Kazakoŭ (Belarus). *Historiography of Vorša Battle of 1514: Achievements and Problems*

Aleksei Lobin (Russia). *Vorša Battle and Stereotypes of Current Historiography*

Gediminas Lesmaitis (Lithuania). *Problems of Periodization of Military History of the GDL (the 16th Century)*

Alieh Dziarnovič (Belarus). *Magic of Numbers: Methodological Problems of Evaluation of Armies Quantity in the 16th Century (the Case of Ula Battle)*

Aliaksiej Martyniuk (Belarus). *Bernhard von Prittwitz: "German Cossack" on the Steppe Boundary of the Polish Crown and the GDL in the 16th Century*

Viktar Jakubaŭ (Belarus). *Formation of Mercenary Army in the GDL*

Alieh Jeŭstračjeŭ (Belarus). *Navy of the Polish Kingdom and the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth in the Battle for Baltic Sea (the 2nd Half of the 15th–16th Centuries)*

Filip Padbiarozkin (Belarus). *Albert Krantz and Ivan the Terrible: History of One Message*

14.30-15.30 – Lunch

15.30-18.00

Panel III. Military History of the GDL and Vorša Battle in the Cultural Tradition

Dangiras Mačiulis (Lithuania). *Collective Memory as a Weapon – History of the GDL in the Soviet Propaganda during the War between Nazi Germany and the USSR*

Olena Rusina (Ukraine). *Constructing Historical Memory in Ukraine: The Case of the Battle of the Blue Waters*

Andrej Januškievič (Belarus). *What Did Livonian War Mean for the GDL and What Does It Mean for Belarus?*

Žanna Niekraševič-Karotkaja (Belarus). *Military and Political History of East-Central Europe in Latin Language Epic Sources of the 16th Century*

Anton Sajfullajeŭ (Poland). *Myths of the GDL's Military Glory in the Conceptions of Belarusian Historiography (1st Half of the 20th Century)*

Zaryna Kanapackaja (Belarus). *Participation of Tatars in Political and Military Events of the 2nd Half of the 18th Century – Beginning of the 19th Century*

Dzmitry Šyla (Belarus). *Defence of Coreligionists in Other Country as Casus Foederis and Casus Belli in East-Central Europe in the 16th–17th Centuries*

Aliaksandr Prudnikaŭ (Belarus). *Wars of the Middle of the 17th–18th Centuries and Catholic Towns and Townships in Belarus*

Julija Sitkievič (Belarus). *Wars of the 1st Half of the 16th Century in History of Relations between the GDL and Moscow State in Current Belarusian Historiography*

Filip Niekraševič (Belarus). *Preservation of Memory on Military Traditions of the GDL in the Army of Russian Empire*

Malwina Kolodziejczak (Poland). *Influence of the Constitution of 3 May on the Questions of Security in Constitution of 1997*

19.00 – 21.00 Public Discussion “Vorša Battle 500 Years After: Visions of National Interpretations” (Alieh Dziarnovič, Aleksei Lobin, Aliaksandr Kazakoŭ, Olena Rusina)

Venue – Praspiekt Niezależnasci, 58-6.

2nd Day. 31 May.

Venue: Embassy of the Republic of Lithuania in Belarus (Minsk)

10.00.-10.10 – Presentation of the book “Balachoŭcy: Evidences, Documents, Studies”.

10.10-11.30

Panel IV. World War I and Formation of Nation-States

Joanna Gierowska-Kałaaur (Poland). *Russian Monarchists and the Question of Belarusian Statehood*

Andrej Čarniakievič (Belarus). *Polish-Soviet War as a Factor of Formation of Belarusian Statehood (1918-1921)*

Uładzimir Liachoŭski (Belarus). *Activity of the First Polish Corps under Commandment of J. Dowbar-Musnicki in the Light of New Sources*

Ihar Miellnikaŭ (Belarus). *History of Creation and Activity of the First Polish Corps under Commandment of J. Dowbar-Musnicki in Belarus*

Radziwon Popieł (Belarus). "Supporting Point" or "Lithuanian Occupation" – *Ukrainian National Activists of the 19th – Beginning of the 20th Century on Annexation of Ukrainian Lands to the GDL*

Konrad Topa (Poland). *Belarusian People's Republic – Is It Doomed to Failure?*

11.30-12.30.

Panel V. 1944 and World War II

Jan Ŝumski (Poland). *The Summer of 1944 in Western Belarus through the Eyes of Highest Soviet Party and Military Elite*

Swietłana Czerwonna (Poland). *The 2nd All-Belarusian Congress (June 1944): Contexts of Historiographical Interpretations*

Alieŝ Gielagajeŭ (Belarus). *Peasants, Policemen, Partisans – Strategies of Survival and Resistance in 1941-1944 on the Territory of Belarus*

Grzegorz Klein (Poland). *Lenina Battle in Polish Historiography*

12.30-12.45 – Coffee Break

12.45-14.00

Panel VI. Wars in Historical Memory: Celebrations and Memorials

Aliaksiej Lastoŭski (Belarus). *Victory Day in Contemporary Belarus: Magic and Ideology of Celebration*

Katarzyna Kačka (Poland). *State Celebrations as Memory Bearers – on the Culture of Commemoration in Poland after 1989*

Marek Wojnar (Poland). *Estonians in the Service of the Third Reich as a Problem for Estonian Historical Memory*

Pawiel Vajnicki (Belarus). *War Memorials and Monuments: "Ours" and "Not Ours"*

Dagmara Moskwa, Piotr Szczepanik (Poland). *70 Years after "W Hour": Warsaw Uprising in Polish Memory*

Piotr Kłos, Robert Kobryński (Poland). *Fighting Then and Now: Polish Army in the 20th and 21st Centuries*

14.00-15.00 Lunch

15.00-17.00

Public Discussion. "World War I, Formation of Nations and States in East-Central Europe"
(Rymantas Miknys, Alieŝ Smaliančuk, Joanna Gierowska-Kałaaur, Uładzimir Liachoŭski, Alieŝ Paŝkievič)

Venue – Praspiekt Niezależnasci, 58-6.

List of participants

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