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Programme

June 10

9.30-10.00	Connecting to ZOOM	
10.00-10.20	Conference opening	Maija Kule, Solveiga Krumina-Konkova
Plenary session 1		Moderator: Laine Kristberga
10.30-11.00	Marianna Shakhnovich Saint Petersburg State University Russia	“Scientific atheism” as an Ideological Construct and Educational Project (1950s-1980s)
11.00-11.30	Agnieszka Halemba Polish Academy of Sciences, Institute of Archaeology and Ethnology Poland	Ambient Faith and Religious Organisation in Soviet and Post-Soviet Space
11.30-12.00	Atko Rimmel University of Tartu, School of Theology and Religious Studies Estonia	“Perhaps the Atheists Have Nothing to Laugh at Anymore?” The Crisis of Late Soviet Atheism in Estonian SSR
12.00-12.30	Discussion	
12.30-13.00	Break	

Session 1. Main session room	Scientific Atheism between Anti-religious Campaigns and Fight for Spiritual Life	Moderator Mara Kiope
13.00-13.30	Ekaterina Teryukova the State Museum of the History of Religion, State Saint-Petersburg University Russia	Central Anti-Religious Museum in Moscow: from Anti-religious Propaganda to the Study of Religion
13.30-14.00	Galina Egorova Higher School of Economics Russia	Debating Atheism in the Postwar USSR
14.00-14.30	Valdis Teraudkalns University of Latvia, Faculty of Theology Latvia	"Scientific" Atheism in Soviet Latvia as a Strategic Element of Khrushchev's Anti-religious Campaigns
14.30-15.00	Boris Filippov Orthodox St. Tikhon's Humanitarian University of the Moscow Patriarchate Russia	Как разрушалась монополия «научного атеизма» в советском обществоведении / How the Monopoly of "Scientific Atheism" in Soviet Social Science was Ruined
15.00-15.30	Dalia Marija Stančienė Klaipeda University Lithuania	Religious Mentality, National Identity and the Process of Atheization in Soviet Lithuania
15.30-16.00	Discussion	

Session 2 Room 1	Orthodox Church in the Era of Atheism and Soviet Spirituality	Moderator Nedezhda Pazuhina
13.00-13.30	Konstantin Oboznyi St. Philaret Orthodox Christian Institute Russia	К вопросу о конформизме православного духовенства в СССР в 1940-70 гг. (На примере Псковской, Новгородской и Ленинградской епархий) / On the Question of the Conformism of the Orthodox Clergy in the USSR in 1940-1970. (On the Example of the Pskov, Novgorod and Leningrad Dioceses)
13.30-14.00	Alexander Kopirovskiy St. Philaret Orthodox Christian Institute Russia	Троице-Сергиева лавра как «живой музей»: концепция священника Павла Флоренского в контексте атеистической критики / Trinity-Sergius Lavra as a "Living Museum": the Concept of the Priest Pavel Florensky in the Context of Atheistic Criticism
14.00-14.30	Ivan Petrov Saint Petersburg State University Russia	The Devoutness of Orthodox Russians in the Baltic Lands: 1940-1941 and 1945-1953
14.30-15.00	Eugene Lyutko Orthodox St. Tikhon's Humanitarian University of the Moscow Patriarchate	The "Handbook of the Priest" (1988) and the Shape of the Soviet "Pastoral Theology"

	Russia	
15.00-15.30	Jana Kalnina St. Philaret Orthodox Christian Institute Russia	The Sermons of the Archimandrits Tavrion (Batozsky) and Sergy (Saveliev) on the Difficult Path to Spiritual Awakening in Soviet Russia in the 1960-70ies/ "Духовная борьба за возрождение человека в условиях идеологического диктата (на материале проповедей архим. Тавриона (Батозского) и архим. Сергия (Савельева) 1960-70-х гг)
15.30-16.00	Yulia Karpich Higher School of Economics Russia	Political Choice of Orthodox Believers in Russia: the Influence of Religiosity on the Conservative Political Attitudes
16.30-17.00	Discussion	

