

**International Laboratory “Russia’s Regions in Historical Perspective”
National Research University “Higher School of Economics” (HSE)**

International Conference
**Regions of Imperial Russia:
Identities, Representations, Meanings**

October 21-24, 2019*

Location:
National Research University “Higher School of Economics”
Pokrovskii bul’var, d.11, room R-504

Conference organizers:

Ekaterina Boltunova (HSE)
Willard Sunderland (University of Cincinnati and HSE)

Discussants:

Yury Akimov (HSE [Moscow] and St. Petersburg State University)
Paul Werth (University of Nevada, Las Vegas)
Sören Urbansky (German Historical Institute, Washington)

Conference Program

Day 1: Monday, October 21st

10:00-10:30

Conference Registration

10:30-12:30

Panel 1: Regions of Imperial Russia: Terms, Categories, Chronologies

Chair: Ekaterina Boltunova (HSE)

1. Willard Sunderland (University of Cincinnati and HSE), “The Trouble with Regions: What, When, How, Why?”
2. Susan Smith-Peter (City University of New York, Staten Island), “Regions and Regionalism in Russia: A Comparative Look”

* An undergraduate workshop focused on academic practices related to the study of Russian regions will be held prior to the conference for student-participants from our partner universities – Smolensk State University, Saratov and Tomsk National Research Universities, and the Institute of History, Archeology, and Ethnography of the Peoples of the Far East (Far Eastern Division of the Russian Academy of Sciences). The workshop will be led by Ekaterina Boltunova (HSE), Marina Batalina (HSE), Paul Werth (University of Nevada, Las Vegas) and Sören Urbansky (German Historical Institute, Washington).

3. Marina Loskutova (HSE St. Petersburg), "Climate and the Regionalization of the Russian Empire: The Contributions of the Ministry of State Domains, 1837-1855"
4. Vladislav Boiarchenkov (Riazan' Radiotekhnical University), "Russian History is In Essence...a History of Regions': Provincialism, Nationality, and Colonization in the Federalist Discourse of the Great Reform Era"

12:30-13:00
Coffee Break

13:00-14:00

Panel 2: Images and Representations (Part I)

Chair: Paul Werth (University of Nevada, Las Vegas)

1. Karsten Brüggemann (Tallinn University), "The Invention of the Russian *Pribaltiiskii Krai*: Challenges and Consequences"
2. Valerii Badmaev (Kalmyk State University), "The Kalmyk Steppe: 'Russia's Very Own East'"

14:00-15:00
Lunch

15:00-16:30

Panel 3: The Borderland: A Special Sort of Region?

Chair: Yury Akimov (HSE [Moscow] and St. Petersburg State University)

1. Iuliia Laius (HSE St. Petersburg), "Murman: From 'Coast' to Oblast': Spatial Transformation and Colonization in the Russian North, 1868-1920"
2. Il'ia Solomeshch (Petrozavodsk State University), "'A Blessed Land...Well, Let Them All Go to Hell': Anti-Finnish Discourses in the Russian Empire During World War I"
3. Elena Kosovan (Russian State University of the Humanities), "The Towns of the Steppe Frontier as Capitals of an Independent State – the Case of Kazakhstan"

17.00-19.00 – Evening Reception

Day 2: Tuesday, October 22nd

11:00-12:30

Panel 4: Images and Representations (Part II)

Chair: Catherine Pickering-Antonova (Queens College, City University of New York)

1. Ol'ga Glagoleva (University of Toronto), "The Provinces as a Centre: Studying the formation of local identities based on the provincial nobility's participation in the 1767-1774 Legislative Commission"

1. Ekaterina Boltunova (HSE), "From Taganrog to Warsaw: Territory and its Meanings in the Funeral Procession of Alexander I (1825-1826)"
2. Ekaterina Tumanik (Institute of History, Siberian Division of the Russian Academy of Sciences), "The Geography and Landscape of the Trans-Baikal and the Amur Region in the Mid-19th Century as Reflected in the 'Painting Book' of G.S. Bil'dziukievich"

12:30-13:00
Coffee Break

13:00-14:00

Panel 5: The Economic Point of View

Chair: Marina Loskutova (HSE St. Petersburg)

1. Catherine Pickering-Antonova (Queens College, City University of New York), "There Was No Proto-Industrialization: How Regions are the Key to Understanding Russian Economic Development"
2. Vladimir Anatol'evich Shkerin (Institute of History and Archeology, Ural Division of the Russian Academy of Sciences), "The Mining Town of Ekaterinburg: The Free Labor Capital That Wasn't"

