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# *The International Conference "Lament for a Destroyed City"*

*May 1-3, 2023*

Media Department, The Bloomfield Library  
or the Humanities and Social Sciences

# The International Conference

## Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

# "Lament for a Destroyed City"

Bloomfield Library for the Humanities and Social Sciences

**9:00 –9:45 // Conference Opening // Greetings**

*Media Department, Room 32*

*Nissim Otmarzgin, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities*

*Gur Zak, Head of the Institute of Literatures*

*Noam Shoval, Director of European Forum at the Hebrew University*

*Alexander Kulik, Head of the Department of Russian and Slavic Studies*

*Osnat Levy, Director of the Bloomfield Library for Humanities and Social Sciences*

*Session 1 // Media Department, Room 32*

**Chair: Alexander Kulik**

**09:45 Dimitri Segal, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.** Lament and Beyond: Opening remarks

**10:15 Nili Samet, Bar Ilan University.** Theological models for dealing with evil in Sumerian and Hebrew city laments

**\* 10:45 – 11:15 // Coffee break**

*Session 2 // Media Department, Room 32*

**Chair: Nili Samet**

**11:15 Reuven Kiperwasser, Ariel University.** The First Jerusalem: How to rescue the City after its destruction

**11:45 Serge Ruzer, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.** Early Jewish and Christian perspectives on the destruction of Jerusalem: A tragedy or blessing in disguise?

**12:15 Alexander Kulik, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.** The Fall of Jerusalem in Early Apocalyptic Traditions

**12:45 Yoav Rinon, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel.** The Lament and its Mirror: Troy and Carthage in Virgil's *Aeneid*



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**13:15 – 14:00 Exhibition "La Grande Isola" by Andrei Beloborodov**

*Andrei Shishkin, University of Salerno,  
Director of the Viacheslav Ivanov Center, Rome, Italy*

**\*14:00 – 15:00 // Lunch**

*Session 3 // Media Department, Room 32*

**Chair: Sergei Nikolaev**

**15:00 Vladimir Petrukhin, Institute of Slavic Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia.** Kiev: the mother of Russian cities? (Киев – мать городов русских?)

**15:30 Volodymir Rychka, Institute of the History of Ukraine, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, Kiev, Ukraine.** Cultural symbolism in the stories of the sacked cities in Old Russian chronicles (Культурный символизм литературных сюжетов о разорении города в древнерусском летописании)

**16:00 Maria Pliukhanova, University of Perugia, Italy.** Laments for the fall of Tsargrad / Jerusalem and their role in Old Russian literature of the late 15<sup>th</sup> – early 16<sup>th</sup> centuries (Плачи о падении Царьграда – Иерусалима, их роль в русской словесности второй половины 15 – первой половины 16 вв.)

**\* 16:30 – 17:00 // Coffee break**

*Session 4 // Media Department*

**Chair: Maria Pliukhanova**

**17:00 Pavel Lukin, Institute of Russian History, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia.** Rise before fall: The rhetoric of grandeur in Novgorod and Tver in the 15<sup>th</sup> century (Взлёт перед падением. Риторика величия в Новгороде и Твери в XV в.)

**17:30 Alexander Bobrov, Institute of Russian Literature (Pushkin House), Russian Academy of Sciences, St. Petersburg, Russia.** Stories about the fall of Novgorod / Jerusalem (Повести о гибели Новгорода-Иерусалима)

**18:00 Sergei Nikolaev, Institute of Russian Literature (Pushkin House) Russian Academy of Sciences, St. Petersburg, Russia.** From Russian into Polish and back: The Vita of Mercurius of Smolensk in the history of the Smolensk battles of the 17th century (С русского на польский и обратно: житие Меркурия Смоленского в истории битв за Смоленск в XVII в.)

**\* 19:00 // Cocktail**

# The International Conference "Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 "Lament for a Destroyed City"

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Session 1// Media Department, Room 32

**Chair: Olga Belova**

**10:00** Svetlana Tolstaya, Institute of Slavic Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia. The Magic of Lamentation in Slavic Folklore Tradition (Магия оплакивания в славянской фольклорной традиции)

**10:30** Maria Zavyalova, Institute of Slavic Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia. Lithuanian legends about cities which sank into the earth: typological perspectives (Литовские легенды о провалившихся под землю городах в типологическом аспекте)

