

**May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011**

09:00 Cultural Codes. The (Post)Soviet Empire of Signs

Chair: Alexei Yurchak (U of California at Berkeley)

Maxim Waldstein (Leiden University)  
Parallel Science and Late Soviet Academia. The Case of Tartu Semiotics

Anna Geltzer (Cornell University)  
A Failure of Imagination? The Crisis of Professional Identity in Russian Biomedicine

Manfred Zeller (FSO Bremen)  
Knitting the Polysemic Scarf. The Emergence of What We Now Call *fanatskoe dvizhenie* in Late Soviet Moscow, 1976-2011

Discussants: Stephen Lovell (King's College) & Malte Rolf (U Hannover)

10:30 Coffee Break

11:00 The Post-Soviet Life of Soviet Symbols

Chair: Alexandra Oberländer (U Bremen)

Elisa Ruiz Velasco Garcia (U of Aarhus)  
A Soviet Dissident as Symbol of Russia? The Canonization of Solzhenitsyn in Recent Russian Memory Culture

Gediminas Lankauskas (U of Regina)  
On Complications of Postsocialist Amnesia in Lithuania

Serguei Oushakine (Princeton U)  
Affective Management. Remembering the Second World War in Russia

Discussants: Jan Plamper (MPI Berlin) & Kevin Platt (U of Pennsylvania)

ca. 13:00 Lunch

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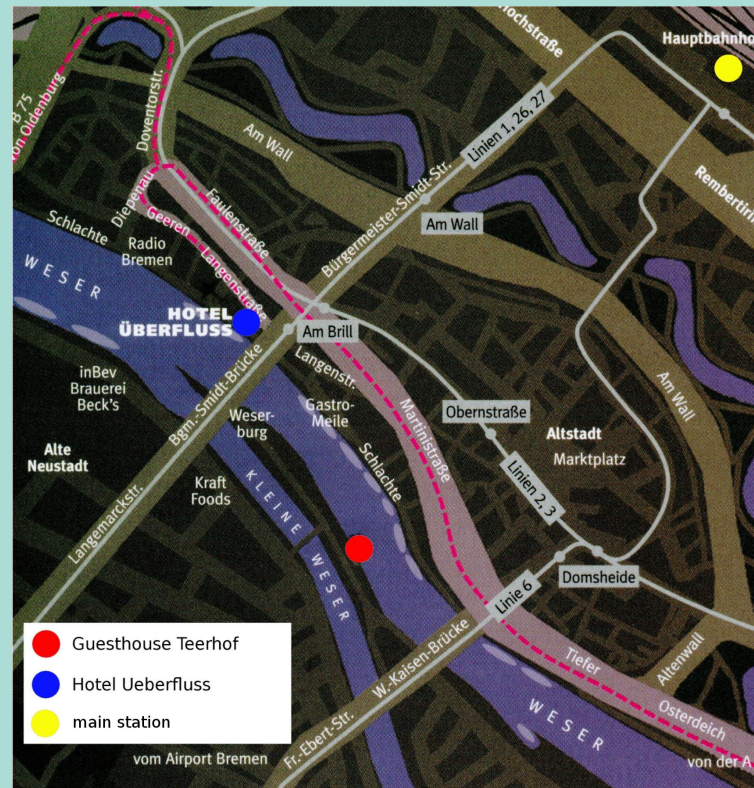
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## The End of the Soviet Union? Origins and Legacies of 1991

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Bremen  
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# Program

## May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011

13:30 Registration

14:00 Welcome

14:15 Round Table - Origins and Legacies of 1991

Chair: Susanne Schattenberg (FSO Bremen/U Bremen)

Stephen Bittner (Sonoma State University)  
Kevin Platt (U of Pennsylvania)  
Alexei Yurchak (U of California at Berkeley)

15:45 Coffee Break

16:15 (Post)Soviet Politics. Leaders and Elites

Chair: Heiko Pleines (FSO Bremen)

Susanne Schattenberg (FSO Bremen/U Bremen)  
Dnepropetrovsk in Power. Brezhnev's Rule as Synthesis of  
Stalin's and Khrushchev's Leadership

Nikolay Mitrokhin (FSO Bremen)  
(Former) Members of CC Apparatus and the Demise of the  
Soviet Union (in Russian)

Discussants: Claudia Weber (HIS Hamburg) & David Lane  
(Cambridge U)

Conference Dinner at Madame Ho

## May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011

09:00 (Post)Soviet Politics. Social Movements

Chair: Karl Schlögel (Wissenschaftskolleg Berlin)

Benjamin Nathans (U of Pennsylvania)  
The Self as Other. Soviet Dissident Memoirs

Miriam Dobson (U of Sheffield)  
Social Sciences and Religious Belief the in the 1960s

Discussants: Serguei Oushakine (U Princeton) & Alexandra  
Oberländer (U Bremen)

10:30 Coffee Break

11:00 (Post)Soviet Practices. Mobilizing Citizens

Chair: Manfred Zeller (FSO Bremen)

Gleb Tsipursky (Ohio State Newark)  
Komsomol Patrols. Soviet Volunteer Youth Militias in Saratov,  
1954-1964

Maike Lehmann (FSO Bremen/U Bremen)  
Mobilization for a Common Cause. (Soviet) Worldviews and  
their Legacies on the National Periphery

Discussants: Juliane Fürst (U of Bristol) & Susan Reid (U of  
Sheffield)

12:30 Lunch

14:30 (Post)Soviet Practices. Politics of the Everyday

Chair: Alice Szczepanikova (Goethe-University,  
Frankfurt/ M)

Anna Paretskaya (University of Wisconsin-Madison)  
The Politics of Smallest Things. How "Lazy, Cowardly, and  
Selfish" Changed the Soviet Union

Andrea Weiss (CEU Budapest)  
Trajectories of Economic Practices. Networks and the  
State in Mingrelia

Discussants: Walter Sperling (RU Bochum) & Heiko  
Pleines (FSO Bremen)

16:00 Coffee Break

16:30 On the Margins. (Post)Soviet Identity Politics

Chair: Stephen Bittner (Sonoma State University)

Moritz Florin (U of Hamburg)  
Soviet Persons. Elites, the Russian Language and Soviet  
Identity in Kyrgyzstan, 1953-2011

Adrienne Edgar (U of California at Santa Barbara) &  
Saule Ualiyeva (East Kazakhstan State Technical  
University)  
Ethnic Inter-marriage, Mixed People, and 'Druzhiba  
Narodov' in Soviet and Post-Soviet Kazakhstan

Discussants: Otto Habeck (MPI Halle) & Kristin Roth-Ey  
(SSEES/UCL London)