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Programme

Conference ‘Belarusian Studies in the 21st Century’
&
Annual London Lecture on Belarusian Studies

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London, United Kingdom
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Conference Programme

Wednesday 23 March

Venue: Francis Skaryna Belarusian Library and Museum, 37 Holden Rd, London N12 8HS

18:00 – 21:00 Welcome reception. Library tour offered by Fr Serge Stasievich. Keynote address by Professor Arnold McMillin.

Thursday 24 March

Venue: Royal National Hotel, Galleon Suite B, 38-51 Bedford Way, Russell Square, London WC1H 0DG

9.30 – 10.00 Registration. Tea/Coffee

History Section (Galleon Suite B)
Moderator: Karlina Matskievich

10:00 – 11:45

1. Vitali Byl, _The starting point of the witch hunt: the 3rd Statute of the GDL vs magic._

2. Simon Lewis, _Towards a transnational history of Belarus: a genealogy of Belarusian memory in the nineteenth century._

3. Veranika Laputska, _Nazi war criminals in Belarusian Internet mass-media discourse in the light of Russian-Ukrainian conflict: a case study of V’talimir Kaprouk._

4. Aleksandra Pomiecko, _Villains, profiteers, and “Robin Hoods”: the case of ataman Mukha and “bandit-partisans” in West Belarus._

11:45 – 13:00 Lunch Break (Venue: Mary Ward Centre Café, 42 Queen Square, London WC1N 3A)

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Political Science Section (Galleon Suite B)
Moderator: Yaraslau Kryvoi

13:00 – 14:30
Introduction by Moderator (5 min).
1. Yuliya Brel, Belarus – a modern dictatorship.
2. Stephen Hall, The lessons given by the bison to the bear: Belarus teaching Russia authoritarianism.
3. Aliaksandr Herasimenka, Comparing digital engagement and mobilization in Belarus and Ukraine.

Foreign Policy Section (Galleon Suite B)
Moderator: Andrew Wilson

14:45 – 16:15
Introduction by Moderator (5 min).
1. Siarhei Bohdan, To survive in the shadow of Big Brother: increasing elements of neutrality in Belarusian foreign and security policies in the 2010s.
3. Paul Hansbury, An awkward partner of Moscow: some thoughts on Belarus-Russia foreign relations.
4. Peter Braga, In search of a third wing? Belarus-China relations and balancing amid the Russia–Ukraine conflict.

Research in Progress Section (Galleon Suite B)
Moderator: Yaraslau Kryvoi

16:30 – 17:30
Introduction by Moderator (5 min).
2. Dzmitry Suslau, Constructing urban narratives: contemporary public art in Minsk.

Venue: Masaryk Senior Common Room, UCL, 16 Taviton St, London WC1H 0BW

18:00 – 19:00
Annual London Lecture on Belarusian Studies
Professor Andrew Wilson, UCL SSEES

19:00 – 20:30
Reception hosted by the Anglo-Belarusian Society
Ambassador (retired) Brian Bennett, Chairman of the Anglo-Belarusian Society

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