**11:00** Stefano Garzonio, Pisa University, Italy. Vasily Kapnist's "Vision of a Russian Weeping over Moscow on October 28, 1812" and the poetry of the Moscow fire ("Видение плачущего над Москвою россиянина 1812 года октября 28 дня" В.В. Капниста и поэзия о пожаре Москвы)

\* 11:30 – 12:00 // Coffee break

Session 2 // Media Department, Room 32

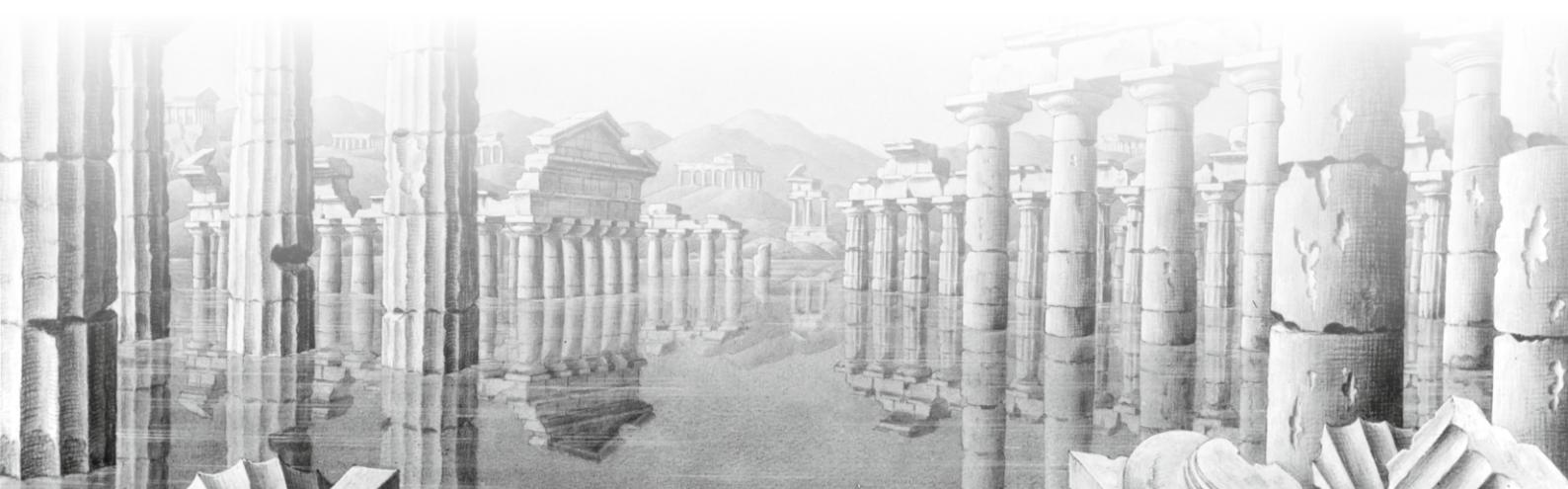
**Chair: Vadim Polonsky**

**12:00** Georgij Levinton, the European University at St. Petersburg, Russia. Cities in Mandelstam: Dead and Alive ("Thy Brother Petropol...") ("Твой брат Петрополь..." Города у Мандельштама: живые и мертвые).

**12:30** Roman Timenchik, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel. "The Red Turrets of Native Sodom..." by Anna Akhmatova («Красные башни родного Содома» Анны Ахматовой)

**13:00** Anna Klatis, Yad Vashem: World Holocaust Center, Jerusalem, Israel. Lost World: From the correspondence of the Pasternak family in the 1920s (Потерянный мир: из переписки семьи Б. Пастернака начала 1920-х годов)

\*13:30 – 14:30 // Lunch



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Session 3 // Media Department, Room 32

Chair: Roman Timenchik

14:30 Elena Takho-Godi, Lomonosov Moscow State University; Institute of World Literature, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia. "We Render the Troy of our Forefathers to Fire": On "The Roman Sonnets" by Viacheslav Ivanov ("Мы Трою предков пламени дарим": О "Римских сонетах" Вяч Иванова)

15:00 Nina Segal-Rudnik, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel. Rome Besieged, Resurrected and Eternal: "The Roman Diary" by Viacheslav Ivanov (Рим осажденный, возрожденный, вечный: "Римский дневник" Вяч. Иванова)

15:30 Evgeni Soshkin, Brīvā Universitāte, Riga, Latvia. Metaphors of Disaster: The city as a biblical non-city and the non-city as a biblical city in the literature of Russian Modernism (Метафоры бедствия: Город как библейский не-город и не-город как библейский город в литературе русского модернизма)

