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Conference Programme

Thursday, 27.11.2025

14:00 Welcome Speech and Introduction

14:15 Key Note and Discussion

Michael Khodarkovsky (Chicago)

15:30 ***Coffee Break***

16:00 Hostage Taking in the 16th Century Muscovy

Chair: Ricarda Vulpius (Münster)

Cornelia Soldat (Cologne)

Princely Hostages and the Silk Roads. Hostage Taking in 16th-Century Muscovy and its Cultural and Political Environment

ONLINE: ***Oleg Rusakovskiy (Everan)***

Hostage-Taking and Hostage-Giving on Muscovy´s Western Frontier (16th- early 18th century)

17:15 ***Coffee Break***

17:30 The Amanats at the Siberian Frontier

Chair: Sean Pollock (Dayton)

Angelina Kalashnikova (Kiel)

Agency of Hostages: The Amanaty of Eastern Siberia in the 17th Century

Chechesh Kudachinova (Berlin/Münster)

Princely Hostages and the Silk Roads. Hostage Taking in 16th-Century Muscovy and its Cultural and Political Environment, "Made in Muscovy": Looking at the Siberian Amanats from the Russian Internal Perspective

20:00 ***Dinner at the BRASSERIE (Salzstr. 5)***

Friday, 28.11.2025

9:00 The Amanats at the Russian Empire´s Southeastern Frontiers

Chair: Chechesh Kudachinova (Berlin/ Münster)

Ricarda Vulpius (Münster)

Agency of Hostages: Kazakh and Bashkir Amanaty in the 18th Century

Sean Pollock (Dayton)

'To Obey and Serve': Russian Empire, Kabardian Hostageship, and the Quest(ion) of Subjecthood in Early Modern Caucasia

10:15 ***Coffee Break***

10:30 The Amanats and Ensuring Political Loyalties in Central Asia

Chair: *Michael Khodarkovsky (Chicago)*

Gulbanu Izbassarova (Aktobe)

Kazakh "Amanat" in Diplomatic Relationships with Qing-China

Ulfat Abdurasulov (Vienna)

The Missing Hostages: Amanat and the Dynamics of Russo- Central Asian Diplomacy

11:45 ***Coffee Break***

12:00 Inner Asian Hostages and the Qing Empire

Chair: Lena Marassinova (Münster)

ONLINE: ***Uradyn E. Bulag (Cambridge)***

Beyond Captivity: Pledge Princes, Integration and Ethnogenesis In Qing Mongol Relations

Ahmet Hojam Pekiniy (Olomouc)

The Turkic (Uyghur) hostages in the Qing's capital

13:15 ***Lunch (Catering)***

14:15 Hostages in the Early Modern Global Framework

Chair: Cornelia Soldat (Cologne)

Mario Graña Taborelli (Münster)

Hosting "Hostages": Political Exchanges and Territorialisation on the Edges of Empire. The Southeast Frontier of Charcas (Bolivia) in the late 16th century

ONLINE: ***Jennifer Loftkrantz (Kuwait)***

Ransoming on the Edges of Empire: The Case of Barayi Zaki of the Sokoto Caliphate

15:45 Concluding Remarks
16:00 Departure

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