



THE GEORG ARNHOLD  
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GEORG ARNHOLD SYMPOSIUM ON EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE PEACE 2016

**Education and Conflicts in the Post-Soviet Space –  
Institutions, Narratives, Dominant Discourses and Historical Myths**

**Where:** At the Heinrich Böll Foundation in Berlin

**When:** July 5 to 6, 2016

*With English and Russian simultaneous translation.*

Following the conclusion of the war between Russia and Georgia in 2008, a second wave of territorial conflicts has since broken out in the post-Soviet space. Hopes that the list of conflicts unleashed during the fall of the Soviet Union would end with the events in the Caucasus and Moldova have proved misplaced. Answers to the question as to why such conflicts should break out more than two decades after the collapse of the USSR and as to why they often have broad public support are also to be found in modern nationalist ideologies, discourses and some educational narratives. Two subjects, “National History” and “Man and Society,” are of critical importance in the consolidation of nationalist or patriotic ideologies and their capacity to provide justification for new conflicts involving post-Soviet regimes is recognized by the highest-ranking politicians. Experts analyzing educational narratives, discourses, institutional practices and systems which control the curricula content of these subjects in the post-Soviet space will gather for the Arnhold Symposium 2016 to discuss the conflict potential of educational narratives and review the perspectives for change.

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**REGISTRATION**

Please send an email to Martina Schulze at [arnhold@gei.de](mailto:arnhold@gei.de) to register. Please note that numbers are limited and attendance is on a first-come, first-served basis.

## PROGRAM

Tuesday July 5, 2016

12.30 p.m. OFFICIAL REGISTRATION AND LUNCHEON

1.30 p.m. **WELCOME**

**Walter Kaufmann**, Head of the East and Southeast Europe  
Department, Heinrich Böll Foundation

**Sandra Mass**, Deputy Director, Georg Eckert Institute for International  
Textbook Research. Member of the Leibniz Association

**Sergey Rumyansev**, Georg Arnhold Visiting Research Professor 2015/16,  
Georg Eckert Institute for International Textbook Research

2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. **PANEL "HISTORIOGRAPHY AND CONFLICTS"**  
Chair: Sandra Mass, Deputy Director, Georg Eckert Institute (Braunschweig)

**Serhy Yekelchyk**, University of Victoria (Canada)  
*Rewriting the Fraternal Union, Remembering the Empire: The Rethinking of  
Ukrainian-Russian Relations in Ukrainian Historiography (1991–2016)*

**Evgeniy Chernyshev**, historian, political scientist and journalist (Berlin)  
*The Ambivalent "History of Western Russia": Teaching a Patriotic Spirit in  
the Kaliningrad Oblast*

**Viktor Voronkov**, Centre for Independent Social Research (St. Petersburg)  
*Teaching the Tatar Language in Tatarstan Schools: A Political Battlefield*

**Gasán Gusejnov**, Higher School of Economics (Moscow)  
*The Russian Language in Ukraine since the Collapse of the Soviet Union*

4.00 p.m. BREAK

6.30 p.m. EVENING PROGRAM

### **KEYNOTE ADDRESS AND PANEL DISCUSSION WITH Q & A SESSION**

Moderated by Walter Kaufmann, Head of the East and Southeast Europe  
Department, Heinrich Böll Foundation (Berlin)

**KEYNOTE: Victor A. Shnirelman**, Institute of Ethnology  
and Anthropology, Russian Academy of Sciences (Moscow)

*Routes of the Post-Soviet Historical Imagination: Between  
"Civilization" and the "National State"*

Tuesday July 5, 2016 (continued)

**PANEL DISCUSSION “EDUCATION AND CONFLICTS  
IN THE POST-SOVIET SPACE”**

Moderated by Walter Kaufmann, Head of the East and Southeast Europe  
Department, Heinrich Böll Foundation (Berlin)

**Gasan Gusejnov**, Higher School of Economics (Moscow)

**Oksana Karpenko**, Centre for Independent Social Research (St. Petersburg)

**Sergey Rumyansev**, Georg Arnhold Visiting Research Professor/ Centre for  
Independent Social Research (Berlin)

**Victor A. Shnirelman**, Russian Academy of Sciences (Moscow)

8.30 p.m. - 10 p.m. Georg Arnhold Symposium Reception

Wednesday July 6, 2016

9.15 a.m. Arrival of guests and registration (a light breakfast will be served)

9.45 a.m. **WELCOME**

10 a.m. - 12 p.m. **PANEL “HISTORY AND THE TEACHING OF PATRIOTISM”**  
Chair: Andreas Weiss, Postdoctoral Researcher, Georg Eckert  
Institute (Braunschweig)

**Ivan Kurilla**, European University at St. Petersburg  
*History as a Language of Politics in Contemporary Russia*

**Sergey Rumyansev**, South Caucasus Open School (Tbilisi) and Centre for  
Independent Social Research (Berlin)  
*Pride and Persuasion: The Heroic Myth of Sevastopol in Everyday Life and  
in Times of Conflict*

**Oksana Karpenko**, Centre for Independent Social Research (St. Petersburg)  
*“The Correct View of the Past Assures the Future”: Textbooks and their  
Role in Raising Russian Patriots*

**Tsypylma Darieva**, Friedrich Schiller University Jena  
*Planted Flags? Apricots and Arboreal Nationalism among Armenians*

12 p.m. - 1 p.m. **LUNCH**

Wednesday July 6, 2016 (continued)

1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

**PANEL “FICTION AND RELIGION”**

Chair: Oksana Karpenko, Centre for Independent Social Research (St. Petersburg)

**Maria Karapetyan**, Imagine Center for Conflict Transformation  
*Historicized Fiction in Literature Education in Armenia*

**Ilya Kukulín**, Higher School of Economics (Moscow)  
*The Rise and Wane of Ideas of External and Internal Transgression in Contemporary Russia’s Public Sphere*

**Oliver Reisner**, Ilia State University (Tbilisi)  
*Challenging Secularism in Georgian Schools: The Debate surrounding “Me and Society”, a New School Subject*

**Sevil Huseynova**, Humboldt-Universität (Berlin)  
*Public Religion in Modern Azerbaijan: The Nationalization of Islam and the Official Historical Narrative*

3 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.

**COFFEE BREAK**

4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

**PANEL “OLD AND NEW GENOCIDES IN POST-SOVIET COUNTRIES”**

Chair: Sergey Rumyansev, South Caucasus Open School (Tbilisi) and Centre for Independent Social Research (Berlin)

**Oksana Mikheieva**, Ukrainian Catholic University (Lviv)  
*“Around History”: Textbooks and the Communicative Component of Teaching*

**Vagif Abasov**, historian and teacher (Azerbaijan)  
*“Our Genocide”: Education and the Politics of History in Azerbaijan*

**Andrii Portnov**, Forum Transregionale Studien Berlin and Berlin-Brandenburg Ukrainian Initiative  
*The Holodomor 1932-33 in Post-Soviet Politics of Memory*

**Philip Gamaghelyan**, American University (Washington, DC)  
*Cynical Politics of Fluid Memory in Contemporary Armenian-Turkish Relations*

6 p.m.

**CLOSING REMARKS**

**Sergey Rumyansev**, Georg Arnhold Visiting Research Professor 2015/2016

6.30 p.m.

End of the Georg Arnhold Symposium

## ORGANIZERS

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