



# TECHNOLOGIES OF MIND AND BODY IN THE SOVIET UNION AND THE EASTERN BLOC

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Friday 17<sup>th</sup> of May

Location: A1, Law and Social Sciences Building, University Park Campus, Nottingham

9.00 - 9.15 Registration

9.15 - 9.30 Welcome

9.30 - 10.15 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS:** Frances Lee Bernstein (Drew University)

10.15 - 10.30 Coffee Break

10.30 - 12.15 Panel 1:

## REVOLUTIONARY EMBODIMENT IN THEORY AND PRACTICE

*Chair: Miriam Dobson (Sheffield)*

Johanna Conterio (Flinders), 'Beyond the Human Machine: Theories of Embodiment in Stalinist Medicine, 1928-1953'

Ben Krupp (Illinois, Urbana-Champaign), 'How to Make a Soviet Body: Exercise as a Practice of Biopolitics'

Pavel Vasilyev (VLJI/Siberian State Medical University), 'Comrade Liadov Was Right: Eliminating Menstruation in the Soviet Twentieth Century'

Anna Ozhiganova (IEA, Russian Academy of Sciences), '"Sun, Air and Water - Our Best Friends": Infants' Strengthening and Swimming in the Soviet Union'

12.15 - 1.30 Panel 2:

## EXPERT KNOWLEDGE AND DISCIPLINARY POWER I: DIAGNOSIS, SURVEILLANCE AND RESISTANCE

*Chair: Sarah Badcock (Nottingham)*

Rebecca Reich (Cambridge), 'Dissent, Insanity and the Struggle over Diagnostic Authority after Stalin'

Ben Zajicek (Towson University) 'Psychiatric Registration and the Rights of Soviet Citizens, 1964-1991'

Siobhán Hearne (Durham) 'Transforming Sexual Behaviour in Soviet Latvia: The Relationship between Medicine and Law Enforcement'

1.30 - 2.15 Lunch

2.15 - 4.00 Panel 3:

## GRAPPLING WITH THE MORE-THAN-HUMAN: SOCIALIST CYBERNETICS

*Chair: John Marks (Nottingham)*

Diana Kurkovsky West (Northwestern). 'Analog' Cybernetics: Did Soviet Robots Have a (More) Human Face?'

Maros Krivy (Cambridge). 'Automation or Meaning?: Socialism, Humanism and Cybernetics in *Etared*'

Anja Werner (MLU, Halle-Wittenberg). 'Cyborgs Made in the GDR?: The Story of the East German Cochlea Implant (CI)'

Claire Shaw (Warwick). 'Not Everyone Will Be Taken Into The Future: Disability and Soviet Dreams of the Cyborg'

4.00 - 4.15 Coffee Break

4.15 - 6.00 Panel 4:

## HEALING THE SOCIALIST SOUL: PSYCHOTHERAPY IN THE SOVIET UNION AND THE EASTERN BLOC

*Chair: Simon Huxtable (Goldsmiths)*

Tricia Starks (University of Arkansas). 'Soviet Pioneers in Smoking Cessation: The *Narkodispensary* of the 1920s'

Aleksandra Brokman (Liverpool John Moores). 'New Soviet Patients: Psychotherapeutic Treatment and the Quest for the Transformation of Human Beings'

Sarah Marks (Birkbeck). 'Preventing the Side Effects of Socialism: Self Hypnosis in East Germany'

Anna Toropova (Nottingham). 'The Hypnotic Screen: Early Soviet Film Psychotherapy'

6.00-6:30 **PRE-DINNER TALK AND SCREENING:** Julian Chehirian (ARC, Sofia) on his exhibition: *Excavating the Psyche: A Social History of Psychiatry in Bulgaria*

6:30 Conference Dinner

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May

Location: B62, Law and Social Sciences Building, University Park Campus, Nottingham

9.15 - 10.00 KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Lilya Kaganovsky (Illinois, Urbana-Champaign)

10.00 - 11.15 Panel 5:

## OBJECT OF STATE CARE: THE AGEING AND DISABLED BODY UNDER SOCIALISM

*Chair: Claire Shaw (Warwick)*

Michael Rasell (Lincoln), 'A Source of Pride? Representations of Disability and Welfare Support in East German Public Awareness Campaigns'

Frank Henschel, (Kiel/Leipzig), 'Children and Youth in Need of Special Care as Objects of Biopolitics in Socialist Czechoslovakia'

Susan Grant (Liverpool John Moores), 'The Ageing Body and Mind: Soviet *Gerogigiena* and the "New" Older People'

11.15 - 11.30 Coffee Break

11.30 - 1.00 Panel 6:

## SENSES OF TECHNOLOGY: MASS MEDIA AND VISUAL CULTURE

*Chair: Polly McMichael (Nottingham)*

Nick Baron (Nottingham), 'Transforming Vision: Maps and Technologies of Seeing in the Soviet 1930s'

Oksana Sarkisova (CEU, Budapest), 'From *The Blind* to New Vision: Sergei Tretiakov and Soviet Ethnographic Optics'

Ekaterina Vikulina (RSUH, Moscow), 'Media, Science and the Body in the Soviet Photography of the 1960s'

1.00 - 1.45 Lunch

1.45 - 3.30 Panel 7:

## EXPERT KNOWLEDGE AND DISCIPLINARY POWER II: PSYCHOLOGY, PEDOLOGY, CRIMINOLOGY

*Chair: Philippa Hetherington (SSEES, UCL)*

Andy Byford (Durham), 'Pedology as Occupational Work in the Early Soviet Union, 1920s-30s'

Kenneth Pinnow (Allegheny College). 'Their Bodies. Ourselves: The Criminal Personality as a Field of Technology and Self-Fashioning in the Early Soviet Union'

Ana Hedberg Olenina (Arizona State University). 'The Soulless State: Soviet Film Avant-Garde and a Materialist View of the Child's Psyche'

Zhipeng Gao (York University, Toronto) 'The Rebirth of the New Socialist Human through the Demise of Pavlovian Psychology in China'

3.30 - 3.45 Coffee Break

3.45 - 5.00 Panel 8:

## MIND-BODY MANAGEMENT: EVERYDAY TECHNIQUES AND PRACTICES

*Chair: Susan Reid (Loughborough)*

Jessica Werneke (Loughborough). 'Technologies of Leisure: Amateur Club Photography in the Soviet Union'

Anna Kozlova (EU, St. Petersburg). 'Bringing Up the Best by Excellent Rest: Ideology, Paradoxes and Pedagogical Techniques of the All-Union Soviet Children's Camps *Artek* and *Orlyonok*'

Natalia Savelyeva (University of Tyumen). 'Technologies of Mind in the Late Soviet Period: The Case of the Moscow Methodological Circle'

5.00 - 5.15 Closing Remarks

5.15 Conference Ends