THE MICROPOLITICS OF SMALL-TOWN LIFE IN EASTERN EUROPE
MARCH 5-6, 2013 - LEVIS FACULTY CENTER

MARCH 5

10:00-10:30 - Breakfast

10:30-11:00 - Welcome by Eugene M. Avrutin (University of Illinois) and Yvonne Kleinmann (University of Leipzig)

11:00-12:30 - Entangled Lives // Mark D. Steinberg (University of Illinois)

David Frick (University of California, Berkeley) “Conflict and Peace in Seventeenth-Century Wilno: Sources of Dispute and Modes of Resolution in a Diverse Early Modern Town”

Ellie Schainker (Emory University) “The Dangers of Confessional Intimacy: Conversion and Religious Violence in the Shtetls of Imperial Russia”

12:30-1:30 - Lunch

1:30-3:00 - Narratives and Representations // Dana Rabin (University of Illinois)

Lee Shai Weissbach (University of Louisville) “First-Hand Testimony: Menachem Mendel Frieden in Small-Town Eastern Europe”

George Gasyna (University of Illinois) “Drochobycz, Drochobycz, and the Discontents of Palimpsest / Borderland Literature”

3:00-3:30 - Coffee

3:30-5:00 - Mobility and Innovation // Diane Koenker (University of Illinois)


Ilya Vinkovetsky (Simon Fraser University) “From Window on the East to a Provincial Backwater: Railroad Politics and the Demodernization of Kazan, 1850s-1890s”

5:30-7:00 - Reception at Levis Faculty Center

7:30 - CAS MillerCom Lecture at Spurlock Museum

Introduction by Maria Todorova (University of Illinois)

Timothy Snyder (Yale University) “Brotherlands: A Family History of the European Nations”

MARCH 6

8:30-9:30 - Breakfast

9:30-11:30 - Politics and Power // Emanuel Rota (University of Illinois)


Stefan Rohdewald (Passau University) “Relations between Communal Government and Civic Associations in Multi-Religious Towns: Polock in a European Context”


11:30-12:30 - Lunch

12:30-2:30 - Networks // David Cooper (University of Illinois)

Joshua Teplitsky (Oxford University) “Commerce and Conflict in the Trade of Citrons in Eighteenth-Century Bohemia”

Eric Goldstein (Emory University) “Beyond the ‘Shtetl’: Networks of Kinship Among Small-Town Jews in Lithuania and their Diaspora”

Olga Linkiewicz (Polish Academy of Sciences) “Multicultural Towns in Interwar Poland from the Perspective of Networking Memory Research”

2:30-2:45 - Coffee

2:45-3:15 - Final Thoughts

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