



*11<sup>th</sup> Annual APH Conference*

**Political Histories of Conflict:  
Social Cleavages, Political Ideologies, Clashes of Sovereignty**

*12–14 June 2024, Södertörn University, Sweden*

Venues: MB 503 / MB 505 / Foajé / UB 425



**SÖDERTÖRN UNIVERSITY | STOCKHOLM**

12 June 2024

12:30 Registration, Foajé

13:00 Introduction

13:15 **Keynote: István Rév (Central European University): *Some Historical and Historiographical Roots of post-Cold War Historical Revisionism*** (MB 503)

14:15 Coffee break

14:45–16:15: Panels. 1<sup>st</sup> Session

1A (MB 503)	1B (MB 505)	1C (UB 425)
<p><b><i>Liberal democracy in the 19<sup>th</sup> century</i></b> Chair: Henk te Velde (Leiden University)</p> <p>Anne Engelst Nørgaard (NTNU) <i>Democracy and Property: The Danish 1848</i></p> <p>Hugo Bonin (Jyväskylä University) <i>“True liberal democracy [...] belongs to Napoléon III”: The rise and fall of démocratie libérale in the French Second Empire</i></p> <p>Petr Vilem Koluch (Leiden University and University of Vienna) <i>Conflict of legal ideologies: Rule of Law or Rechtsstaat Dissertation: Josef Redlich and the Glorious Revolution of Liberalism</i></p>	<p><b><i>Across borders: citizens, governments, and internationalism</i></b> Chair: TBA</p> <p>Pavol Jakubec (Gothenburg University) <i>Acting Like a State: Second World War Governments-in-Exile and their Work of Representation ‘Out-of-Place’</i></p> <p>Oscar Nygren (Södertörn University) <i>Geopolitics and diplomacy - Swedish foreign policy in the interwar period</i></p> <p>Michael Auwers (State Archives of Belgium) <i>A proxy for postwar political polarization? Belgian journalists and the coming of the British military to the Belgian countryside in the early Cold War</i></p> <p>Martin Johansson (Södertörn University) <i>Britain and Sweden during the Biafra crisis</i></p>	<p><b><i>Political history of resistance (1)</i></b> Chair: Marnix Beyen (Antwerp University)</p> <p>Arkadiusz Janicki (Gdańsk University) <i>Attitudes of German, Latvian and Polish inhabitants of the Duchy of Courland and Semigallia towards the Kosciuszko Uprising in 1794</i></p> <p>Hanna Liebievieva (Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv and Södertörn University) <i>The Birth of Civil Disobedience out of the Spirit of Nature: Reflections on the Foundation of the Concept of Civil Disobedience in Thoreau’s Understanding of Nature</i></p> <p>Pierre Millet (EHESS Paris and Geneva University) <i>Opposing War at the Front and in the Rear: Letters from Young German Left-wing Social Democratic Soldiers of the First World War</i></p>

16:15-17:45: Coffee break

16:45-18:15 Panels. 2<sup>nd</sup> Session:

2A (MB 503)	2B (MB 505)	2C (UB 425)
<p><b><i>The Baltic Sea as a sea of uncertainty</i></b> Chair: TBA</p> <p>Marta Grzechnik (Gdańsk University) <i>The Baltic Question: The Baltic Sea region as a discourse about conflict and overcoming conflict</i></p> <p>Juhana Aunesluoma (Helsinki University) <i>Security imaginaries in the Baltic Sea Region from the Second World War to the present.</i></p> <p>Monica Quirico (Södertörn University) <i>What international security in the age of polycrisis? The case of the global controversy over Nord Stream 2</i></p>	<p><b><i>Memory work as a strategy for survival and prosperity: Belarusian, Romanian, and Ukrainian fascists and Nazi-collaborators in the West after 1945</i></b> Panel proponent: Francesco Zavatti Chair: Yuliya Yurchuk (Södertörn University)</p> <p>Per A. Rudling (Lund University) <i>“A Ukrainian hero, a Canadian hero”: The 2023 Hunka Scandal in Canadian Parliament, and the liability of closed archives</i></p> <p>Andrej Kotljarchuk (Uppsala University) <i>Belarusian military collaborators with the Nazis in the Cold War Western Exiles: The strategies of survival and memory work</i></p> <p>Francesco Zavatti (Södertörn University and Lund University) <i>Memory entrepreneurship as a strategy of survival for long-distance nationalisms: Memorializing the Romanian Legionary movement in Franco’s Spain</i></p>	<p><b>Political history of resistance (2)</b> Chair: Marnix Beyen (Antwerp University)</p> <p>Michele Corthals (Antwerp University) <i>Surprising alliances in times of conflict? Clandestine aid networks for victims of the German occupation crossing social borders in Antwerp (1941-1944)</i></p> <p>Jirka Chmelar (Charles University Prague) <i>Prague Spring. The Interrupted Reform</i></p> <p>Nadezda Petrusenko (Umeå University) <i>Historical consciousness and the consolidation of the opposition in Russia: Uses of the history of revolution and dissent in protest art, 2008–2012</i></p>

