



# Russia 1917 and the Dissolution of the Old Order in Europe.

## Biographical Itineraries, Individual Experiences, Autobiographical Reflections

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14:00 **Welcome and Introduction**

**Korine Amacher** Geneva / **F. Benjamin Schenk** Basel

**Keynote Lecture**

**Boris Kolonitsky** Saint Petersburg

Anti-Monarchic Revolution and the Cult of the Popular Leader. The Case of Alexander Kerenski

15:30 Coffee Break

16:00 **Panel 1: Biographies Shaped by the Revolution I**

Chair: **Thomas Grob** Basel

**Korine Amacher** Geneva

Experience of War and of Revolution: Vladimir Socoline's Long Road to Damascus

**F. Benjamin Schenk** Basel

„I Am Too Bewildered to Understand Anything These Days“. Members of the Old Elite Try to Make Sense of the Revolution

**Henning Lautenschläger** Basel

The Professor. Sergei Mikhailovich Prokudin-Gorskii's Life after the Revolution and the Development of Imperial Nostalgia (1917–1944)

Discussant: **Peter Holquist** Philadelphia

18:00 **Conference Reception / Apéro**

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09:00 **Panel 2: Revolution and Civil War**

Chair: **Jens Herlth** Fribourg

**Liudmila Novikova** Moscow

Making Sense of the Russian Revolution and Civil War:  
Patriotism and Memory of the Civil War in the 1920s

**Alexander Reznik** St. Petersburg / Basel

Constructing the Political Cult of Leon Trotsky During the  
Russian Civil War

Discussant: **Dietrich Beyrau** Tübingen

10:30 Coffee Break

11:00 **Panel 3: Revolution and Scripture**

Chair: **Nada Boškowska** Zurich

**Marina Sorokina** Moscow

Roman Yakobson as a Mirror of the Russian Revolution

**Adele Lindenmeyr** Villanova

„Common Sense Vanishes in Revolutionary Times“ :  
Sofia Panina and Ariadna Tyrkova-Williams Reflect on 1917

Discussant: **Thomas Grob** Basel

12:30 Lunch

14:00 **Panel 4: Revolution in the Ukraine**

Chair: **Julia Richers** Bern

**Eric Aunoble** Geneva

Polish Leftists in the Russian Revolution in Ukraine. From Militancy to Memory

**Andrii Portnov** Berlin / Geneva

The Revolutions on the Periphery. Ekaterinoslav in 1917–1919

**Fabian Baumann** Basel

„General Staff for Russian Kiev“ : The Shul’gin Family, *Kievlianin*, and Kiev’s Russian Nationalist Movement in 1917

Discussant: **Jens Herlth** Fribourg

16:00 Coffee Break

16:30 **Panel 5: Revolution and Agency**

Chair: **Martin Aust** Bonn

**Nikita Petrov** Moscow

Group Picture of Soviet Assassins: The Trajectory of Stalinist Executioners from the Revolution to the Great Terror

**Pierre Boutonnet** Lille

Vsevolod Mihajlovič Ejhenbaum alias Volin, Two Periodes of Emigration in France, Writing for Action? The Limits of the Rights in Political Exile (1915–1940)

Discussant: **Nada Boškowska** Zurich

19:00 **Conference Dinner**

Restaurant „Zum Isaak“  
Münsterplatz 16, 4051 Basel

09:00 **Panel 6: Biographies Shaped by the Revolution II**

Chair: **F. Benjamin Schenk** Basel

**Anne O'Donnell** New York

Life Stories and Administrative Practice in Revolutionary Russia

**Sophie Cœuré** Paris

Two Women Gaining Power Through the October Revolution: Alexandra Kollontai and Suzanne Girault

**Andrei Sorokin** Moscow

A Broken Screw of the Soviet System. Life and Fate of Leonid Nikolaev

Discussant: **Gleb Albert** Zurich

11:00 Coffee Break

11:30 **Panel 7: Temporal and Spatial Peripheries**

Chair: **Korine Amacher** Geneva

**Igor Narskii** Cheliabinsk

A Man not Impressed by the Revolution. Konstantin Teploukhov Experiencing the Revolution at the Empire's Periphery

**Anthony Heywood** Aberdeen

Facing the Rubicon: Circumstance, Choice and Consequence in the Experience of the Russian Revolution

Discussant: **Julia Richers** Bern

13:00 Lunch

14:00 **Narrating the Russian Revolution**

**Martin Aust** Bonn

100 Years of Interpreting the Russian Revolution

15:00 Final Discussion

16:00 Departure

## General information

### Conveners

Prof. Dr. Korine Amacher (University of Geneva)

Prof. Dr. Frithjof Benjamin Schenk (University of Basel)

### Conference venue

Landgut Castelen

Giebenacherstrasse 9

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