

INTERNATIONAL
ACADEMIC
CONFERENCE

WARSAW
6th OF JUNE

‘DEPORTATIONS
IN THE SOVIET UNION
1944 ————— 1956.
HISTORY AND MEMORY’

2024



PROGRAMME

9:30 – 9:40

OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE

Ernest Wyciszekiewicz *The Mieroszewski Centre*
Grzegorz Motyka *Institute of Political Studies PAS*

9:40 – 10:15

INTRODUCTORY LECTURE

'DEPORTATIONS. BETWEEN POLITICS AND CRIME'

Wojciech Materski

10:15 – 10:30

COFFEE BREAK

10:30 – 12:00

DEBATE 'DEPORTATIONS. HISTORY, TRAUMA AND MEMORY'

Grzegorz Hryciuk *moderator*

Hranush Kharatyan

Ziyabek Kabuldinov

Pavel Polian

Yuri Shapoval

12:00 – 12:40

LUNCH BREAK

12:40 – 14:10

PANEL I

CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE: DEPORTATIONS IN THE SHADOW OF WAR

Wojciech Śleszyński *moderator*

Andriy Kohut

'Changes in Soviet Deportation Practices from World War II
to the Cold War: Ukrainian Case'

Gints Apals

'Analysing the Soviet Deportations from Latvia:
Context and Target Groups'

Igor Cașu

'The Soviet Mass Deportations from Moldavian SSR and Baltic Republics:
Commonalities and Dissimilarities'

Anatol Vialiki

'The Last Deportation of Kulaks from Soviet Belarus in 1952'

14:10 – 14:20

COFFEE BREAK

14:20 – 15:50

PANEL II

THE CAUCASUS. BETWEEN SHARED HISTORY AND NATIONAL MEMORIES

Bartłomiej Krzyszczan *moderator*

Marat Ilyasov

'Deportation of 1944: The Chosen Trauma that Never Stopped Bleeding'

Jamil Hasanli

'Socio-Political Controversy Between the Republics of the South Caucasus
and the Deportation of Azerbaijanis from Armenia (1945–1953)'

Hranush Kharatyan

'Who are the 'Former Turkish Subjects' in the 1949 Deportation Order?'

Davit Jishkariani

'Ethnic Deportations from the Georgian SSR (1944–1951):
Borders, Identity and International Politics'

15:50 – 16:00

COFFEE BREAK

16:00 – 17:30

PANEL III

CENTRAL ASIA. A PLACE OF DEPORTATION, SUFFERING AND HOPE

Dmitriy Panto *moderator*

Ziyabek Kabuldinov

'Post-war Deportations in the Collections of Selected Archives
of the Republic of Kazakhstan'

Manara Kalybekova

'The Special Settlement System in Kazakhstan in 1944–1956.'

Akmal Yakubov

'Deportations in the Uzbek SSR in 1944–1953'

Asel Rashidova

'Esimde. Strategies of Preserving the Memory of 20th
Century Deportations in Contemporary Kyrgyzstan'

BIOGRAMS

GINTS APALS obtained his PhD in history from the University of Latvia. His doctoral thesis focused on the history of 19th-century nationalism. Subsequent research interests were in various aspects of modern history and international relations. From 2013 to 2017, he was Latvia's Ambassador to Ireland and then, from 2017 to 2020, Ambassador Extraordinary to the Palestinian Authority. Since 2021, he has worked at the Museum of the Occupation of Latvia, where he heads the public history department.

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