Session 3. Room 2	Soviet Spiritual Life and Its Rituals	Moderator Laine Kristberga
13.00-13.30	Maria Alina Asavei Charles University of Prague Czech Republic	The Cultural Memory of the "Old Man": Art, Politics and Spiritual Awakening in Romanian Late Communism
13.30-14.00	Liudmila Artamoshkina Saint Petersburg State University Russia	Коллективный дневник – форма биографического письма советской эпохи / Collective Diary – a Form of Biographical Writing of the Soviet Era
14.00-14.30	Oksana Klymenko National University of „Kyiv-Mohyla Academy”, Department of History Ukraine	“New Soviet Man” and “Newspeak”: the case of DniproHES Workers` Memoirs (1930s)/ “Новий советский человек” и “новояз”: на примере воспоминаний рабочих Днепрогэса (1930-е гг.)
14.30-15.00	Nikon Kovalev Russian Academy of Sciences, Gorky Institute of World Literature Russia	Ритуалы советского быта в колхозных очерках Сергей Третьякова / Rituals of Soviet Life in Collective Farm Essays by Sergei Tretyakov
15.00-15.30	Anete Karlsonē, University of Latvia, Institute of Latvian History Latvia	Usage of Latvian Folk Costume in Soviet Traditions and Creating the Illusion of Inheritance
15.30-16.00	Anna Tessmann Mainz University Germany	Dukhovnost' vs Spirituality on the Verge of the Post-Soviet: Esoteric Discourses in the Late Soviet Period
16.30-17.00	Karen Nikiforov Borys Grinchenko Kyiv University Ukraine	Religion in Soviet Cinematography during the Periods of Stagnation and Perestroika: The Splendors and Miseries
17.00-17.30	Discussion	

June 11

9.30-10.00	Connecting to ZOOM	
Plenary Session 2.	Research on the Soviet Spirituality in Latvia: The First Results of the Project	Moderator: Solveiga Krumina-Konkova
10.00-10.30	Inese Runce University of Latvia, IPS Latvia	"To Believe or Not to Believe...". The Spiritual Experience of Soviet Youth
10.30-11.00	Mara Kiope University of Latvia, IPS Latvia	'Have We not Lived in Darkness?': an Epistemological Dimension of the 'Soviet Spirituality' in Latvia (1964-1991)
11.00-11.30	Solveiga Krumina-Konkova University of Latvia, IPS Latvia	Between the Allowed and Forbidden – Eastern Spiritual Movements in Latvia (1960-1980)
11.30-12.00	Diana Popova University of Latvia, IPS Latvia	Explanations and Attitudes towards Superstition, Magical Thinking and Occultism in the Press of Soviet Latvia
12.00-12.30	Laine Kristberga University of Latvia, IPS Latvia	Quest for Autonomy and Spirituality: Art in Latvia in the Period of Late Socialism
12.30-13.00	Nadezhda Pazuhina University of Latvia, IPS Latvia	Everyday Religiosity as "Elsewhere" of Socialism Reality: Spoken Narratives of the Orthodox Old Believers in Latgale
13.00-13.30	Discussion	
13.30-14.00	Break	

Session 4. Main session room	Traditional Religiosity and Transformation Limits	Moderator Nadezhda Pazuhina
14.00-14.30	Nadezhda Belyakova, Vera Kliueva Russian Academy of Sciences, Institute of General History; Siberian Department, Tyumen Scientific Center Russia	Евангелики в социалистическом обществе: адаптация и / или переосмысление большого советского нарратива / Evangelicals in a Socialist Society: Adapting and / or Reimagining the Great Soviet Narrative
14.30-15.00	Maija Grizane Daugavpils University Latvia	Why are You Destroying the Child's Soul?": Old Believers' Children Religiosity at Soviet Schools in Eastern Latvia
15.00-15.30	Karina Barkane-Vincane University of Latvia (Center for Judaic Studies, Institute of Latvian History, Faculty of History and Philosophy) Latvia	Between Tradition and Transformation: Maintaining Jewish Burial Practices in the Latvian SSR

15.30-16.00	Rasa Račiūnaitė-Paužoliene Vytautas Magnus University Lithuania	Survival Strategies under the Totalitarian Regime: a Case of Catholic Nuns in Lithuania
16.00-16.30	Ugis Palo University of Latvia, Faculty of Theology Latvia	Spirituality as Soviet Baptism
16.30-17.00	Discussion	

Session 5. Room 1.	Soviet spirituality from the Past to the Future	Moderator Mara Kiope
14.00-14.30	Magdalena Kowalska Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń Poland	Image of Socialist Spirituality and Its Role in the Formation of Adolescents in Modern Polish Bildungsroman
14.30-15.00	Tekla Svanidze LCC International University Lithuania	Paranormal belief in Post-Soviet Union. Relations with Spirituality and Religiosity
15.00-15.30	Nadezhda Gaevskaya Russian Christian Humanitarian Academy, Saint Petersburg, Russia	Постпамять и практики почитания в современном мегаполисе / Post-memory and Worship Practices in the Modern Megapolis
15.30-16.00	Auguste Petre Independent scholar, curator Latvia	Post-Soviet Innerness. Tracing Past through the Oeuvre of Younger Generation Latvian Artists
16.00-16.30	Immanuel Volkonski University of Tartu, Estonia	Investigating the Soviet Religiosity: Choosing the Best Research Methodology
16.30-17.00	Discussion	
17.00	Closing of the conference	