



Jews and 'small nations' in Eastern Europe: cultural autonomy and nation-building in the western borderlands of Russia (1905-1939).

International workshop, 1-2 July 2015, University of Southampton / Parkes Institute

PROGRAMME

VENUE: Highfield campus, building 34, room 5001.

Wednesday 1st July 2015

13:30 onwards: arrival of participants

14:00-14:30: welcome and introduction (Claire Le Foll)

14:30-18:00 Nation-building

with 30 min break between 15:30-16:00

Chair: Professor Mark Cornwall (University of Southampton) and Professor Mordekhai Zalkin (Ben Gurion University)

Anton Kotenko (Higher School of Economics, St Petersburg), "Jewish and Ukrainian entanglement around the concepts of national autonomy in 1905-1914"

Marharyta Fabrykant (National Research University Higher School of Economics, Moscow /Belarusian State University, Minsk), "Pale of unsettlement: discourses on the Jewish issue in the early Belarusian nationalist movement, 1905-1918"

Felix Heinert (Herder Institute for Historical Research on East Central Europe (Marburg)/ University of Cologne), "Riga's Jewish community, the "Riga Liberal Club" and the emergence of a transcultural liberal space in Riga around 1905"

Marcos Silber (University of Haifa), "The Jewish political elite in Vilnius and its discussion around emerging Lithuania, 1915-1918"

18:30 Conference dinner

The Goat, 47 Highfield Lane, Southampton SO17 1QD.

Thursday 2nd July 2015

9:00- 12: 00 Cultural interactions

Chair: Professor Joachim Schloer (University of Southampton)

Jurgita Verbickiene (Vilnius University), "Translations and self-representation: literature as a tool for a mutual Jewish-Lithuanian recognition"

Mayhill Fowler (Stetson University), "Jews, Ukrainians, Soviets: backstage in the Yiddish theatres of Soviet Ukraine"

Egle Bendikaite (Lithuanian Institute of History), "From certain desire or real need: the contexts of Lithuanian and Jewish cultural interactions after the failure of national autonomy"

Mikhail Krutikov (University of Michigan), "A city divided: ethnic spaces and everyday life in interwar Wilno in the prose of Moyshe Levin"

Lunch 12:00-13:00

13:00- 16:00 Questions of Identity

Chair: Professor Mikhail Krutikov (University of Michigan)

Akvile Grigoraviciute (Université Paris IV), "The dual role of the State in Jewish educational systems: the case of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia between the two world wars"

Sofia Grachova (European University Institute), "Mission Impossible? Ukrainian-Jewish history writing in Soviet Ukraine (1920s)"

Darius Staliunas (Vilnius), "How Jews were informed about Lithuanians on the eve of WW1"

Mordekhai Zalkin (Ben Gurion University), "Where does the "Leisves aleja" lead to?"

Tea break: 16:00-16:30

Close of open session

16:30 – 18:00 Working meeting on the research project for invited participants.

There is a limited number of places. If you want to attend the workshop, please register with Claire Le Foll (c.le-foll@soton.ac.uk) by 26th June 2015.