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&
Annual London Lecture on Belarusian Studies**

23-24 March 2016

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Yaraslau Kryvoi (conference co-chair)

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Andrew Wilson

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Karlina Matskievich

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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

Introduction by Moderator (5 min).

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 Vladimir Katriuk.*
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*.
4. Paula Borowska, *The Protestant minorities in Belarus. Modes of engagement with civil society*.

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*.
2. Alla Leukavets, *Integration policy in Belarus: caught between EU, Russia and domestic interests*.
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).

1. Vitali Shchutski, *The changing value of the Belarusian avant-garde painting: case study of three private collections*.
2. Dzmitry Suslau, *Constructing urban narratives: contemporary public art in Minsk*.
3. Ianina Kazachuk, *Post-Soviet cities in transition: the case study of 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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