



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

## Location

JO 101

Johannisstr. 1, 48143 Münster

## 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**

**15:30 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 Marasinova (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 Marasinova (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 Marasinova (Münster), Ricarda Vulpius (Münster)

**14:00 Lunch (Catering)**

**15:00-16:30 Excursion: Guided City Tour**

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

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