

Beyond Moscow?

Theories and Research Methodologies of International and Transnational Dimensions of Soviet Republics

International workshop

Università di Napoli L'Orientale, Palazzo du Mesnil, 17 January 2025



1. What theoretical frameworks and methodological approaches may be most helpful in research on international and transnational dimensions of Soviet republics?
2. What may be the specificities of finding, choosing, and analysing sources on international and transnational dimensions of Soviet republics?
3. What is Moscow's role? How can we study the international and transnational dimensions of Soviet republics "beyond Moscow"?
4. To what extent can we rethink the subjectivity and agency of the Soviet Republics on the international level?
5. What concepts and possibly metaphors may be useful in research on international and transnational dimensions of the Soviet republics?
6. What comparisons may be most productive in researching and writing about such topics? Are there cases outside of the Soviet Union that we can compare the Soviet republics to and try to make broader observations?

Organizers:

Riccardo Mario Cucciolla (Università di Napoli L'Orientale)

Alexandr Voronovici (University of Manchester)

Program

10.00 – 10.30 – Welcome Coffee

10.30 – 10.35 – Introduction

10.35 – 13.15 – Session 1

10.35 – 11.50 – Part 1. Secondary Decentralized Diplomacies of Soviet Republics

Saulius Grybkauskas (Lithuanian Institute of History)

Duty for Moscon, Benefits for Own Republic. Soviet Lithuanian Representatives Abroad

Luca Anceschi (University of Glasgow)

Factors in the Recruitment of Turkmen Foreign Ministry Personnel in the Soviet Period

Etienne Peyrat (Sciences Po Lille)

Training Diplomats, Decentralizing Diplomacy: Soviet Strategies in Colonial Perspective (1940s-1950s)

12.00 – 13.15 – Part 2. Another Approach to Global Challenges

Timothy Blauvelt (Ilia State University)

An Overview of Internationalism in Soviet Georgia

Masha Kirasirova (NYU Abu Dhabi)

Nationality, Empire at the Socialist Oil Complex

Giovanni Cadioli (University of Padua)

Disaster Relief Efforts as a Ticket to the Global Spotlight?

13.15 – 14.15 – Lunch

14.15 – 16.45 – Session 2

14.15 – 15.30 – Part 1. Conceptual Frameworks and International Agencies of Soviet Republics and Republican Non-State Actors

Zbigniew Wojnowski (University of Oxford)

Ukrainian History as Soviet History

Isaac McKean Scarborough (Leiden University)

The Soviet Oblique: Reading Socialist Peripheries into Global History

Alexandr Voronovici (University of Manchester)

Navigating Transnationalism of Soviet Republics: The Ambiguities of Soviet Republican International Agency

15.40 – 16.45 – Part 2. International Agendas of Late Soviet Republics and Their Legacies

Daina Bleiere (Latvian Institute of International Affairs)

Latvia's International and Transnational Agency from 1986 to 1991 (Historiography and Problems)

Riccardo Mario Cucciolla (University of Naples L'Orientale)

From Internationalist Interdependence to International Independence: Uzbekistan's Diplomacy as a Soviet Legacy

16.45 – 17.15 – Coffee break

17.15 – 18.00 – Concluding discussion / publication plans