

3rd International Conference - Openness of State Archives and Memory Studies

December 16, 2021

Hybrid event: Online via zoom /
on site - Holiday Inn Tbilisi Hotel, 26th May Square, Tbilisi

11:00–18:30 Tbilisi Time (GMT+4)

Agenda

11:15-12:00 – Registration and Welcome Coffee

12:00-12:10 - Introductory Remarks

Discussion Panels:

1. Archives and COVID-19 pandemic: Challenges Identified and Lessons Learned for the Post-Pandemic Future

Chair of the Panel: Dr. Alexander Morrison, Fellow & Tutor in History, New College,
University of Oxford

Participants:

- 12:10–12:25 - **State archives and COVID in Hungary**
Sandor Horvath – Historian, Head of Department of Contemporary History, Institute of
History, Research Centre for the Humanities, Budapest
- 12:25-12:40 - **The British Library and COVID 19**
Archie Blissett - DPhil Student, Keble College, University of Oxford
- 12:40–12:55 - **Multi-site remote archival research in Ukraine and Moldova during the
Covid-19 pandemic**
Deanna Soloninka - PhD Candidate, the University of Edinburgh
- 12:55-13:10 - **How to proceed with archival work in times of COVID-19? A concrete
example of applying digital humanities to a collection of the Historical Archive of Georgia**
Oliver Reisner - Jean Monnet Professor in European & Caucasian Studies at Ilia State
University
- 13:10-13:25 - **Xinjiang in Russian archives and access during Covid-19**
Yuan Gao – PhD Candidate, Georgetown University

- 13:25 – 13:30 Q&A

13:30-14:30 - Lunch Break

14:30–15:00 Presentation of the research:

Archives in the State Departments Since the post-Soviet Independence of Georgia: What do we know about their location, content, archiving and openness policies

- **Nino Gozalishvili** – Researcher, Disinformation and Memory Studies Direction of the Institute for Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI)
- **Anton Vatcharadze** – Head of the Disinformation and Memory Studies Direction of the Institute for Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI)

15:00-15:15 Q&A

2. *Openness and regulations of national and departmental archives: Faulty practices and good examples*

Chair of the Panel: Ivan Pavlov, Attorney, Lead of Ex Team 29

Participants:

- 15:15-15:30 - ***State secrets and access to archives in Russia***
Daria Sukhikh – Lawyer, Ex Team 29
- 15:30–15:45 - ***Compliance of the terms of restricting access to documents with law of the Russian Federation***
Artyom Kutlovsky – Lawyer, Ex Team 29
- 15:45–16:00 – ***Legal Challenges for Accessing Post Soviet Archives in Georgia***
Giorgi Davituri - Lawyer, Media and Freedom of Expression Direction Head of the Institute for Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI)
- 16:00-16:15 - ***Positive Changes in Ukrainian Archival Legislation After the Revolution of Dignity: Openness of the Soviet Security Services Archives***
Anna Oliinyk – Pursuing a Master's degree in Russian and Post-Soviet Politics at School of Slavonic and East European Studies, University College London
- 16:15 – 16:30 Q&A

16:30 - 17:00 - Coffee Break

3. *Towards Popularizing Archival Research*

Chair of the Panel: Jeremy Smith, Professor, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Zayed University

Participants:

- 17:00-17:15 - ***Archival documents of the Soviet special services during the Great Terror in the archives of the Russian Federation: Access problems***
Sergey Prudovskiy, Archival Researcher, Memorial Society
- 17:15-17:30 - ***Popularizing archives: experiences from EU Creative Europe projects***
Vlatka Lemić, ICARUS / ICARUS Hrvatska.
- 17:30-17:45 - ***Teaching archival research to future journalists***
Anton Vatcharadze, Historian, Institute for Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI)/ University of Georgia (UG)
- 17:45-18:00 - ***Engaging Primary Sources in Teaching Soviet and Russian History***
Timothy Blauvelt, Professor of Soviet and Post-Soviet Studies, Ilia State University

18:00-18:30 - Q&A / Closing remarks