# THE REVOLUTIONARY IMAGINARY: VISUAL CULTURE IN AN AGE OF POLITICAL TURBULENCES

Interdisciplinary conference, Vilnius (Lithuania),

November 30 - December 1, 2017

#### **CONFERENCE PROGRAM**

Conference venue: National Art Gallery (Konstitucijos pr. 22, Vilnius, Lithuania).

#### **November 30, Thursday**

10.00 – 10.15 - Welcome and Introductory Remarks

10.15 - 11.45 - Panel 1: The Clash of Images

Chair: Krešimir Purgar

**Łukasz Zaremba** Revolutionary Iconoclasms. Lessons from America for Eastern Europe?

**Vladimir Janchevski** Pissed off!: Critical Art and Protest Culture beyond 'Toilet Revolutions'

**Øyvind Vågnes** Victoria Lomasko's Iconoclastic Gestures: Reflections on Other Russias

11.45 – 12.00 Coffee break

12.00 – 13.30 – Panel 2: Contested Spaces, Conflictual Memories and Postsocialist Condition

Chair: Øyvind Vågnes

**Magda Szcześniak** Protesting Images. Countervisuality of the Solidarity movement

**Kasparas Pocius** *Erasure: the green bridge sculptures and the visibility of working class* 

**Almira Ousmanova** *Divided Solidarity – Recoded Spaces – Disposable Art* 

14.30 – 16.00 Panel 3: Protest Cultures and the Ghost of Revolution

Chair: Davide Lombardo

**Petr Agha** Un-doing Law - Public Art as Contest over Meanings **Rasa Kasperienė, Justina Mandravickaitė** Political protest groups and its rhetoric on Facebook

**Dario Martinelli** Protest songs and political orientation: "Left" and "Right" in popular music

16.00 – 16.30 Coffee break

16.30 – 18.00 **Panel 4**: *The Visual Production of Political Resistance* 

Chair: Lolita Jablonskienė

**Davide Lombardo** The farce and the workers' bloodshed: the Eclipse of/post June 1848"

**Antigoni Memou** 'La Beauté Est Dans La Rue': Protest and Radical Visual Narratives

**Safet Ahmeti** *What has revolution ever done for us?* 

### **December 1, Friday:**

10.00 - 11.15 - Panel 5 : Affect and Politics

Chair: Audronė Žukauskaitė

**Victoria Musvik** Selective amnesia or revolutionary energy? Traumatic silence and affective revival of Perestroika and early nineties in Russian museum spaces

**Denis Petrina** Revolution (S)ex Machina: pornography, enslaved cairos, biomediated affective regimes

11.15 - 11.30 - Coffee break

# 11.30 – 13.15 - Panel 6 : Imprinting Utopia: Revolution and its Form(s)

Chair: Natalija Arlauskaitė

**Andrei Gornykh** Revolution and Form: Left Avant-gardism with Political Utopianism

### Olga Boitsova and Ekaterina Orekh

Burzhuys and Bolsheviks in caricatures and children's drawings of 1917-1918

**Alla Pigalskaya** The modes of construction of avant-garde heritage in Soviet Belarus and the Post-Soviet Period

**Nadezhda Zinovyeva** The principles of the impact of the poster propaganda of the Civil War in Russia (1917-1922)

# 14.15 – 15.45 **Panel 7 : The Images of the Multitude**

Chair: Magda Szcześniak

**Marija Krilova Weste** Representation of Movement in the feature films of the Soviet Latvia of the 1960s: walking the streets of Riga.

**Isabel David** *Towards Socialism: The Role of Visual Culture in Post-Revolution Portugal* 

**Gleb Koran** *Meaning of "image" for populist internet-movements: "multitude" as an engine for "post-truth"* 

15.45 – 16.15 – Coffee break

# 16.15 – 17.45 **Panel 8: The Digital Turn: Invisible Revolution?**

Chair: Almira Ousmanova

**Per Ståhlberg** Media technologies as tropes of revolution **Michael Forsman** 1984 according to Apple: The corporate synchronization of digital competence and critical media literacy **Dzmitry Boichanka** The AI turn: the algorithmic future of the spectacle

- 18.00 19.00 Alexander Kluge (Germany) Keynote lecture (via Skype)

  Yearning for the childhood of thoughts". Marx and Eisenstein in
  the same house: Scenes from NEWS FROM IDEOLOGICAL
  ANTIQUITY
- 19.00 20.30 Screening: *News from Ideological Antiquity:*

*Marx/Eisenstein/Capital* (directed by Alexander Kluge, 2008, in German with English subtitles, short version (85'). Organized with the support of Goethe-Institut in Lithuania.

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