18:15 Reception Allé elva

## 13 June

9:00-10:30 : Panels. 3<sup>rd</sup> Session:

3A (MB 503)	3B (MB 505)	3C (UB 425)
<p><b><i>Cold War challenges and diplomacies</i></b> Chair: TBA</p> <p>Vasil Paraskevov (Konstantin Preslavsky University) <i>'Keeping the pot simmering': Great Britain's Policy towards Eastern Europe, 1947 – 1959</i></p> <p>Yulia Gradszkova (Södertörn University) <i>Women's internationalism at the Cold War periphery: collaboration and conflicts</i></p> <p>Izabela Dahl (Örebro University) <i>Torsten Nilsson and Swedish – German Social democratic interrelations for stabilization policy of East-West relations in the Baltic Sea area in the 1960s</i></p>	<p><b><i>Interpreting war in past and present</i></b> Chair: TBA</p> <p>Barbara Klassa (Gdańsk University) <i>Conflict about conflict. The United States and the First World War before April 1917: Selected issues</i></p> <p>Olga Zavadzka (The National University of Ostroh Academy) <i>An overview of the causes and dynamics of the Ukrainian-Russian conflict, which has become a threat to the security of Europe</i></p> <p>Tatiana Kasperski (Södertörn University) <i>Understanding the nuclear dimension of the Russo-Ukrainian War: beyond civilian-military dichotomy</i></p>	<p><b><i>Social institutions, representation and conflict</i></b> Chair: TBA</p> <p>Joanna Mäki-Valkama (University of Jyväskylä) <i>Debating changing political representation and the US example in British and Swedish parliaments, 1890–1913</i></p> <p>Cosmin Dogaru (Bucharest University) <i>Everyday life in Occupied Bucharest. Political cleavages, conflict, and cooperation in the Romanian society (1916–1918)</i></p> <p>Olga Zabalueva (Umeå University) <i>Reinventing the (recent) past: Museums as political devices</i></p> <p>Hanna Kulahina-Stadnichenko (National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine and Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola) <i>The Orthodox Church of Ukraine during the war: Is unity through a democratic way possible?</i></p>

10:30 Coffee break

**11:00 Keynote: Marina Mogilner (University of Illinois at Chicago): *Conflict over Race and the Politics of Difference in the Russian Imperial Past*** (MB 503)

12:00 Lunch

**13:00 CBEES Distinguished Lecture:** [Serhii Plokhii \(Harvard University\): \*The Russo-Ukrainian War Through the Eyes of a Historian\*](#) (Lecture hall MA648)

14:00 Coffee break

14:30-16:00 Panels. 4<sup>th</sup> Session:

4A (MB 503)	4B (MB 505)	4C (UB 425)
<p><b><i>Minority Issues and Conflict Resolution. Some case-studies of first postwar Eastern and Central Europe</i></b> Panel proponent: Giuseppe Motta Chair: TBA</p> <p>Roberto Sciarrone (Unitelma Sapienza) <i>The Italian Military Commission of Klagenfurt and the German-speaking minority in Carniola-Carinthia 1919-1920</i></p> <p>Daniel Pommier Vincelli (Azerbaijan Diplomatic Academy of Baku) <i>National groups and national minorities in Southern Caucasus from independence to Sovietization</i></p> <p>Giuseppe Motta (Sapienza University of Rome) <i>International Justice and the Solution of Minority Conflicts. A Comparative Analysis of the Agrarian Reforms in Interwar Poland and Romania</i></p>	<p><b><i>Imperial politics, decolonialism and desovietization</i></b> Chair: Lauren Lauret (Leiden University)</p> <p>Jaroslav Valkoun (Charles University Prague) <i>One Empire, One Opinion? Britain, the Dominions and Their Attitudes and Interests in Far Eastern and Pacific Issues between the Paris Peace Conference and the 1921 Imperial Conference from the Perspective of British Imperial Policy</i></p> <p>Iwona Sakowicz-Tebinka (Gdańsk University) <i>The press and war. The reaction of the British press to the Russo-British dispute in Central Asia, 1885</i></p> <p>Sergii Pakhomenko (University of Latvia; Mariupol State University) <i>De-Sovietisation of public space in Ukraine and Latvia in the context of decolonisation theory</i></p> <p>Nick Majchrowicz (Antwerp University) <i>The many shades of sovereignty: the evolution of Jef Van Bilsen and his notions of independence</i></p>	<p><b><i>Far right and conspiracies since the 1970s</i></b> Chair: Jenny Andersson (Uppsala University)</p> <p>Michelangelo Borri (Universities of Trieste and Udine) <i>“Defending a democratic and pluralist Europe”. The European Parliament’s Committee of Inquiry into the Rise of Fascism and Racism. 1984-1986</i></p> <p>Joonas Pörsti (Helsinki University) <i>The narrative of Islamisation in comparative perspective</i></p> <p>Tijn Sinke (Utrecht university) <i>War affairs, polarization and conspiracy theory in the Dutch late 1970s</i></p>

