

International Workshop

"Soviet Russian Economic History"

NYU-PSL "Global Alliance"

14 & 15 December 2018

Venue: NYU Paris Campus, 57 Bd St Germain, 75005 Paris

The poster features a red background with a dark red bar at the bottom. At the top, it reads "- 14TH & 15TH ————— DECEMBER ————— 9:30AM to 5PM -". The main title "ECONOMIC HISTORY" is in large, bold, black letters. Below the title, several potatoes are arranged in a row. Underneath the potatoes, the text "the case of" is written in a smaller font, with "of" centered between two vertical lines. Below this, the words "RUSSIA AND THE SOVIET UNION" are written in large, bold, white letters on a dark red background. At the bottom of the poster, it says "- SOURCES ————— METHODS ————— PERSPECTIVES -". Logos for CERCEC, CNRS, NYU Jordan Center, and PSL are visible at the bottom.

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Program

Friday, December 14th, 2018

9.30am Welcome and Introductions - Juliette Cadiot (EHESS-CERCEC & PSL) and Anne O'Donnell (NYU) (organizers)

PART I: MANAGING NATIONAL RESOURCES

10am-11.30am

PANEL 1: FINANCE

Chair: Masha Cerovic (CERCEC, EHESS)

- Elena Korchmina (NYU Abu Dabhi) - *Peer Pressure: The Puzzle of Tax Compliance in the Early Nineteenth-Century Russia*
- Yanni Kotsonis (NYU) - *Greek Debt, National Sovereignty, and Russian Power since the 1820s*

Commentator: Nicolas Delalande (Science Po)

11.30am-11.45am Coffee break

11.45am-1.15pm

PANEL 2: NATURE

Chair: Anne O'Donnell (NYU)

- Katja Bruisch (Trinity College Dublin) - *Socialism in the web of life: Labor and nature in a Soviet peat trust*
- Sergey Ledenev (Université Paris Diderot) - *Oil in Bolsheviks' Energy Concepts, Theory and Practice, 1918-1922*

Commentator: Marc Elie (CERCEC, CNRS, EHESS)

1.15pm-2pm Lunch Break

PART II: PROPERTY

2pm-3.30pm

PANEL 3: POSSESSION AND DISPOSSESSION

Chair: Yanni Kotsonis (NYU)

- Anne O'Donnell (NYU) - *A Movable Feast: Property Law and Case-making in the Whirlwind of Dispossession, 1917-1920*
- Juliette Cadiot (CERCEC, EHESS) - *The Protection of Public Socialist Property, The Voices of the "Thieves"*

Commentator: Jérôme Bourdieu (EHESS & PSE)

3.30pm-3.45pm coffee break

3.45pm-5.15pm

PANEL 4: PRIVATE PROPERTY IN PERSPECTIVE

Chair: Isabelle Ohayon (CERCEC, CNRS, EHESS)

- Anna Ivanova (Harvard University) - *Petty-Bourgeois Tendencies, or Citizens' Lawful Property Rights? Discussion of the Law on Confiscation of Private Houses under Khrushchev*
- Nikolai Mitrokhin (University of Bremen) - *"Private sector" in the soviet cities (one-two level private buildings in the city area) and their economic role in the 1940s-1980s*

Commentator: Brandon Schechter (NYU)

7pm Dinner

Saturday, December 15th, 2018

PART III: PLANNING

9.30am-10pm *Welcome & Coffee Break*

10am-12pm

PANEL 5: MONEY AND PROFIT

Chair: Pierre-Cyrille Hautcoeur (EHESS & PSE)

- Alexandra Oberländer (Max Planck Institute) - *Of Rubles and Eggs: Money in the Soviet Countryside in the 1960s*
- Kristy Ironside (McGill University) - *Real Returns: Lotteries, Bonds, and Savings Accounts*
- Filip Novokmet (University of Bonn) - *From Soviets to Oligarchs: Inequality and Property in Russia 1905-2016*

Jérôme Sgard (Science Po)

12pm-1pm Lunch Break

1pm-2.30pm

PANEL 6: STATE PLANNING

Chair: Alain Blum (CERCEC, EHESS & INED)

- Juliette Denis (CERCEC, EHESS) - *From peace to war: Adjusting planned economy to the war effort (study based on the Kazakhstan case)*
- Olessia Kirtchik (HSE) - *From Pattern Recognition to Economic Disequilibrium: Emmanuil Braverman's theory of control of the Soviet Economy*

Commentator: Isabelle Gouarne (CURAPP, CNRS)

2.30pm-3.30pm General Conclusion of the workshop