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International Scientific Conference
THE APPARATUS OF REPRESSION
— THE EXECUTIVE BODY IN THE SOVIET SYSTEM
— HISTORY AND RESEARCH PERSPECTIVES

Day I – 6 June 2024 (Thursday)

8.30 a.m. – Opening of the conference, welcoming the participants

Panel I: Sovietisation and Soviets' impact on the development of the apparatus of repression

Moderated by: Jacek Wołoszyn, PhD (Institute of National Remembrance, Branch in Lublin/ John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin)

9.00–9.20 a.m. – Piotr Olechowski, PhD (Jan Karski Institute of War Losses), *“Serving Poland” as a pretext for repressing state officials in the 2nd Polish Republic during “the first Soviet rule” in Eastern Galicia (1939–1941)*

9.20–9.40 a.m. – Daniel Piekaruś, PhD; Paweł Chojna (Institute of National Remembrance, Branch in Lublin), *Kuibyshev NKVD graduates – their recruitment, training and role in the establishment of the apparatus of repression in Poland*

9.40–10.00 a.m. – Aleksandar Životić, PhD (University of Belgrade), *Soviet influence on the construction of the Yugoslav security system (1944–1948)*

10.00–10.20 a.m. – Monika Komaniecka-Łyp, PhD (Institute of National Remembrance, Branch in Kraków), *Cooperation in the domain of staff training between the Security Service of the Polish People's Republic and the KGB*

10.20–10.40 a.m. – Prof. Mykoła Kuczerepa (Lesya Ukrainka Volyn National University in Lutsk), *Sovietisation of Volhynia between 1944 and early 1950s.*

10.40–11.00 a.m. – Arkadiusz Machniak, PhD (University of Rzeszów), *Information of the Polish Army – the Soviet mo-*

del of the military security apparatus

11.00–11.20 a.m. – Discussion

11.20–11.40 a.m. – Coffee break

Panel II: Between the central authorities and the apparatus of repression

Moderated by: Władysław Bułhak, PhD (Institute of National Remembrance in Warsaw)

11.40–12.00 a.m. – Prof. Adam Massalski, PhD (Institute of National Remembrance, Local Office in Kielce), *The relationship between the party and the security service in light of minutes of the meetings of the Voivodeship Committee of the PZPR party's executive body in Kielce in 1949–1955*

12.00–12.20 p.m. – Attila Szakolczai, PhD (Committee of National Remembrance, Hungary), *The State Security and János Kádár just after the Hungarian Revolution*

12.20–12.40 p.m. – Zsolt Balázs Petsy (Caroli Gaspar University of the Reformed Church in Hungary), *The relationship between the party state and the churches in Hungary between 1945 and 1990*

12.40–1.00 p.m. – Łukasz Zaroda (Jagiellonian University), *Representatives of the security apparatus of the 2nd Polish Republic under the surveillance of the communist repression apparatus in 1944–1956. An overview*

1.00–1.20 p.m. – Discussion

11.20–2.00 p.m. – Lunch break





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Panel III: The apparatus of repression – research proposals
**Moderated by: Bartosz Kapuściak, PhD (Museum of Cur-
sed Soldiers and Political Prisoners of the Polish People's
Republic)**

2.00–2.20 p.m. – Tomasz Krok (Institute of National Remem-
brance, Branch in Warsaw), *Intelligence activities in post-war
Poland (1945–1956) – the research status, methodological challen-
ges and research perspectives*

2.20–2.40 p.m. – Przemysław Piątek, PhD (Institute of Natio-
nal Remembrance, Branch in Katowice), *The need to conduct
interdisciplinary research into the operational methods of the ap-
paratus of repression, based on the example of applying Soviet-ba-
sed penal law constructs in the “People’s Poland” period*

2.40–3.00 p.m. – Tomasz Osiński, PhD (Institute of National
Remembrance/Polish Air Force University), *Economy as the fo-
cus of the apparatus of repression in 1944–1956, based on the exam-
ple of the Lublin Voivodeship – research proposals*

3.00–3.20 p.m. – Robert Kuśnierz, PhD, Associate Professor
(Pomeranian University), *The archives of the Soviet military
counter-intelligence service as the new source of research into the
history of foreign service in the inter-war period*

3.20–3.40 p.m. – Discussion

3.40–4.00 p.m. – Coffee break

Panel IV: Comparative studies

**Moderated by: Justyna Dudek, PhD (Institute of National
Remembrance, Branch in Lublin)**

4.00–4.20 p.m. – Oleh Savchuk, PhD (Regional Policy Rese-
arch Institute in Lutsk), *Repressions against the civil population
during the deportation of Poles from Volhynia and Ukrainians
from the Lubelskie Voivodeship in 1944–1946*

4.20–4.40 p.m. – Mateusz Ratyński, PhD (Museum of the
Polish People's Movement), *Post-war repressions against the
people's movement in Poland, Bulgaria, and Hungary – a compa-
rative analysis*

4.40–5.00 p.m. – Michał Sywula, PhD (WSB Merito Uni-
versity in Gdańsk), *A comparative analysis of the Motorized
Reserves of the Citizens' Militia and Pohotovostni Pluk Verěžné
Bezpečnosti*

5.00–5.20 p.m. – Maria Żukowska (University of Białystok),
*The issue of Stalinist repressions and discrimination in Russian
and Belarusian school books*

5.20–5.40 p.m. – Discussion

5.40–6.00 p.m. – Coffee break

Panel V: Institutions of repression

**Moderated by: Joanna Żelazko, PhD (Institute of National
Remembrance, Branch in Łódź)**

6.00–6.20 p.m. – István Ötvös, PhD (Committee of National
Remembrance, Hungary/Pázmány Péter Catholic University),
Military intelligence in Soviet captivity

6.20–6.40 p.m. – Marta Paszek, PhD (Institute of National Re-
membrance, Branch in Katowice), *The Military District Prosecu-
tor's Office in Katowice/Stalinogród (1946–1955) as an element of
the terror system in the first decade of the People's Poland*

6.40–7.00 p.m. – Diana Maksymiuk, PhD (Institute of National
Remembrance, Branch in Białystok), *The Supreme Military
Court in the Polish repression system (1944–1962)*

7.00–7.20 p.m. – Discussion

7.20 p.m. – End of the first day of the Conference





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DAY II – 7 June 2024 (Friday)

8.30–10.00 a.m. Discussion – *A study of the apparatus of repression – the status and perspectives*

Moderated by: Justyna Dudek, PhD (Institute of National Remembrance, Branch in Lublin).

