Russia 1917 and the Dissolution of the Old Order in Europe.
Biographical Itineraries, Individual Experiences, Autobiographical Reflections
International Conference, September 13–15 2017
Switzerland, Landgut Castelen, Augst
14:00  Welcome and Introduction  
Korine Amacher  Geneva / F. Benjamin Schenk  Basel

Keynote Lecture  
Boris Kolonitsky  Saint Petersburg  
Anti-Monarchic Revolution and the Cult of the Popular Leader. The Case of Alexander Kerenski

15:30  Coffee Break

16:00  Panel 1: Biographies Shaped by the Revolution I  
Chair: Thomas Grob  Basel

Korine Amacher  Geneva  
Experience of War and of Revolution: Vladimir Socoline’s Long Road to Damascus

F. Benjamin Schenk  Basel  
„I Am Too Bewildered to Understand Anything These Days“. Members of the Old Elite Try to Make Sense of the Revolution

Henning Lautenschläger  Basel  
The Professor. Sergei Mikhailovich Prokudin-Gorskii’s Life after the Revolution and the Development of Imperial Nostalgia (1917–1944)

Discussant: Peter Holquist  Philadelphia

18:00  Conference Reception / Apéro  
Landgut Castelen
09:00  **Panel 2: Revolution and Civil War**  
Chair: **Jens Herlth** Fribourg  

**Liudmila Novikova** Moscow  
Making Sense of the Russian Revolution and Civil War: Patriotism and Memory of the Civil War in the 1920s  

**Alexander Reznik** St. Petersburg / Basel  
Constructing the Political Cult of Leon Trotsky During the Russian Civil War  

Discussant: **Dietrich Beyrau** Tübingen  

10:30  Coffee Break  

11:00  **Panel 3: Revolution and Scripture**  
Chair: **Nada Boškovska** Zurich  

**Marina Sorokina** Moscow  
Roman Yakobson as a Mirror of the Russian Revolution  

**Adele Lindenmeyr** Villanova  
„Common Sense Vanishes in Revolutionary Times“: Sofia Panina and Ariadna Týrkova-Williams Reflect on 1917  

Discussant: **Thomas Grob** Basel  

12:30  Lunch
14:00 **Panel 4: Revolution in the Ukraine**
Chair: Julia Richers Bern

**Eric Aunoble** Geneva
Polish Leftists in the Russian Revolution in Ukraine. From Militancy to Memory

**Andrii Portnov** Berlin / Geneva
The Revolutions on the Periphery. Ekaterinoslav in 1917–1919

**Fabian Baumann** Basel

Discussant: Jens Herlth Fribourg

16:00 Coffee Break

16:30 **Panel 5: Revolution and Agency**
Chair: Martin Aust Bonn

**Nikita Petrov** Moscow
Group Picture of Soviet Assassins: The Trajectory of Stalinist Executioners from the Revolution to the Great Terror

**Pierre Boutonnet** Lille
Vsevolod Mihajlovič Ejhenbaum alias Volin, Two Periodes of Emigration in France, Writing for Action? The Limites of the Rights in Political Exile (1915–1940)

Discussant: Nada Boškovska Zurich

19:00 **Conference Dinner**
Restaurant „Zum Isaak“
Münsterplatz 16, 4051 Basel
09:00 **Panel 6: Biographies Shaped by the Revolution II**
Chair: F. Benjamin Schenk  Basel

Anne O’Donnell  New York
Life Stories and Administrative Practice in Revolutionary Russia

Sophie Cœuré  Paris
Two Women Gaining Power Through the October Revolution: Alexandra Kollontai and Suzanne Girault

Andrei Sorokin  Moscow
A Broken Screw of the Soviet System. Life and Fate of Leonid Nikolaev

Discussant: Gleb Albert  Zurich

11:00 Coffee Break

11:30 **Panel 7: Temporal and Spatial Peripheries**
Chair: Korine Amacher  Geneva

Igor Narskii  Cheliabinsk
A Man not Impressed by the Revolution. Konstantin Teploukhov Experiencing the Revolution at the Empire’s Periphery

Anthony Heywood  Aberdeen
Facing the Rubicon: Circumstance, Choice and Consequence in the Experience of the Russian Revolution

Discussant: Julia Richers  Bern

13:00 Lunch

14:00 **Narrating the Russian Revolution**
Martin Aust  Bonn
100 Years of Interpreting the Russian Revolution

15:00 Final Discussion

16:00 Departure
General information

Conveners
Prof. Dr. Korine Amacher (University of Geneva)
Prof. Dr. Frithjof Benjamin Schenk (University of Basel)

Conference venue
Landgut Castelen
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