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Conference Organisation

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The Imperial Dimension of Catherine II's Legislative Commission (1767-1768)

Conference

12.-13.03.2026, Münster

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Conference Programme

Thursday, 12.03.2026

14:00 Welcome Speech and Introduction
14:15 The Multinational Nobility of the Russian Empire in the Legislative Commission: The Struggle for Privileges
Chair: Colum Leckey (Virginia)

Olga E. Glagoleva (Toronto)
„The Equality of All Citizens...”
Ingrid Schierle (Tübingen)

Imperial Diversity under threat in the Legislative Commission: The Dispute over the status of the non-Russian nobilities

15:15 Coffee Break
15:30 The Rights of the Hetmanate and the Malorossiyskie Deputies in the Legislative Commission
Chair: Ricarda Vulpius (Münster)

Mohylnyi Stanislav (Bonn)
The Issue of Serfdom and Rural Subjection in the Nakazy of the Hetmanate Elites and Population
Alap Hossain (Calcutta) ONLINE
The Semiotics of Conditional Fidelity: The Malorossiyan Deputies, the Language of Imperial Belonging, and the Legislative Commission of 1767

Katja Makhotina (Erlangen)
The conscience that comes from Ukraine: The Ukrainian Roots of the Transformation of Penal Practice in Russia under Catherine II

17:00 Coffee Break
17:15 Legal Diversity and the Legislative Commission: The “Newly Acquired Lands” and the Baltic Territories
Chair: Lena Marasina (Münster)

Pawel Demchenko (Naples)
Unknown Privileges: Ostsean City Council’s concerns on commercial and residential issues in Nakazy to the Legislative Commission
Marianna Muravyeva (Helsinki)
Law for the Empire: Legislative Commission initiatives for the “Newly Acquired Lands”
19:00 Dinner: Krug, Georgian Restaurant, Neubrückenstr. 28, 48143 Münster

Friday, 13.03.2026
9:30 Inovertsy of the South-Eastern Empire in the Legislative Commission
Chair: Olga E. Glagoleva (Toronto)

Ricarda Vulpius (Münster)
The Kalmyks in the Petitions of non-Orthodox subjects to the Legislative Commission and in the session protocols
Colum Keckey (Virginia)
The Orenburg Delegation at the Legislative Commission, 1767-68

10:30 Coffee Break
10:45 Individual Life Strategies of Inovertsy According to the Petitions and Protocols of the Legislative Commission
Chair: Marianna Muravyeva (Helsinki)

Christoph Witzenrath (Bonn)
The Petition of the Georgian Settlers in Kizliar for Catherine II’s Legislative Commission (1767-1768)
Lena Marasina (Münster)
Inovertsy on Sovereignty and Access to “Great Russian” Privileges (on the base of the nakazy and the records of sessions of the Legislative Commission of 1766-1767)
Pavel Romanov (Regensburg)
“A Voiceless People”: The Positioning of the Inovertsy of Bashkiria in the Petitions Submitted to the Legislative Commission of 1767

12:15 Coffee Break
12:30 Electing Deputies and Composing Petitions: Communication Across the Empire
Chair: Ingrid Schierle (Tübingen)

Natalia Potapova (Independent) ONLINE
The Alienated Voices of Subaltern Majority and Internal Colonization: How Officials Drafted Peasant instructions
Nataliya Sureva (Bochum)
The 1767 Commission on the Black Sea Frontier: Local Dialogue and Imperial Securitization

13:30: Reflection on the Conference
Angela Rustemeyer (Köln-Düsseldorf), Alexander Lavrov (Paris)

13:50 Concluding remarks
Lena Marasina (Münster), Ricarda Vulpius (Münster)
14:00 Lunch (Catering)
15:00-16:30 Guided City Tour (optional)
Meeting point: in front of the Rathaus (Prinzpalmarkt 10, 48143 Münster)

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