

# The Soviet Gulag: New Research and New Interpretations

Georgetown University

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Copley Formal Lounge

25 April 2013



N. I. Getman (Gulag inmate, 1946-1953) "They Returned 'Home'", 1977

9:30 am Opening Remarks

Chester Gillis, Dean, Georgetown College

9:45 am Michèle Sarde, Georgetown University emerita

"Jacques Rossi: An Education in the Gulag"

11:00 am Alexander Etkind, Cambridge University UK

"Boris Sveshnikov and the Problem of Witnessing"

11:45 am Adam Hradilek, Oral History Group, Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes, Prague

"Czechoslovak Jewish Refugees from Nazism in the Gulag"

12:30 pm Lunch

2:00 pm Plenary roundtable: The State of the Field in Gulag Research

Amir Weiner, Stanford University; Golfo Alexopolous, University of Florida; Oleg Khlevniuk, State Archive of the Russian Federation, Moscow; moderators Olga Cooke, Editor, *Gulag Studies*; Michael David-Fox, Georgetown University

3:30 pm Documentary Film Screening, "Confronting Amnesia: Frozen Memories of the Russian Gulag"

Discussion with filmmaker John J. Michalczyk, Boston College; moderator Steven Barnes, George Mason University

5-6 pm Reception

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**The Soviet Gulag: New Research and New Interpretations  
Friday 26 April and Saturday 27 April 2013**



N.I. Getman, "Kolyma Highway"

**These sessions will discuss pre-circulated papers. Attendance is by invitation; please contact Professor Michael David-Fox, [md672@georgetown.edu](mailto:md672@georgetown.edu)**

**Friday, 26 April 2013 I. Big Pictures**

- 9:00 am** Oleg Khlevniuk, State Archive of the Russian Federation, Moscow  
"Gulag, non-Gulag"
- 10:00 am** Dietrich Beyrau, University of Tübingen, Germany  
"The World of Camps and Forced Labor: A Comparison between the Soviet and Nazi Camp Systems"
- 11:00 am** coffee
- 11:30 am** Viktor Berdinskikh, Viatka State University, Russia  
"ГУЛАГ: экономика и идеология рабства в 20-м веке" [GULAG: The Economics and Ideology of Twentieth-Century Slavery]

12:30 pm break

2:00 pm Golfo Alexopolous, University of Florida  
"The Destructive-Labor Camps': Rethinking Solzhenitsyn's Play on Words"

## II. Precursors and Legacies

3:00 pm Aidan Forth, Loyola University, Chicago  
"Britain's Archipelago of Camps: Labor and Detention in a Liberal Empire."

4:00 pm Daniel Beer, University of London  
"Stripped of All Rights of Rank': Making Sense of Life after Civil Death in Siberian Exile, 1825-1905"

## Saturday 27 April 2013 II. Precursors and Legacies (cont'd)

9:00 am Judith Pallot, Oxford University, UK  
"The Gulag as the Crucible of Russia's 21<sup>st</sup> Century System of Punishment"

## III. New Research

10:00 am Dan Healey, University of Reading, UK  
"Lives in the Balance: Weak and Disabled Prisoners and the Biopolitics of the Gulag"

11:00 am coffee

11:30 am Juliette Denis, University of Paris-Nanterre, Paris  
"From Latvia to Siberia: Latvian Deportees and Evacuees in the Wartime Soviet Union, 1941-1945"

12:30 pm break

2:00 pm Wilson Bell, Thompson Rivers University, British Columbia  
"Gulag, Total War, and the Formation of Soviet Siberia"

3:00 pm Emilia Koustova, University of Strasbourg, France  
"Return or Non-Return from the Gulag: Baltic & Ukrainian Special Resettlers' trajectories During & After Deportation"

4:00 pm Asif Siddiqi, Fordham University, New York  
"Within the First Circle: Intellectual Labor and the Gulag Economy"

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