

## **Borders of Biopolitics: Population and Power in Modern Russia**

Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017

A conference organized by the NYU Jordan Center and the School of Slavonic and East European Studies, UCL  
Chair at large- Yanni Kotsonis

### **Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**

NYU Jordan Center  
19 University Place, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

#### **Breakfast: 8:30am – 9:00am**

Welcome and introduction by Yanni Kotsonis (New York University) and Philippa Hetherington (University College London, SSEES)

#### **Panel I: 9:00am - 12:00pm | Siberia/Exile/Margins**

Abby Schrader (Franklin & Marshall College): *Disorderly Bodies in the Borderlands: Gender, Sex, Ethnicity, and the Problem of Setting Siberia*

Golfo Alexopolous (University of South Florida): *The Gulag: Biopolitics and Necropolitics*

Daniel Beer (Royal Holloway, University of London): *The Siberian Exile System and the Biopolitics of Penal Colonisation in Late Imperial Russia*

Discussant: Anne Lounsbery (New York University)

#### **Lunch: 12:00pm - 1:00pm**

#### **Panel II: 1:00pm - 4:00pm | Regulation, Discipline, Normality**

Maria Cristina Galmarini-Kabala (James Madison University): *"Mentally Retarded" Children, the Myth of Defectology, and the Ideological Functions of Biopolitics in Soviet Socialism*

Kateryna Ruban (New York University): *A Sacrifice for the New Soviet Life: Abortion as a Social and Medical Problem for Doctors, Women, and the State*

Jennifer Suchland (Ohio State University): *Claiming "Whiteness," Rebuking Queerness: Russian Political Homophobia as Symptom of Subaltern Empire*

Discussant: Fran Bernstein (Drew University)

#### **Keynote: 4:30pm - 6:00pm**

Boris Groys (New York University): *The Quest for Immortality: Russian Biopolitical Utopias at the End of 19th - Beginning of 20th Centuries*

Location: Room 102, 19 University Place

**Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**

NYU Jordan Center

19 University Place, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

**Breakfast: 8:30am – 9:00am**

**Panel III: 9:00am - 12:00pm | Bodies Reimagined**

Philippa Hetherington (University College London, SSEES): *Territorializing Russian Biopolitics: Prostitution and the Production of Imperial Space in the Early Twentieth Century*

Anna Krylova (Duke University): *Socialist Feminism and Gender Agendas of Communism*

Jamie Phillips (New York University): *The Biopolitical Imagination of Aron Zalkind*

Discussant: Stefanos Geroulanos (New York University)

**Lunch: 12:00pm - 1:00pm**