

# **CIRCLES OF THE REVOLUTION**

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**INTERNAL AND INTERNATIONAL  
CONSEQUENCES  
OF THE YEAR 1917 IN RUSSIA**



THE CENTRE  
FOR POLISH-RUSSIAN  
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MONDAY-TUESDAY



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***OCTOBER***

**9:00–9:15**

Welcome speech: **Ernest Wyciszkievicz**, Director  
of the Centre for Polish-Russian Dialogue and Understanding

**9:15–10:45**

**SESSION ONE: 1917–1921 IN RUSSIA, CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE:  
CURRENT HISTORIOGRAPHY DISPUTES**

**Łukasz Adamski** / Centre for the Polish-Russian Dialogue  
and Understanding / moderator

**Marek Kornat** / Institute of History, Polish Academy of Sciences  
*Polish sovietology – significant interpretations of the Bolshevik  
Coup'*

**Steve A. Smith** / University of Oxford  
*Violence and the historiography of the Russian Revolution*

**Adam Bosiacki** / University of Warsaw  
*From utopia to the lawless state – Russian marxism and  
Russian Revolutions as a project of totalitarian system*

**10:45–11:00**

Coffee break

**11:00–12:30**

**SESSION 2 – PART 1: THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION AND POLITICAL UPHEAVALS  
IN CENTRAL EUROPE**

**Jan Jacek Bruski** / Jagiellonian University / moderator

**Lothar Höbelt** / University of Vienna

*The impact of the Russian Revolution on Austrian politics  
and Austrian policy*

**Sławomir Dębski** / Polish Institute of International Affairs

*Threat of „Bolshevism” in the political language of the Paris  
Conference*

**Maciej Górny** / Institute of History, Polish Academy of Sciences

*Revolt. Social conflicts in Central-Eastern Europe 1917–1921*

**12:30–13:30**

Lunch

**13:30–15:00**

**SESSION 2 – PART 2: THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION AND POLITICAL  
UPHEAVALS IN CENTRAL EUROPE**

**Marek Kornat** / Institute of History, Polish Academy of Sciences /  
moderator

**Isabelle Davion** / Paris-Sorbonne University

*The consequences of the Russian Revolution on the Polish  
Question – a perspective from the West (French-British-US)*

**Frédéric Dessberg** / Pantheon-Sorbonne University

*Poland and the influence of the Revolution on Western political  
and military circles (1917-1921)*

**Petr Kaleta** / Charles University

*Small ethnic groups and transformations of the Russian state.  
A case study of the Karaites*

**15:00–15:15**

Coffee break

15:15–16:45

**SESSION 3 – PART I: RUSSIAN REVOLUTION FROM REGIONAL AND NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE**

**Bartłomiej Gajos** / Centre for Polish-Russian Dialogue  
and Understanding / moderator

**Sarah Badcock** / University of Nottingham  
*Kaleidoscopes of revolution – provincial perspectives on 1917*

**Liudmila Novikova** / Higher School of Economics  
*Revolutionary violence in provincial Russia: history and memory*

**Kari Alenius** / University of Oulu  
*Finexit – The Russian revolution and Finnish independence  
(1917–1922)*

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**9:00–11:00**

**SESSION 3 – PART II: RUSSIAN REVOLUTION FROM REGIONAL AND NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE**

**Maciej Górny** / Institute of History, Polish Academy of Sciences

**Tanja Penter** / Heidelberg University

*Revolution of 1917 in Ukraine*

**Andriy Portnov** / Humboldt University of Berlin

*The Russian and the Ukrainian Revolutions on the imperial periphery. The case of southern Ukraine in 1917–1919*

**Aliaksandr Smalianchuk** / Institute of Political Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences

*The Russian Revolution and the Belarusian national rebirth*

**Jan Jacek Bruski** / Jagiellonian University

*The Revolution in Ukraine or the Ukrainian Revolution?  
A British perspective*

**11:00–11:15**

Coffee break

11:15–13:15

**SESSION 4: THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION IN THE PERCEPTION AND REACTION OF EUROPE**

**Marek Kornat** / Institute of History, Polish Academy of Sciences / moderator

**Andrzej Nowak** / Jagiellonian University  
*Revolution and geopolitics*

**Evgeniy Sergeev** / Russian State University for the Humanities  
*The reception of the Russian Revolution 1917 in Western Europe (a case study of Great Britain)*

**Grigoriy Shkundin** / Russian Association of the First World War Historians  
*Revolutionary events of 1917 in Russia and Reaction on them in countries of South-Eastern Europe*

**Mariusz Wołos** / Institute of History, Polish Academy of Sciences  
*French perception of the Russian Revolution and its consequences*

13:15–14:15

Lunch

14:15–16:15

**SESSION 5: THE MEMORY OF THE REVOLUTION IN THE FORMER COUNTRIES  
OF THE RUSSIAN EMPIRE**

**Andriy Portnov** / Humboldt University of Berlin / moderator

**Olga Malinova** / Higher School of Economics

*“Anniversary” disputes: competing interpretations of the  
Revolution 1917 in the Russian political discourse*

**Boris Kolonitskii** / European University of St. Petersburg

*Unexploited memory: the anniversary of the Revolution 1917  
in contemporary Russia*

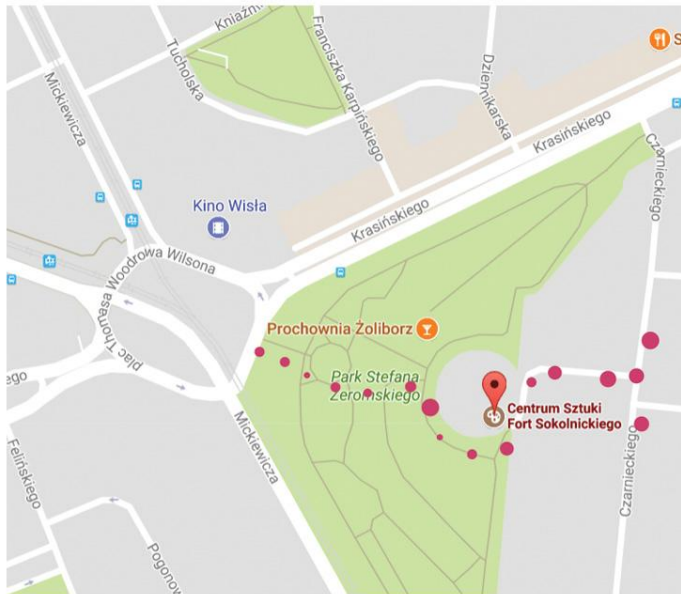
**Włodzimierz Borodziej** / University of Warsaw

*The memory of the October Revolution in the late Polish  
People’s Republic – the anniversaries 1977 and 1987*

**Bartłomiej Gajos** / Centre for Polish-Russian Dialogue  
and Understanding

*The memory of the October Revolution in the Russia.  
A provincial perspective from Tambov (1991–2017)*

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