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Representing Muscovites in Early Modern Textual Cultures

A conference organised by the

Institute of Philosophy of the Czech Academy of Sciences and the

Under and Tuglas Literature Centre of the Estonian Academy of Sciences

31 October – 2 November 2024, Prague

Preliminary program



Thursday, 31st October

9:00 – 9:20 Introduction, welcomes

9:20 – 10:20 Keynote lecture

Peter Sjökvist (Uppsala University), *The Image of Russia in Early Modern Swedish Sources: Dissertations, Pamphlets, Poetry*

10:20 – 10:40 coffee break

10:40 – 11:40

Aiko Okamoto–MacPhail (Indiana University), *Duchy of Moscow in the atlas Theatrum orbis terrarum by Abraham Ortelius (1527–1598)*

Jakub Niedźwiedź (Jagiellonian University in Kraków), *The 16th-century maps of Muscovy as polyphonic texts*

11:40 – 12:40

Ovanes Akopyan (Ca' Foscari University of Venice), *A new Germania? Tacitean Elements in Renaissance descriptions of Muscovy, c. 1525*

László Jankovits (University of Pécs), *Jacobus Piso on the Battle of Orsha: An early representation of the Muscovites*

12:40 – 14:30

lunch

14:30 – 16:00

Maria Chantry (University of Wrocław), *Portraits of Moscow tyrants in Latin and Polish Renaissance poetry*

Madis Maasing (University of Tartu), *Russians, Turks, and Tatars in the rhetoric of 16th-century Livonia*

Jüri Kivimäe (University of Toronto), *Naming the Enemy: Balthasar Russow on Muscovites at war*

16:00 – 16:30

coffee break

16:30 – 17:30

Lucie Storchová (Czech Academy of Sciences), *The Nearest Other? Representations of Muscovites in the Bohemian literature around 1600*

Kristi Viiding (Estonian Academy of Sciences), *Multifunctional Neighbours: Reflections on Russians in the Livonian Neo-Latin epic from the second half of the 16th century*

Friday 1st November

9:30 – 10:30

Viktors Dāboliņš (University of Latvia), Zacharias Stenius letter to Riga City Council on Stephen Bathory's military campaign in Muscovy and takeover of Velikiye Luki (1580)

Gábor Petneházi (University of Innsbruck), The Perfect Enemy? Stephen Bathory's Livonian Campaign and its reception in contemporary Neo-Latin literature in Transylvania

10:30 – 11:00

coffee break

11:00 – 12:00

Marcela Slavíková (Czech Academy of Sciences), Ne Moscis simus praeda cruenta: Aegidius Salius the Bohemian on the Muscovite threat to Europe (1570)

Grzegorz Franczak (University of Milan), "What Barbarous Savagery!" Albert Schlichting's Misdeeds of the Grand Duke of Muscovy (1571) and the Polish-Lithuanian Anti-Muscovite propaganda in the time of Ivan the Terrible's Oprichnina

12:00 – 14:00

lunch

14:00 – 15:00

Andrzej Borkowski (University of Siedlce), Moscow and Muscovites in the works of Polish Baroque poetry: The case of Waclaw Potocki

Piret Lotman (Estonian National Library), Are Muscovites Christians? Russian Orthodox believers in Ingria through the eyes of the Lutheran clergy in the 17th century

15:00 – 15:30

coffee break

15:30 – 16:30

Aivar Põldvee (Tallinn University), Depiction of the Great Northern War in the lament of sacristan Käsü Hans in Estonian

Kaarel Vanamõlder (Estonian Academy of Sciences), Otto Fabian von Wrangell: Estonian nobleman and chronicler who met both Peter I and Charles XII

16:30 – 17:00

Conclusions

The conference will be held in English. Proposals are invited for 20-minute papers dealing with the theme in the period 1500–1750. In addition to individual case studies, comparative or conceptual papers are highly welcome. Please send a title of your paper, 200–300 words abstract and one-page CV incl. your affiliation in English to the conference organisers (listed below) by 1 May 2024. Notifications of acceptance will be made on 20 May 2024.

The conference will be in person. It will be hosted at the Institute of Philosophy of the Czech Academy of Sciences, Jilská 1, Prague, Czech Republic, from 31 October to 2 November 2024. Keynote speakers will be announced with the first draft of the conference program. The organisers are happy to provide lunches and a conference dinner for speakers and recommend accommodation in Prague (i.e. the accommodation costs will not be covered). There is no registration fee. Proceedings will be published in an international peer-reviewed volume in English.

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