14:00-15:00
Lunch

15:00-17:00

Panel 6: Peoples and Dialects

Chair: Willard Sunderland (University of Cincinnati and HSE)

1. Ivan Golovnev (Peter the Great Museum of Anthropology and Ethnography [Kunstkamera], the Russian Academy of Sciences), "The Kamchadal Scholar from the Land of Volcanoes: Prokopii Novgrabenov and his Images of Kamchatka in the early 1900s"
2. Mark Soderstrom (Aurora University [Illinois, USA]), "A Country Born of Manifold Embryos': Region and Empire in Petr Slotvsov's *Historical Survey of Siberia*"
3. Mira Bergel'son (HSE), Andrei Kibrik (Institute of Linguistics, the Russian Academy of Sciences), and Marina Konstantinovna Raskladkina (Institute of Linguistics RAN), "The Old Residents of Siberia and Alaska: Language in Historical Context"
4. Natalia Suvorova (Omsk State University), "Siberia and *Pomor'e* as Colonized Borderlands in the Discourse of Late Imperial and Early Soviet Specialists"

Day 3: Wednesday, October 23rd

10:00-11:00

Panel 7: Regional Governance (Part I): Law and Justice

Chair: Natalia Suvorova (Omsk State University)

1. Ivan Popp (Urals State Pedagogical University), “Volost’ Justice: An Institution for the Preservation of the Legal, Ethnic, and Social Diversities of the Russian Empire”
2. Evgenii Krest’iannikov (Tiumen’ State University), “Space vs. Empire: Geography and the Pathways of Judicial Power in Late Imperial Siberia”

11:00-11:30
Coffee Break

11:30-13:00

Panel 8: Images and Representations (Part III)

Chair: Iuliia Laius (HSE St. Petersburg)

1. Natalia Matakhanova (Institute of History, Siberian Division of the Russian Academy of Sciences), Natalia Nikolaevna Rodigina (Novosibirsk National Research University and Novosibirsk Pedagogical University), “Priamur’e is Not Siberia’: Discourses of Distinction between Siberia and the Far East in the Social Imagination and the Reports of the Governors-General in the Second Half of the 19th Century”
2. Aleksei Volvenko (Chekhov-Taganrog Institute of the Rostov State Economic University), “How a ‘Land’ [zemlia] Became a “Region” [oblast’]: On the History of the Renaming the “Land of the Don Cossacks in 1870; Thoughts and Meanings”
3. Maksim Zaitsev (Saratov National Research University), “From Griboedov’s ‘Sticks’ to ‘the Capital of the Volga’: The Evolution of Saratov in the 19th Century”

13:00-14:00
Lunch

14:00-15:00

Panel 9: Regional Governance (Part II): Territory and Administration

Chair: Sören Urbansky (German Historical Institute, Washington).

1. Mikhail Druzin (St. Petersburg Institute of History, the Russian Academy of Sciences), “Perm Province as a Destination for Officials on Assignment in the Late 19th and Early 20th Centuries: Points of Attraction and Aversion”
2. Amiran Urushadze (Southern Research Center, the Russian Academy of Sciences, Southern Federal University), “The Unexpected Viceroyalty of the Caucasus: The Emperor, the Ministers, and the Viceroys and the Struggle for Russia’s Future on the Southern Frontier”

Day 4: October 24th
Young Scholars' Conference

10:30-12:00

Session 1:

Chair: Ekaterina Boltunova (HSE)

1. Erofei Moriakov (HSE), "Petitions to the Monarch and Serfs' Representations of the Region in 1797"
2. Kseniia Barabanova (Surgut State Pedagogical University), "Epidemic Riots in the 1830s: Regional Particularisms and Imperial Commonalities"

12:00-12:30

Coffee Break

12:30-14:30

Session 2:

Chair: Paul Werth (University of Nevada, Las Vegas)

1. Ismail Biiashev (University of Illinois, Chicago), "Nation? Region? Province? The Curious Case of the Uranhai and the Siberian Regionalists"
2. Aleksandr Druzhkin (Saratov National Research University), "The Land of the Khoper River (Prikhoper'e) as a Case of Local Identity within Russian Regional Space: Geographic and Historical Factors"
3. Roman Evtekhov (College of Modern Technologies, Moscow), "We Won't Survive Without Little Women': Prostitution in the Trans-Baikal in the Second Half of the 19th and Beginning of the 20th Centuries"