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**Political Utilization
of the Term
“Genocide” in the
Former Soviet
Sphere of Influence:
Legal and Historical-
Political Discourses**



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15:30 – 16:00 Registration and Coffee

16:00 – 16:30

Welcome and Opening

Felix Ackermann (FernUniversität in Hagen)

Stefanie Schüler-Springorum (TU Berlin)

Irina Rebrova (TU Berlin)



16:30 – 18:00

Panel 1.

Historical Narratives on “Genocide” in the Republic of Belarus

Moderation: **Felix Ackermann** (*FernUniversität in Hagen*)

Hanna Vasilevich (*International Centre for Ethnic and Linguistic Diversity Studies, Prague*):

Instrumentalizing Genocide: The Construction of Belarusian National Identity Through Historical Narratives

Gundula Pohl (*FernUniversität in Hagen*):

The “Historical Truth” in Court: the Conviction of Dead Nazi Criminals as a Historical-Political Practice in Belarus

Aliaksei Lastouski (*European Humanities University, Vilnius*):

The Concept of Genocide and the New Wave of Textbooks on the History of Belarus

18:30

Dinner (for the presenters):

Bobbe Speisesalon

(*Motzstr. 91, 10779 Berlin; www.bobbe.berlin*)

14 February 2025

09:00 – 09:10

Welcome

Johannes Rudloff (*Alfred Landecker Foundation*)

09:10 – 10:40

Panel 2.

The Term “Genocide:” Its Historical and Political Contextualization

Moderation: **Andrei Suslov** (*Leibniz-Zentrum für Zeithistorische Forschung Potsdam*)

Yehuda Harel Greenberg (*Independent Researcher, Berlin*):

Soviet Anti-Zionist Cartoons and Their Influence on Modern Antisemitic Imagery: An Analysis of Visual Tropes



Alexander Osipov (*International Centre for Ethnic and Linguistic Diversity Studies, Prague*):

Formerly Deported Peoples in Russia: The Cost of Rhetoric

Kiril Feferman (*Ariel University*):

Serbia's Stance on Genocide and its Application

10:40 – 11:00 **Coffee Break**

11:00 – 12:00

Panel 3.

Contested Memory and the Concept of Genocide

Moderation: **Svetlana Nejelscaia**

(*Kontakte-Контакты e.V., Berlin*)

Alexandr Voronovici (*University of Manchester*):

Instrumentalizing "Genocide" for the Separatist Cause in Donbas and Transnistria

Anastasia Romanova (*Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova*):

Genocide in the Collective Memory in the Republic of Moldova: The Experience of the Project "Nobody is Forgotten? The Tragedy on the Dniester Banks"

12:00 – 12:20 **Coffee Break**

12:20 –13:20

Panel 4.

***Nation State and the Concept of Genocide:
Ukraine and Kazakhstan***

Moderation: **Grzegorz Rossoliński-Liebe** (*FU Berlin*)

Hera Shokohi (*Universität Bonn*):

Totalitarianism and Genocide: Representation of Famine and Political Repressions in Ukrainian and Kazakhstani Memory Cultures

Dimitriy Panto (*Museum of the Second World War in Gdansk*):

The Great Hunger in Kazakhstan: In Search of a Definition of the Crime

13:20 – 15:00 **Lunch (for the presenters)**

15:00 –16:30

Panel 5.

***Legal Interpretations and Political Implications of
Genocide in Modern Day Russia***

Moderation: **Irina Rebrova** (*TU Berlin*)

Noah Krasman (*University of Haifa*):

The Paradox of Genocide in Modern Russia

Andrej Umansky (*Georgetown University, Washington DC*):

The Qualification of German World War II Crimes as Genocide by Russian Courts in the Light of Current International Criminal Law

Dmitry Dubrovskiy (*Charles University, Prague*):

“Genocide of the Soviet People” and its Political and Legal Implications

16:30 –17:30 **Conclusion and Coffee**

Gundula Pohl (*FernUniversität in Hagen*)

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