



The 4th International Conference of the “Political Sphere” Institute

**“Beyond the Soviet Canon:  
Political Resistance, Academic and Artistic Autonomy  
in the Late Soviet Period  
(1960s–1980s)”**

15-16 May 2015  
Minsk, Belarus

**Organisers and partners:**

“Political Sphere” Institute (Belarus-Lithuania)  
Institute of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania (Lithuania)  
Vytautas Magnus University (Lithuania)  
Polish Institute in Minsk  
Embassy of the Republic of Lithuania in Belarus  
The Lithuanian Institute of History (Lithuania)  
Belarusian Collegium (Belarus)  
Centre for Study of Belarusian Civil Society (Vilnius, Lithuania)

**Day One. 15 May.**

Venue: Embassy of the Republic of Lithuania in Belarus (Zacharavast. 68).

**9.00-10.00. Registration**

**10.00-10.15. Opening Ceremonies**

**10.15-11.45**

**Plenary Session. Problems of Study of Nonconformism in the USSR**

Aliieh Dziarnovič (Belarus). *“Belarusian Triangle”: the Problems of Definitions of Nonconformism History in Belarus in the 1960s –the First Half of the 1980s*

Valdas Sirutavičius (Lithuania). *Sovietisation and Symbolic Geography. The Invention of the Soviet Lithuanian Anthem (1944 – 1950s)*

Ludwika Włodek (Poland). *Ideological Concepts of State and Nation in the Programmes of the First Tajik Non-Communist Organisations*

Dmitry Rublev (Russia). *Independence: History of Informal Trade Union during Perestroika Era*

**11.45-12.00 Coffee Break**

**12.00-13.00**

**Panel 1. Religion as a Source of Resistance**

Nadezhda Beliakova (Russia). *Religious Life and/or Political Resistance of the Representatives of Moscow Academic Community in the 1970s– early 1980s*

Albert Jawłowski (Poland). *Bidia Dandaron– Dissident, Philosopher, Master of Tantra*

Tacciana Kasataja (Belarus). *Samizdat of Evangelical Christians in the BSSR*

**13.00-14.00**

**Panel 2. Practices of Control**

Waldemar Rezmer (Poland). *The Role of the Academic Council of War and History Institute in Warsaw in the Ideologisation of Polish History of War (1961-1980)*

Aliaksandr Hužaloŭski (Belarus). *Censorship of Prited Media in the BSSR in the 1960s–1980s*

Uladzimir Valodzin (Belarus). *Soviet Sexual Pathology on Homosexuality and other “Deviations” from Heteronormativity (1960s–1980s)*

**14.00-15.00 Lunch**

**15.00-17.00**

**Panel 3. Dissident Movements and Manifestations of Nonconformism**

Oleh Bazhan (Ukraine). *Oppositional Movement in Ukraine in the Second Half of the 1950s – 1980s: Directions, Social Composition, Numbers*

Rasa Čepaitienė (Lithuania). *Protection of Heritage in the Soviet Lithuania: on the Verge of Silent Resistance?*

Swietłana Czerwonnaja (Poland). *Crimean Tatar Human Rights Movement in the Late Period of the “Soviet” History (1987-1991)*

Paweł Fiktus (Poland). *Anti-Soviet Motifs in the Polish Samizdat*

Mateusz Kępa (Poland). *Anti-Soviet Motifs in the Political Programme of the Confederation of Independent Poland(KPN)*

Tomasz Chłopecki (Poland). *Anti-Soviet Motifs in the Political Programme of the Movement for Defense of Human and Civic Rights (ROPCiO)*

**17.00-18.00**

**Panel 4. Art Beyond Canon**

Hanna Kislicyna (Belarus). *New Literary Situation as a Result of Perestroika Process*

Vitał Ščucki (Belarus – France). *“Bathing of a Red Horse”by Petrov-Vodkin in the Soviet Unofficial Art: a Journey of One Motif*

Tacciana Siacko (Belarus). *Female and/or Feminist Art: (In)visibility of the Im(possible) Art*

**18.30 – 20.30 Public Discussion “Were There Any Dissidents in Belarus?” (Ź Gallery, Niezaliežnasci avenue 37a).**

**Day Two. 16 May.**

Venue: Embassy of the Republic of Lithuania in Belarus (Zacharava st. 68)

**10.00-11.15**

**Panel 5. Polish-Belarusian and Polish-Soviet Relations in the Time of “Brotherhood of Soviet Nations”**

Jan Szumski (Poland). *Contacts of Polish Historians with the USSR Academic Community in the 1960s*

Aliaksej Lastoŭski (Belarus). *Belarusian-Polish Diplomatic Scandal of October 1990: Sources and Context*

Marta Mackiewicz (Poland). *Peace Depends on the Changes in the East. Belarusian Issue in the Juliusz Mieroszewski's Book “Letters from the Island”*

Łukasz Szymański (Poland). *Eastern Policy and Emergence of the Sovereign Belarusian State in the Polish Political Journalism*

**11.15-12.15.**

**Panel 6. Informal Organisations of the 1960s – 1980s**

Mikalaj Pivavar (Belarus). *Informal Historical and Cultural Civil Associations in Belarus in the Second Half of the 1980s*

Ihar Puškin (Belarus). *The History of the Activity of Mahilioŭ National Associations in the 1980s*

Anatol' Astapenka (Belarus). *Informal Organisations and Passionarians of the 1960s – 1980s – the Foundation of Gorbachev's Perestroika and Emergence of the Independent Republic of Belarus*

**12.15-12.30 Coffee Break**

**12.30-13.30**

**Panel 7. Perestroika and the Change of Cultural and Political Situation**

Aliaksej Bratačkin (Belarus). *The Analysis of the Period of Perestroika (1985-1991) in Belarusian Historiography: Problems of Historicisation*

Anton Sajfullajeŭ (Poland). *Nativism as a Means of Post-Colonial Amnesia in Belarusian Construction of the Past of the Late 1980s – Early 1990s*

Kaciaryna Zarožnaja (Belarus). *The Foundations of Emergence of Private Initiative in the Soviet Period*

**14.00-16.00**

**Public Discussion of Belarusian Collegium “Did National and Cultural Movements of the 1980s Contribute to the Emergence of Independent Belarus?” (Ź Gallery, Niezaliežnasci avenue 37a)**