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INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP | 26-27.02.26 | PROGRAM

A Window of Opportunities: Newspaper Press during Perestroika Analyses and Field Reports

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Venue: **University of Helsinki, City Campus, Athena**
Siltavuorenpenger 3 A | Room 354

THURSDAY, 26 FEBRUARY

9:00 – 9:30 **Opening Remarks**

Sandra Dahlke (MWNO Director)
Franziska Schedewie and **Bradley Woodworth** (Organizers)

9:30 – 11:00 **Panel I** **Human Rights Discourses and "Green" Spaces**
Chair **Elina Kahla**

Alexey Tikhomirov *Glasnost* and *Prava Cheloveka:* Sergei Grigor'iants, Global Publics, and the Politics of Human Rights in the Perestroika Free Press

Olga Nikonova An Independent Newspaper in a Smoke-Blackened Industrial Metropolis: How *Chelyabinskiy Rabochiy* Fought for Media Freedom and Clean Air

Valery Potashov "Green Square": from Samizdat to Karelian Radio

11:00 *Coffee Break*

11:30 – 12:30 **Panel II** **Connecting and Belonging**
Chair **Walter Sperling**

Kamryn McDonald and **Rebeka Zvirbule**
The Representations and Discussions of HIV and AIDS in Soviet Latvia's Press during Perestroika

Katrina Simanovska Two Voices, One Awakening: *Avots* and *Atmoda* (LV/RU) in Latvia's Glasnost Press, 1987–1992

12:30 *Lunch Break*

13:45 – 16:15 **Panel III** **Cultural Emancipation and Civic Imagination**
Chair **Tanja Penter**

Jānis Oga and **Eva Eglāja-Kristsone** Awakening through Leisure: Reimagining Freedom in Latvian Print Media

Rebecca Hawkins Nuclear Testing in the News: *Kazakhstanskaya Pravda* during Perestroika

14:45 - 15:15 Coffee Break

Bradley Woodworth The Newspapers *Homeland* and *The Estonian Independent* – Reflections and Drivers of an Open Press in Late Soviet Estonia

Franziska Schedewie The Donetsk Jewish Newspaper *Alef* in Context

16:15 *Break*

16:45
17:45

Keynote Address

Auditorium of the National Library of Finland | Unioninkatu 36 | 00170 Helsinki

Remote access upon registration

Victoria Musvik
Disrupting the Centralised Imperial Canon: Regionalist Photography Groups, Subversive Visuality, and the Birth of the Democratic Press of Perestroika

18:30 *Dinner*

FRIDAY, 27 FEBRUARY

9:00
12:00

Panel IV Old and New Realities

Chair **Maike Lehmann / Ksenia Poluektova-Krimer**

Margarita Pavlova The King Is Dead, Long Live the King? The Rise and Containment of Perestroika Samizdat in Leningrad (1986–1990)

Alexey Gusev Informal Political Organisations in the Soviet Union during the Perestroika Years

Alexander Reznik Civil War Talk in the Late Perestroika Press: Independent Newspapers' Political Language, 1988–1991

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

Francis Kirk "Atypical Occurrences": the Birth of Criminal Investigative Journalism in the Soviet Union

Vitali Vitaliev From Tongue-in-Cheek to a Tongue-in-Check: Satirical Journalism in the Soviet Union during Perestroika

12:00 *Lunch Break*

13:15 – 14:15 **Panel V Reflections**
Chair **Kirsten Bönker**

Joseph Lenkart and **Olga Makarova** Perestroika, the Humanist Project: Initial Reactions from the Soviet Press

Dina Fainberg "A Great National Tragedy": the Murder of Vlad Listyev and the Legacy of Perestroika Press

14:15 – 14:55 **Preliminary General Discussion**
Chair **Kirsten Bönker**

Preliminary Concluding Remarks: **Sandra Dahlke, Franziska Schedewie, Bradley Woodworth, Lasha Bagradse**

14:55 *Coffee Break*

15:20 – 16:20 **Panel VI Library Collections**
Chair **Sandra Dahlke**

Anna Rakityanskaya Perestroika Squared: The Double Restructuring of Late Soviet Media and American Library Acquisitions

Anatol Shmelev Soviet and Post-Soviet Independent Press at the Hoover Institution - Principles of Acquisition and Collection Development

Jussi Hyvärinen and **Irma Reijonen** Formation and Content of the Glasnost Collection at the Helsinki Slavonic Library: Insights into History and Statistics

16:50 – 18:45 **Tour of the Slavonic Library and visit to the exhibition of the Glasnost Collection**
Jussi Hyvärinen and **Irma Reijonen**

18:45 End of Workshop

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