\* 16:00 – 16:30 // Coffee break

Session 4 // Media Department, Room 32

Chair: Nina Segal-Rudnik

16:30 Andrei Shishkin, University of Salerno, Director of the Viacheslav Ivanov Center, Rome, Italy. Andrei Beloborodov's Cycle of Paintings "La Grande Isola", 1939–1955 (Цикл А. Белобородова "Великий остров", 1939 – 1955)

17:00 Natalia Zlydneva, Institute of Slavic Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia. The Red House as Metaphor and Prediction in Soviet Art (Красный дом в советском искусстве как метафора и прогноз)

17:30 Igor Dukhan, Belarusian State University, Minsk, Belarus. Ruins, Monumentality and Geometry: On the meta-morphology of a reconstruction of the damaged city

\*19:00 // Dinner



# The International Conference

## Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

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Session 1 // Media Department, Room 32  
Chair: Andrei Shishkin

10:00 Vladimir Paperny, University of Haifa, Israel. The Lament for a Russian Kiev in Mikhail Bulgakov's "White Guard": Text and Context (Плач о гибели Русского Киева в тексте и контексте романа Булгакова "Белая гвардия")

10:30 Vadim Polonsky, Institute of World Literature, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia. "The Fall of Paris": Escatology, politics and Ilya Erenburg in a succession of cultural mirrors ("Падение Парижа": эсхатология, политика и Илья Эренбург в анфиладе культурных зеркал)

11:00 Ilya Platov, Institut national des langues et civilisations orientales (INALCO), Paris, France. Ivan Ilyin's "lament" for the destruction of Kiev ("Плач" Ивана Ильина о разрушении Киева)

\*11:30 – 12:00 // Coffee break

Session 2 // Media Department, Room 32  
Chair: Vladimir Petrukhin

12:00 Luba Jurgenson, Sorbonne University, Paris, France. Juli Margolin: Lament for Jewish Łódź (Юлий Марголин: плач о еврейской Лодзи)

12:30 Olga Belova, Institute of Slavic Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia. "Lament for the Shtetl": Wordless testimonies and modern-day stories about the past ("Плач о еврейском местечке": немые свидетельства и современные рассказы о прошлом)

13:00 Olga Levitan, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel. The collapse and reconstruction of the Jewish shtetl on the stage of the Jewish Avant-garde theater (Распад и реконструкция еврейского местечка на сцене еврейского авангардного театра)

13:30 Vladimir Khazan, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel. "That Odessa is no more": Sophia Pregel as the Bard of "the Dead Odessa" ("Она скончалась, эта Одесса...": София Прегель как певец "мертвой Одессы")

\*14:00 – 15:00 // Lunch



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**Chair: Elena Takho-Godi**

**15:00 Michael Weisskopf, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel.** "Worse is Better": The Russian dream of salvation ("Чем хуже, тем лучше": русская грэза о спасении)

**15:30 Helena Tolstoy, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel.** The "New Nil" and his material in "Vechernije Ogni" ("Evening Lights") newspaper, Petrograd, 1918 (Новый Нил и его материалы в газете "Вечерние огни" (Петроград, 1918))

**16:00 Svetlana Garziano, University of Lyon, France.** Lost cities in Vladimir Nabokov's autobiography "Other Shores" (1954) in the cultural context of the first Russian emigration (Образы утраченных городов в автобиографии Вл. Набокова «Другие берега» (1954) в свете культуры первой волны русской эмиграции)

**\*16:30 – 17:00 // Coffee break**

Session 4 // Media Department, Room 32

**Chair: Dimitri Segal**

**17:00 Leona Toker, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel.** City, Identity and Glassware in Mikhail Kuraev's "Captain Dikstein" (Город, идентичность и стеклотара в повести Михаила Кураева "Капитан Дикштейн")

**17:30 Marco Sabbatini, Pisa University, Italy.** After the Siege. Lament and Memory in Leningrad Underground Poetry (После блокады. Плач и память в ленинградской подпольной поэзии)

**18:00 Andrey Desnitsky, Vilnius University, Lithuania.** Lamenting Home: Poetry of Russian Relocation-2022 (Плач по дому: русская поэзия релокантов-2022)

**18:30 George Nivat, University of Geneva, Switzerland.** A Lost City in Vassil Stus' and Seamus Heaney's Poetry (О городе потерянном в поэзии Василя Стуса и Шеймаса Хини)

**19:00 Closing remarks**

