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&
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UCL School of Slavonic and East European Studies
16 Taviton Street, London
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Hanna Danilovich
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Paul Hansbury
Minsk Dialogue, Belarus

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University of Warsaw, Poland

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Conference Programme

Friday, 29 March 2019

Venue: Rm 347, UCL School of Slavonic and East European Studies (SSEES), 16 Taviton Street, London, WC1H 0BW

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

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

Topic: Social Movements (Rm 347, UCL SSEES)

Chair: **Aliaksandr Herasimenka**, University of Westminster, United Kingdom

10:00 – 11:45

Anna Kuleszewicz, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poland. *Polish educational institutions in Belarus - history, current status and perspectives for future*

Paula Borowska, University College London, United Kingdom. *Talaka vs. subbotnik: searching for traditional forms of social capital in Belarus*

David Kurkovskiy, University of Warsaw, Poland. *The Experience of World War I and the Belarusian National Movement (A Vilnius Case Study).*

11.45 – 12.00

Coffee Break



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National Identity (Rm 347, UCL SSEES)

Chair: **Prof Yaraslau Kryvoi**, Ostrogorski Centre, United Kingdom/Belarus

12:00 – 13:30

Aliaksandr Bystryk, Central European University, Hungary.

Salanevich vs Naša Niva: West-Russianist agitation against Belarusian nationalism during WWI (1914-1915)

Alena Marková, Charles University, Czech Republic. *National emancipation and post-soviet Belarusization of 1990s*

13:30 - 14:45

Lunch

Foreign Policy (Rm 347, UCL SSEES)

Chair: **Prof Andrew Wilson**, UCL School of Slavonic and East European Studies

14:45 – 16:00

Elizaveta Navoschik, *Belarusian State University, Belarus – Sweden relations: historical retrospective and modern challenges*

Paul Hansbury, *Minsk Dialogue, What's going on with Belarusian foreign policy?*



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Economy and Society (Rm 347, UCL SSEES)

Chair: **Peter Braga**, UCL School of Slavonic and East European Studies

16:00 – 17:15

Hanna Danilovich, Middlesex University. *Multi-Age discrimination in personnel management practices in Belarusian manufacturing companies*

Kacper Wanczyk, Independent Researcher. *Belarus. Patrimonial economy at the edge of chaos.*

17:15 - 18:00

Coffee Break and Presentation of the new issue of the *Journal of Belarusian Studies*

Annual Lecture on Belarusian Studies followed by Q&A

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18:00 – 19:15

Anais Marin, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Belarus

Belarusian nationalism in the 2010s, a case of anti-colonialism? Origins, features and outcomes of ongoing ‘Soft Belarusianisation’

19:15 – 20:30

Wine reception (sponsored by the Anglo-Belarusian Society)



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Saturday, 30 March 2019

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

11:00 Tour of the Francis Skaryna Belarusian Library and Museum and Belarusian Church.

11:30 – 13:00 **Prof Arnold McMillin**, UCL, and **Karalina Mackiewich**, Francis Skaryna Belarusian Library and Museum, *A conversation on contemporary Belarusian poets: Volha Hapiejeva.*

13:00 **Sandwich lunch**



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