



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

Location

JO 101

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Conference Organisation

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Conference

12.-13.03.2026, Münster

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*

15:45 The Rights of the Hetmanate and the Malorossiyskie Deputies in the Legislative Commission

Chair: Ricarda Vulpius (Münster)

Stanislav Mohylnyi (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

16:45 *Coffee Break*

17:15 Legal Diversity and the Legislative Commission: The “Newly Aquired Lands” and the Baltic Territories

Chair: Lena Marasinova (Münster)

Pavel Demchenko (Naples)

Unknown Privileges: Ostsean City Council’s Concerns on Commercial and Residential Issues in the Nakazy to the Legislative Commission

Marianna Muravyeva (Helsinki)

Law for the Empire: Legislative Commission Initiatives for the “Newly Aquired 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)

Non-Orthodox Subjects: The Kalmyks’ Stance in the Petitions and in the Meetings of the Legislative Commission

Colum Leckey (Virginia)

“One coat to fit them all”: The Orenburg Delegation to the Legislative Commission of 1767-68

10:30 *Coffee Break*

10:45 Individual Life Strategies of *Inovertsy* according to the Petitions and Records 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 Marasinova (Münster)

Inovertsy on Sovereignty and Access to “Great Russian” Privileges

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) ONLINE

The 1767 Commission on the Black Sea Frontier: Local Dialogue and Imperial Securitization

13:30 Reflections on the Conference

Angela Rustemeyer (Köln-Düsseldorf),
Alexander Lavrov (Paris)

13:50 Concluding Remarks

Lena Marasinova (Münster),
Ricarda Vulpius (Münster)

14:00 *Lunch (Catering)*

15:00-16:30 *Guided City Tour (optional)*

Meeting point: in front of the Rathaus
(Prinzipalmarkt 10, 48143 Münster)

