



Frost, Ice, and Snow Cold Climate in Russian History

German Historical Institute (DHI Moscow)
& Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society (RCC)

Conveners:

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Russia was and remains especially associated with cold. The discourses about the Russian cold stem from existential experiences. Due to its geographical location, cold was a constant cultural challenge, a phenomenon that influenced actions, everyday experiences, and mentalities, and determined both external and self-perceptions. Focusing on the factor of climate, this conference will discuss and connect new approaches to Russian environmental history.

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Thursday, February 16

10:00 - 10:30 **Welcome and Introduction**

Nikolaus Katzer (DHI Moscow), Julia Herzberg (RCC Munich)

10:30 - 13:30 **Session1: Mundane and Exceptional Times**

Chair: Andreas Renner (Tübingen)

Светлана А. Рафикова (г. Красноярск)

Сибирские морозы и повседневные адаптационные практики горожан

Katarzyna Chimiak (Warsaw)

Challenging Crisis: Human Strategies of Adaptation and Survival during the Winter of 1946/1947 in Dnepropetrovsk, Łódź, Essen, and Manchester

Discussion

Coffee break

Anthony J. Heywood (Aberdeen)

Transport for War in a Cold Climate: Russia's Railways, July 1914 - March 1917

Александр Л. Кузьминых (г. Вологда)

Вермахт и русская зима: влияние климатического фактора на немецких военнослужащих на фронте и в советском плену (1941–1956 гг.)

Discussion

13:30 - 15:00 **Lunch**

15:30 - 18:00 **Session 2: Coping with Cold**

Chair: Erki Tammiksaar (Tartu)

Andy Bruno (Urbana-Champaign)

Tumbling Snow: Avalanches in the Soviet North

Marc Elie (Paris)

Winter Sports, Ice Sciences, and Avalanches in Soviet Central Asia, 1950s-1980s

Discussion

Coffee break

Александр В. Ананьев (г. Москва)

Герои льда – два сценария мужской идентичности в образах полярника и хоккеиста советской эпохи и их актуализация в начале XXI века

Алексей Д. Попов (г. Симферополь)

Зимний туризм в Советском Союзе: школа мужества, конкурентный бренд, народная забава

Discussion

18:00 **Conference dinner**

Friday, February 17

09:30 - 12:30 **Session 3: Changing Climates**

Chair: Carolin F. Roeder (Harvard)

Julia Lajus (St. Petersburg), Sverker Sörlin (Stockholm)

Cryo-Connections, Political Friendship and the Prospects of an Ice-Free Arctic, 1928–1955

Paul Josephson (Waterville)

Soviet Efforts to Transform Nature in the Russian Northwest (Arkhangelsk and Murmansk provinces, Karelian Republic)

Discussion

Coffee break

Jonathan Oldfield (Glasgow)

Conceptualisations of Climate Change amongst Soviet Geographers from ca. 1945 to the early 1970s

Denis J. B. Shaw (Birmingham)

The Subarctic: A Classic Study of the Tundra

Discussion

12:30 - 14:00 **Lunch**

14:00 - 17:50 **Session 4: Civilizing Coldness**

Chair: Marc Elie (Paris)

Екатерина А. Дегальцева (г. Бийск)

Сибиряк как концентрированный концепт русского холода (на примере 19 века)

Наталья Н. Родигина (г. Новосибирск)

»От страны холода и мрака« к »земле обетованной«: роль климата в конструировании образа Сибири в русской журнальной прессе второй половине XIX – начала XX в.

Ian W. Campbell (Davis, CA)

The Nomad Who Came in from the Cold: *Zhut* and Civilizational Difference in the Late Nineteenth Century

Discussion

Coffee break

David Saunders (Newcastle)

Commerce and Technology in the Development of the Russian Arctic (1862-1921)

Erki Tammiksaar (Tartu)

Russian South Pole Expedition in the Context of Political Interests of the Russian Empire and the Soviet Union

Discussion

Coffee break

17:50 - 19:00 **Session 5: Imagining Coldness**

Chair: Julia Herzberg (Munich)

Оксана Булгакова (Майнц)
Атмосферное потепление

Roman Mauer (Mainz)

The Aesthetics of Cold and National Trauma in Film: Escape from a Siberian POW Camp

Discussion

Saturday, February 18

09:30 - 11:30 **Session 6: Metaphors and Narratives**

Chair: Roman Mauer (Mainz)

Анна А. Котомина (г. Москва)

Особенности представления темы холодного климата народной аудитории в рамках практики публичных чтений в 1890-1910 гг

Сюзанна Франк (Берлин)

Вечная мерзлота как метафора памяти в русской ГУЛАГ-литературе (Павел Флоренский, Варлам Шаламов)

J. P. Schovanec (Alfortville)

Frost as a Spiritual Experience: Written Accounts of Foreign Detainees in Stalinist Camps

Discussion

Coffee break

11:30 - 12:40 **Session 7: Representations Between Science and Politics**

Chair: Paul Josephson (Waterville)

Peu-Yi Chu (Princeton)

Mapping Permafrost Country: Visualizations of Frozen Earth in Russian History

Carolin F. Roeder (Harvard)

A Creature of the Cold War: Soviet Science and the Snowman

Discussion

12:40 - 13:30 **Concluding Session**

Klaus Gestwa (Tübingen)

Concluding Remarks

Discussion

13:30 **Lunch**

Venue: Moscow, Nakhimovskii prospekt 51/21 (INION)
German Historical Institute

Directions:



Transport: The GHI Moscow is in the building of the Institute of Scientific Information, Russian Academy of Science (INION RAN). It is located in the south of the city – directly at the orange line metro station Profsoyuznaya (Профсоюзная). If you're coming from the center of the city, please choose the front exit to the Nakhimovsky Prospekt (Нахимовский Проспект) and then turn left.