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Prof Yaraslau Kryvoi (conference co-chair)  
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Dr Karalina Matskievich  
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## Conference Programme

**Friday, 23 March 2018**

Venue: Elvin Hall, Rm. 104, UCL Institute of Education, 20 Bedford Way, London,  
WC1H 0AL

9:00 – 9:45 **Registration. Coffee/Tea.**

9:45 – 10:00 **Conference Opening and Welcome Address**

**History & Memory** (Elvin Hall)

Moderator: **Stephen Hall**

10:00 – 11:30

**Alena Marková**, *Making a New History: Challenges and Options of the Contemporary Belarusian History.*

**Natalya Chernyshova**, *De-Stalinization in the Borderlands: Attempted National Reform in Soviet Belorussia, 1953.*

**Daniela Kolenovská**, *Hero or Anti-hero of the Belarusian Independence Project?*

**Social & Political Movements** (Elvin Hall)

Moderator: **Prof Yaraslau Kryvoi**

11:30 – 13:00

**Kristiina Silvan**, *Nomenklatura of Tomorrow? Belarusian Republican Youth Union as a Career Ladder in Contemporary Belarus*

**Paula Borowska**, *Building Evangelical Belarus: Religion and Social Change: Civic Engagement/Disengagement of Evangelical Christian Minorities in Belarus.*

**Julia Natalie Falconer-O'Regan**, *The Disappearing Identity of the Belarusian Diaspora in Poland.*

13:00 - 14:00

**Lunch break**

**Foreign Policy** (Elvin Hall)

Moderator: **Prof Andrew Wilson**

14:00 – 15:30

**Prof Uladzimir Snapkouski**, *History of Foreign Policy of the Republic of Belarus: Belarusian and Foreign Sources*

**Yuri Tsarik**, *Belarus and Russia in 2018-2019: Variables and Scenarios.*

**Tatsiana Shaban**, *Media Perceptions of the European Union and Russia in Belarus.*

15:30 – 15:45

**Coffee Break**

**Research in Progress** (Elvin Hall)

Moderator: **Dr Karalina Matskievich**

15:45 – 17:45

**Prof Arnold McMillin**, *History and Myth in Young Belarusian Prose at the Start of This Century.*

**Ala Pihalskaya**, *Repetition and Difference: Avant-Garde Heritage in the Belarusian Poster of 1960s-1970s*

**Volodymyr Hutsul**, *The Panel Battle of Orsha: Arts and Warfare in Grand Duchy of Lithuania in the First Third of the 16th Century.*

**Vitali Byl**, *Witchcraft at the religious borderland: the case of Early Modern Ruthenian Greek Catholic Church.*

**Kristian Roncero**, *West Polesian Pronominal Numerals: the Emergence of a Category.*

**Lisa Margetts**, *Psychodynamic music therapy and the work of classroom practitioners working with children with complex needs in Belarus*

**Annual London Lecture on Belarusian Studies: Belarusian state- and nation-formation: from Polatsk principality to Independent Belarus (Elvin Hall)**

Moderator: **Prof Yaraslau Kryvoi**

18:00 – 19:00

Speaker: **Alena Marková**, Assistant Professor at the Department of Historical Sociology, Faculty of Humanities, Charles University in Prague.

19:00 – Close

**Reception**

*On 22-25 March 2018 other events will take place in London to commemorate the 100th anniversary of proclamation of the Belarusian People's Republic. Please check the [Facebook page](#) of the Anglo-Belarusian Society.*