Participants: Witold Bagieński, PhD (Institute of National Remembrance in Warsaw), Filip Musiał, PhD (Institute of National Remembrance, Branch in Kraków/Ignatianum University), Prof. Jarosław Syrnyk (University of Wrocław), Władysław Bułhak, PhD (Institute of National Remembrance in Warsaw)

Panel VI: Identifying opponents and other forms of repression

Moderated by: Prof. Mirosław Szumiło, (Maria Skłodowska-Curie University/ Institute of National Remembrance in Warsaw)

10.00–10.20 a.m. – Prof. Jakub Wojtkowiak, PhD (Adam Mickiewicz University), *The category of an “enemy” in the cases pursued by the NKVD against the Polish Red Army officers during the Great Purge*

10.20–10.40 a.m. – Nataliya Kryvashei (University of Białystok), *The Winter War in the press: Soviet propaganda’s creation of the enemy image, based on the example of the “Pravda” newspaper*

10.40–11.00 a.m. – Bartłomiej Brązkiewicz, PhD (Jagiellonian University), *Repressive psychiatry in the USSR*

11.00–11.20 a.m. – Paweł Orłowski, PhD (Polish Air Force University), *Officers’ repressions against the alumni of seminaries in military service in Polish People’s Republic*

11.20–11.40 a.m. – Gabriela Gajda, PhD (independent researcher), *Ideology in the censorship of foreign novels in 1945–1990*

11.40–12.00 – Izabela Bożyk, PhD (Institute of National Remembrance, Local Office in Kielce), *The staff of the security apparatus in the Kielce region in 1944–1956 – an attempt at a collective portrait*

12.00–12.20 p.m. – Discussion

12.20–1.00 – Lunch break

Panel VII: Selected aspects of the activities of the apparatus of repression in Poland and other Soviet Bloc countries

Moderated by: Witold Bagieński, PhD (Institute of National Remembrance in Warsaw)

11.00–1.20 p.m. – Serhij Tkaczow, PhD (Ternopil, Ukraine), *Liquidation of the Polish underground movement in Kremets by NKVD-KGB services in 1944–1945*

1.20–1.40 p.m. – Janusz Kowalczyk (Institute of National Remembrance, Branch in Rzeszów), *Operations of the NKVD forces in the Rzeszów region in 1944–1945. An overview*





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1.40–2.00 p.m. – Waldemar Grabowski, PhD (Institute of National Remembrance in Warsaw), *The structures of the Government Delegation for Poland under the investigation of the Security Service – selected examples*

2.00–2.20 p.m. – Dragoș Ursu, PhD (1 Decembrie 1918 University, Alba Iulia/National Museum of the Union, Alba Iulia), *Professionalising repression in communist Romania: adapting the methods and practices of the Securitate, following the Hungarian Revolution of 1956*

2.20–2.40 p.m. – Ioana Ursu, PhD (National Museum of the Union, Alba Iulia/1 Decembrie 1918 University, Alba Iulia), *An insight into the Romanian apparatus of repression during 1948–1965 in Romania: surveillance techniques and materials and reasons for the surveillance of clergy*

2.40–3.00 p.m. – Stanisław Płużański (independent researcher), *Repressions against the Cursed Soldiers after 1956 – selected examples*

3.00–3.20 p.m. – Discussion

3.20–3.40 p.m. – Coffee break

Panel VIII: The apparatus of repression – staff and structures

Moderated by: Tomasz Osiński, PhD (Institute of National Remembrance, Branch in Lublin/ Polish Air Force University)

13.40–4.00 p.m. – Prof. Mirosław Golon (Nicolaus Copernicus University/ Institute of National Remembrance, Branch in Bydgoszcz), *Criminals from upon the Łyna river: Staff of the District State Security Office in Warmia and Ma-*

suria in 1945–1954, based on the example of Lidzbark Warmiński and Nidzica

4.00–4.20 p.m. – Arkadiusz Piecyk (Pomeranian University), *The security apparatus in the post-German province – the development of Security Service structures in the Słupsk District in 1945–1948*

4.20–4.40 p.m. – Marcin Kasprzycki, PhD (Institute of National Remembrance, Branch in Kraków), *Dismissal of Security Service officers in the Krakowskie Voivodeship, in relation to restructuring the security apparatus in 1956*

4.40–5.00 p.m. – Paweł Sztama (Institute of National Remembrance in Warsaw/Museum of Cursed Soldiers and Political Prisoners of the Polish People's Republic), *Captain Jan Matejczuk (1923–1950) – Wachmann of SS-Ausbildungslager Lager Trawniki and an officer in the investigation department of the repression apparatus in “People's Poland”*

5.00–5.20 p.m. – Paweł Fornal, PhD (Institute of National Remembrance, Branch in Rzeszów), *The case of Colonel Zbigniew Rajchel (1928–1997) as an example of a career in the apparatus of repression in the Polish People's Republic*

15.20–5.40 p.m. – Discussion

5.40 p.m. – Closing of the Conference

