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Eastern Platform Tartu Seminar 2021
**FREEDOM AND UNFREEDOM IN CRITICAL TIMES:
LIBERALISM AND ILLIBERALISM IN CENTRAL, EASTERN
AND BALTIC EUROPE**
Tartu, October 14-15, 2021

DAY 1 / OCTOBER 14 / DELTA MAJA (NARVA MNT 18, R1018)

10:30 – 11:00 Opening remarks

- **Olga Bogdanova** (Johan Skytte Institute, University of Tartu)
- **Ariel (Nikolay) Borschevsky** (Nadav Foundation)
- **Eli Lederhendler** (Leonid Nevzlin Center, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

11:00 – 12:30 Panel discussion: Liberalism and (Un)freedom in Times of Exception

- **James Pearson** (Institute of Philosophy and Semiotics, University of Tartu): Emergency and Political Illegitimacy: Testing the Realist Perspective
- **Kristi Raik** (Director, Estonian Foreign Policy Institute, ICDS, Tallinn): How did competition between democracies and autocracies play out in Covid crisis?
- **Shota Gvineria** (Baltic Defense College, Tartu): Covid-19 and contemporary security environments

Moderator: **Andrey Makarychev** (Johan Skytte Institute, University of Tartu)

12:00 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 15:00 Panel: Intellectuals and Power under Authoritarianism

- **Peeter Selg** (Tallinn University): Juri Lotman's contribution to theories of authoritarianism and democracy
- **Anastasia de la Fortelle** (University of Lausanne): Contemporary Russian Culture: Mnemopoetics and Power
- **Sergei Akopov** (Higher School of Economics, St, Petersburg): ‘Sovereignty as ‘organized loneliness’: existential approach to sovereigntism of Russian ‘state-civilization’

Moderator: **Juhan Sahharov** (Johan Skytte Institute, University of Tartu)

15:00 – 18:00 Walk to Estonian National Museum and excursion

18:30 – 22:00 Panel: Visual Politics of / in Critical Times at “Drinkgeld” (Ülikooli 20)

- **Joseph Dunnigan** (Tallinn): Banned Books Museum
- **Sergey Akopov** (Higher School of Economics, St, Petersburg)
- **Natalya Kovyliava** (Johan Skytte Institute, University of Tartu)
- **Sami Siva** (Johan Skytte Institute, University of Tartu)

Chair and moderator: **Andrey Makarychev** (Johan Skytte Institute, University of Tartu)

DAY 2 / OCTOBER 15 / LOSSI 36, R214

09:30 – 11:00 Panel: After / Beyond the Covid Pandemic: A New Biopolitical Curtain?

- **Judith Sandor** (Central European University): Beyond Autonomy in the Time of Covid - Ethical Reflections on the Biopolitical Scenarios
- **Eduard Nadtochiy** (University of Lausanne): Beyond Biopolitics: Political Theology of the Covid Crisis.
- **Andrey Makarychev** (Johan Skytte Institute, University of Tartu): Practical Biopolitics: Medicalized Society and Health Diplomacy

Moderator and discussant: **Alexandra Yatsyk** (Johan Skytte Institute, University of Tartu)

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 – 13:00 Panel: Jews and the Limits of Liberalism in History

- **Eli Lederhendler** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem): Jews, Liberalism, and Post-Liberalism: Transnational Perspectives Over the Longue Durée
- **Alex Valdman** (Tel Aviv University): A “Zionist Putsch” in Tartu: Student Activism and the Jewish Civil Society in Late Imperial Russia
- **Semion Goldin** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem): Liberalism, Nationalism, and the “Jewish Question” in Late Imperial Russia.

Moderator: **Vladimir Levin** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30-16:00 Panel: Post-Communist Memories: Ideational Landscapes and Material Heritage

- **Yaroslav Hrytsak** (Ukrainian Catholic University, L’viv): Ukrainian Memory Culture Post-2014: The Case of Stepan Bandera.
- **Vladimir Levin** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem): Attitudes to Jewish Heritage as a Sign of European Liberalism in post-Soviet space.
- **Ilya Lensky** (“Jews in Latvia” Museum, Riga): A Topic as Any Other? Jewish History and the Holocaust in the Permanent Exhibitions of Latvian Museums

Moderator and discussant: **Andrii Nekoliak** (Johan Skytte Institute, University of Tartu)

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 – 17:30 Panel discussion: Right Wing Populism in Europe and “Domestic Others”: Playing the Multicultural Card

- **Stefano Braghioli** (Johan Skytte Institute, University of Tartu)
- **Andrey Makarychev** (Johan Skytte Institute, University of Tartu)
- **Alexandra Yatsyk** (Johan Skytte Institute, University of Tartu)

17:30 – 18:00 Concluding session: Collaborative strategies and Future Networking

Moderator: **Olga Bogdanova** (Johan Skytte Institute, University of Tartu)

18:30 Farewell Dinner at Kolm Tilli (Kastani 42, Apraaditehas)