

## INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR

Researching, reworking and representing Soviet LGBT histories:

### **Queer Between Surveillance and Non-Interference of State Authorities under Soviet System: The Practices and the Discourses**

2 June 2023

University of Latvia, Institute of Latvian History<sup>1</sup>, Kalpaka boulevard 4, Riga

9.00-9.10 Registration

9.10-9.20 Opening remarks

I PANEL: 9.20 – 11.00

Discussant

**Dr. Kate Davison (she/her)**

Lecturer in the History of Sexuality

School of History, Classics, and Archaeology, The University of Edinburgh

### **Modernizing Homosexuality in Soviet Lithuania: a Pathology, a Crime, and a Vice**

Rasa Navickaitė (U of Vienna)

### **Accumulating Negative Affects: The Diaries of the Soviet Latvian Film Director Gunārs Piesis**

Jānis Ozoliņš (Art Academy of Latvia/Institute of Literature, Folklore, and Art, U of Latvia)

### **Narratives of the Perception and Practice of Non-heterosexual Women's Sexuality in Soviet Latvia, 1954–1991**

Elizabete Vizgunova-Vikmane (U of Latvia)

### **BREAK: 11.00-11.20**

II PANEL: 11.20 – 13.00

Discussant

**Dr. Arthur Clech**

Postdoctoral Research Fellow The National Fund for Scientific Research (NFSR/ULB) / Cevipol and Research associate (CERCEC, EHESS) and Eur'Orbem (Lettres Sorbonne-Université)

### **Under Surveillance of State Authorities: Voluntary Sodomy Convictions and Queer Agency in Soviet Latvia, 1946-1991**

Ineta Lipša (U of Latvia)

### **Irbe in Minsk, 1952: a Queer Gaze Upon a Model Stalinist City**

Andrei Vazyanau (European Humanitarian University, Minsk Urban Platform (Lithuania))

Uladzimir Valodzin (European University Institute and Leibniz Institute of European History)

### **The Presence of Queer Sexuality in Memories of Latvian Non-Homosexuals on the Soviet Era**

Kaspars Zellis (U of Latvia)

**LUNCH: 13.00-14.20**

III PANEL: 14.20 -16.00

Discussant

**Dr. Artūras Tereškinas**

Professor of Sociology at Vytautas Magnus University

**Sodomy in Lenin's Raion: Can We Learn Anything About History of Homosexuality from Soviet Courts' Decisions?**

Tomas Vaiseta (U of Vilnius)

**Spaces of Queer Domesticity in Soviet Latvia**

Kārlis Vērduņš (U of Latvia)

**In Between Women – Life Narratives of Estonian Lesbians in Transition from Soviet to Post Soviet**

Brigitta Davidjants (Estonian Academy of Music and Theatre)

**BREAK: 16.00-16.15**

IV PANEL: 16.15-17.20

Discussant

**Dr. phil. Igors Gubenko**

U of Latvia, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology

**The Emergence of Gay and Lesbian Community and Human Rights in Estonia from 1988–1993**

Rebeka Põldsam (U of Tartu)

**Two Faces of the State in Transgender Community Organizing in Estonia in the 1990s**

Sara Arumetsa (Tallinn University)

**Conclusion remarks: 17.20-18.00**

**DINNER for participants of the seminar: 19.00-22.00**



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