16:00 Coffee break

16:15-17:45: Panels. 5<sup>th</sup> Session:

5A (MB 503)	5B (MB 505)	5C (UB 425)
<p><b><i>Interwar Conflicts in Parliaments and among Intellectuals: Democracy, Ideologies, and Historicism</i></b> Panel proponent and chair: Jussi Kurunmäki (Jyväskylä University)</p> <p>Risto Turunen (Jyväskylä University) <i>The Interwar Conceptualizations of Democracy in Finland</i></p> <p>Milla Virolainen (Jyväskylä University) <i>The concept of democracy and class-based arguments in the French parliamentary debates, 1927-1940</i></p> <p>Jussi Kurunmäki (Jyväskylä University) and Jani Marjanen (Helsinki University) <i>The Rhetoric of Ideology and Isms in Parliamentary Debates</i></p> <p>Peter Tietze (Leiden University) <i>'Historicism' as a controversial socio-political concept during the interwar period in Western Europe</i></p>	<p><b><i>Education, politics, and conflict</i></b> Chair: TBA</p> <p>Susan Lindholm (Stockholm University) <i>The spatial politics of safety - the NS-led German schools in Helsinki and Stockholm 1933–1945</i></p> <p>Theodora Broyd (King's College London) <i>Citizen Building or Citizen Exclusion? Educational Trajectories of French Nationals, Descendants of Algerian Immigration</i></p> <p>Elina Hakoniemi (Helsinki University / Demos Research Institute Helsinki) <i>Education for peace and democracy – Finnish postwar questions on education and democracy</i></p>	<p><b><i>Challenges and Possibilities in Oral History</i></b> Panel proponent and chair: Martin Englund</p> <p>Jirka Chmelar (Charles University Prague) <i>The Jasmine Revolution as the debut of the civil society in Tunisia</i></p> <p>Yulia Gradskova (Södertörn University) <i>Excavating conflicting history out of the book on Cuban internationalism</i></p> <p>Rajesh Prasad (University of Delhi) <i>Lower Caste Narratives beyond Politics: Interviewing the Survivors of Caste Massacres in India</i></p> <p>Helena Bergman and Martin Englund (Södertörn University) <i>A Transnational Local Oral History Workshop</i></p>

(16:15 APH board meeting) – F819

20:00 Conference dinner (venue TBA)

## 14 June

9:00-10:30: Panels. 6<sup>th</sup> Session:

6A (MB 503)	6B (MB 505)	6C (UB 425)
<p><b><i>Political thought and interpretations of political conflicts</i></b> Chair: TBA</p> <p>Hjalmar Falk (Gothenburg University) <i>Rudolf Kjellén – A Swedish Conservative Revolutionary?</i></p> <p>Jana Lainto (Helsinki University) <i>“Ibsen’s Apostle and Enemy of the Czech Nation”: Scandinavian Symbolic Capital in the Czech-German Ethnic Conflict</i></p> <p>Adam Dargiewicz (Münster University) <i>Imagining the role of small states in big systems: The concept of “Bulwark of Europe” in the Grand Duchy of Warsaw (1807-1815)</i></p> <p>Yuliya Krylova-Grek (Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Uppsala University) <i>The dynamics of ideological narratives in Russia</i></p>	<p><b><i>The Nordic Model in the Age of Crises. Historical Perspectives on Law and Governance in Extraordinary Times</i></b></p> <p>Panel proponent and chair: Johanna Rainio-Niemi (Helsinki University)</p> <p>Aura Kostianen (Helsinki University) <i>A Pragmatic ‘Innovation’ in a Legalistic Land: Exeptive Enabling Acts in “Grey Zone” Crisis Management</i></p> <p>Lydia Aarninsalo (Helsinki University) <i>Governing ‘Exceptional Situations’ – The Emergence of the Finnish Crisis Management Regime for Non-Military Crises</i></p> <p>Jenni Karimäki (Helsinki University) <i>Framing and Assessing the Pandemic as a Crisis: Investigation, Accountability and Learning in the Nordic Countries</i></p>	<p><b><i>Foreign policy, diplomacy and conflicts</i></b> Chair: TBA</p> <p>Ewan Lawry (Aberystwyth University) <i>Watering the Wine: Winston Churchill, Austen Chamberlain, and internationalism in 1930s British foreign policy discourse</i></p> <p>Bogdan-Alexandru Schipor (Bucharest University) <i>“The Polish-Lithuanian Border” – A Study from the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in March 1938</i></p> <p>Andreea Dahlquist <i>Romania’s Efforts to End the Conflict with the Allies: The Stockholm Negotiations</i></p>

10:30 Coffee break

**11:00 Roundtable Political History and the Challenges of Democracy: Perspectives from the North, East, South, and West:** - with Jenny Andersson (Uppsala University), Rakesh Batabyal (Jawaharlal Nehru University), Henk te Velde (Leiden University), NN – Moderator: Norbert Götz (Södertörn University)

12:30 Conclusive Lunch / take-away option