

Conference Title: The collapse of the Soviet Union: 20 years on

Dates, times and venue

Date: 15th April 2011

Time: 19:30 pm

Finishes: 17th April 2011

Time: 13:30 pm

Venue: [Trinity College, Dublin](#)

Room: [Neill Hoyer Seminar Room](#) (except public lecture)

Building: Long Room Hub

This conference is the annual conference of [the Irish Association for Russian, Central and East European Studies](#). It brings together scholars working across various disciplines in Central and East European studies.

This conference provides a forum in which scholars interact in dialogue with colleagues from different discipline areas, with different methodologies and theoretical frameworks. The panels have been scheduled sequentially (not in parallel sessions).

Registration fee

The registration fee is €35; registered post graduate students pay a reduced fee of €10, on production of a valid ID. This will cover the cost of refreshments and conference materials.

The conference dinner is not included in the registration fee.

Registration

Delegates register on the morning of Saturday 16th April.

Publication of proceedings

It is planned to publish a web-based volume of selected papers, with contributors' permission. Papers will be published in English only.

Public Lecture/Keynote

Friday 15th April

19.00 at European House, Dawson St

Professor Kuvaldin (Moscow State University) in conversation with Professor Ron Hill (Trinity College Dublin): The collapse of the Soviet Union twenty years on

Panels

Saturday 16th April

10:00 – 12:00

Michael McNamara	The collapse of the Soviet Union and its impact on postal services [abstract]
Kieran O'Reilly	The impact of the Soviet legacy on the development of human rights law in post-Soviet states [abstract]
Aleksandra Zamarajewa	Constructing images of the USSR in Russia: between a new reality and old forms [abstract]
Dr. H. Vaez-zade	The collapse of the Soviet Union and Russia's muslim challenges [abstract]

13:30 – 16:00

Anastassia Zabrodskaja	"What is my country for me?" Identity construction by the Russian-speakers in Estonia and Lithuania [abstract]
Ekaterina Bagreeva, German Mendzheritskiy, Galina Denisova	Migrating West after the dissolution of the Soviet Union: Would you do it again? [abstract]
Dionysis Zoumpalidis	Russian language – Greek identity: A sociolinguistic approach to the Pontic Greek community [abstract]
Mikhail A. Molchanov	Russian foreign policy in the "near abroad:" Has the postimperial adjustment happened? [abstract]
Emanuel Crudu	The persistence of mental mappings: The EU and the politics of reinventing the Central and Eastern European other [abstract]

16:30 – 18:30

Marat Vernichenko	Quest for political identity in Russia: authoritarianism or democracy? [abstract]
Mariam Naskidashvili	Cast ashore on different islands: Impediments for sultanistic regimes to democratize [abstract]
Emine Yavashgel Dr. Yaşar Sari Kanyshay Muktarova	Parliamentary democracy experience in Central Asia: A comparative analysis of the 10 October 2010 parliamentary elections in Kyrgyzstan [abstract]
Dmitry V. Efremenko	Eco-nationalism and the crisis of the Soviet empire (1986-1991) [abstract]

Sunday 17th April

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9:30 – 10:30

Panels

11:00 – 13:30

Gokten Dogangun	Continuity or rupture? A look into post-socialist gender politics in Russia [abstract]
Natalia Pushkareva	«Women-scientists resemble guinea-pigs....»: Female academics in Soviet and post-Soviet Russia: The transformation of discriminatory practices [abstract]
Denis Gruber	Sustainable livelihoods and vulnerability. The case of urban Russian households [abstract]
Darima BATOROVA	The social transformation in former “closed” cities in Estonia: case studies of Paldiski and Sillamae [abstract]
Anastasiya Dubova	The social aspect of the informal economic activity of the Russian policemen in the post-soviet period. [abstract]

Working language – English

Abstracts

To browse the abstracts, click the link after the title.

Conference dinner

The conference dinner will be held on Saturday evening at 20:00.

Participants should indicate whether they would like to attend the conference dinner. The cost of the dinner is €50.

Contacts

For further information please contact Olga Artamonova (artamono@hotmail.com).

Accommodation

Conference participants will be accommodated in the Jury's D4 hotel in Ballsbridge. Participants are asked to contact Olga Artamonova (artamono@hotmail.com) to finalise booking arrangements.

Visa support

The organisers of the conference will provide letters in support of applications for visas. Please send all necessary documentation to Olga Artamonova (artamono@hotmail.com):

- home address
- scanned copy of your passport
- your current employment details