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Uppsala-Vilnius Symposium

“Friends, Neighbours and Competitors within the Soviet ‘Friendship of Nations’”

*Institute for Russian and Eurasian Studies (IRES)
Gamla Torget 3, 3rd floor, IRES Library*

Friday 25th October

9.15am Opening Remarks

9:30am Panel One: Political Centre-Periphery Relations

- Alexander Titov, Queen's University Belfast,
'Did it matter that Russia did not have its own Communist Party in the USSR?'
- Michael Loader, Uppsala University,
'A Tug of War between Moscow and Riga: The Latvian National Communists and Centre-Periphery Relations'
- Daina Bleiere, Institute of Latvian History,
'Maintaining Party Discipline in the Latvian SSR under the Vigilant Eye of Arvīds Pelše (1966-1983)'

11:00am Morning coffee

11:30am Panel Two: Nationalism and the 'Friendship of Nations'

- Timothy Blauvelt, Ilia State University, Georgia,
'The Trials of Nestor Lakoba: Clientelism, Corruption and Nationality in the Early Soviet Periphery'
- Marius Tarita, Moldovan Institute of History,
'The Transnistrian Origins of Bessarabian Bourgeois Nationalism'
- William Prigge, South Dakota State University,
'The Moldovan Post-war Leadership in the Shadow of Ukraine'
- David Beecher, University of California, Berkeley,
'Linnar Mäll and Dzohar Dudaev: An Anti-Russian Soviet Friendship of the Estonian and Chechen Peoples?'

1:30pm Lunch break

2:30pm Panel Three: Social and Cultural Perspectives

- Tomas Vaisėta, Lithuanian Institute of History,

'Central Politics, Local Practices: How Sexual Behaviour was (not) Shaped in Soviet Lithuania'

- Ineta Lipša, University of Latvia,

'In between "Frivolous Women" and Prostitutes: The Legal Framework and Reality of Prostitution in Soviet Latvia in the Context of Soviet Family Politics, 1950s–1980s'

- Natalya Chernyshova, University of Winchester,

'Cultural Nationalism and the "Friendship of the Peoples": The Case of the Belarusian Language and Literature in the Long 1970s'

4pm **Afternoon coffee**

4:30pm **Panel Four: Security Concerns in the Periphery**

- Aurimas Švedas, Lithuanian Institute of History,

'Red Knights: The Revival of the KGB Myth'

- Saulius Grybkauskas, Lithuanian Institute of History,

'The Territorial Planning of Industry in Soviet Lithuania and Latvia in the 1960s and 1970s: Between Competition and Collaboration'

- Riccardo Cuicciolla, Higher School of Economics, Moscow,

'Rashidov's Cold War: The Foreign Agenda of a Soviet Republic'

6:00pm-6:15pm **Closing Remarks**

The symposium is organized by the Institute for Russian and Eurasian Studies (IRES), Uppsala Forum for Democracy, Peace and Justice (both at Uppsala University) and the Lithuanian Institute of History (Vilnius, Lithuania).