



## Siberia: Infrastructure and Environment

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**Address:**

Indiana University Europe Gateway  
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All sessions will take place in room *Treptow*, while coffee breaks and lunches will be served in the *Café*.

### Friday, October 5

15.00 - 15.15 **Welcome / Opening Remarks**

**Kathryn Graber, Tatiana Saburova, Russell Valentino** (all Indiana University)

15.15 - 16.15 **Panel 1           A dam, or not**

**Anatoly Ablazhey** (Novosibirsk State University and Russian Academy of Science, Siberian Branch, Russia), *Эвенкийская ГЭС: 20 лет спустя, или почему снова “нет”*

**Craig Campbell** (University of Texas, USA), *River life in the shadow of a dam*

16.15 - 16.30 **Coffee Break**

16.30 - 17.30 **Film                   “Oil Field” (26m) and accompanying paper**

**Ivan Golovnev** (Kunstkamera, Russia) and **Elena Golovneva** (Ural Federal University, Russia), *Нефть, олени и кино: традиционные этнокультурные сообщества современного российского Севера (на примере фильма “Месторождение”)*

18.15 **Dinner at Restaurant Doldenmädel**

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## Saturday, October 6

9.30 - 10.45 **Panel 2**      **Isolation**

**Kinga Nędza-Sikonowska** (Jagiellonian University, Poland), *Igarka – crossroads cut off from the world*

**Valeria Vasilyeva** (European University at St. Petersburg, Russia), *Этнография северной логистики: “дикие зимники” и неформальная экономика природопользования*

10:45-11:00 **Coffee Break**

11:00-12:45 **Panel 3**      **Construction and Reconstruction**

**Nicholas Breyfogle** (Ohio State University, USA), *Drowning the Sacred Sea: The Hydroelectric Flooding of the Angara River and Lake Baikal in the 1950s*

**Asya Karaseva** (European University at St. Petersburg, Russia), *The sensory landscape of socialist modernity and the failure of public utilities in the Russian Northern town*

**Michael Martin** (University of Michigan, USA), *Before “Proshchanie” - The Hydroelectric Dam and Social Transformation in Soviet Literature*

12:45-13.45 **Lunch (onsite)**

13.45-15.30 **Panel 4**      **Enchantment**

**Kathryn Graber** (Indiana University, USA), *Waves across the Glaciers: Connectivity and Anxiety in East Siberia’s Radiofication*

**Gertjan Plets** (Utrecht University, The Netherlands), *Promising infrastructure: the politics and sociality of an unbuilt pipeline in the Altai Republic*

**Nataliya Rodigina** (Novosibirsk State Pedagogical University and Tobolsk Integrated Scientific Station of Russian Academy of Science, Russia), *Оптика побега в детской литературе о Сибири 1960–1980-х гг.: природа и инфраструктура*

15:30-15:45 **Coffee Break**

15.45-17.00 **Panel 5**      **Mobility**

**Andreas Röhr** (European University Viadrina, Germany), *The local appropriation and reinterpretation of official Soviet policies during construction of the settlement Niya (Gruzinskaya) on the New Baykal-Amur mainline (BAM), 1975-81/82*

**Olga Povoroznyuk** (University of Vienna, Austria), *(Re)Constructing the Baikal-Amur Mainline: Materiality and Affect of (Post)Socialist Infrastructure*

**Dinner on your own**

## Sunday, October 7

9.00-10.45 **Panel 6**      **Landscapes**

**Tatiana Chudakova** (Tufts University, USA), *Labors of Contingency in Buryat Therapeutic Landscapes*

**Galina Lyubimova** (Russian Academy of Science, Siberian Branch, Novosibirsk, Russia), *История культурных ландшафтов сельских районов Южной Сибири в XX веке (случай бывшей Чингинской волости)*

**Russell Valentino** (Indiana University, USA), *“Our Spruce, Steller's Jay”*

10:45-11:00 **Coffee Break**

11:00-12:45 **Panel 7**      **Resources**

**Donatas Brandišauskas** (Vilnius University, Lithuania), *Contested land use and subsistence in Olekma river basin: natural reserve and indigenous village (Polar Records)*

**Veronika Simonova** (Arctic Center, European University at St. Petersburg, and St. Petersburg State University, Russia), *Deities, entrepreneurs, and the state: sacred economy of mineral resources in South Siberia*

**Anna Varfolomeeva** (CEU, Hungary and University of Copenhagen, Denmark), *Lines in the Siberian landscape: The influence of the Mondy-Orlik road on dwelling practices and human-resource relations*

12:45-14.00 **Closing Discussion** and Lunch

**Susan Crate** (George Mason University, USA)

**Tatiana Saburova** (Indiana University, USA and Higher School of Economics – Moscow, Russia)

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