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Aula Magna, Main building of the Sofia University

11:00 – 12:00 Official opening of the conference
Introduction: Dimitar Denkov, Alexander Kiossev, Christopher Britt, Satofumi Kawamura

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch

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13:00 Registration

Section 1 The Fate of Ideas and Metaphors: What happens to Enlightenment Ideology in the „Peripheries”?

13:30 – 14:00 Sarah Burton, Goldsmiths College
„Periphery” and the Dominant Symbolic: Challenging the Legitimacy of Western Knowledge

14:00 – 14:30 Ihor Andriichuk, National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy
Marginal Enlightenment: Critique of Non-European Reason

14:30 – 15:00 Edith Velázquez Hernández, University of Guanajuato
Beatitude, Bliss and Knowledge of God: the Spiritual Background of Enlightenment

15:00 – 15:30 Discussion

15:30 – 16:00 Break

16:00 – 16:30 Andrej Mitic, University of Nis
Space Oddity? Rethinking (anti)modernism in Southeastern Europe meso-regional context

16:30 – 17:00 Ireri Armenta Delgado, University of Guanajuato
Post-colonial Modernity: Teaching English in the Periphery

17:00 – 17:30 Macarena Marey, University of Buenos Aires
A Defence of the Kantian Enlightenment from a Peripheral Perspective (and Almost without Apology)

17:30 – 18.00 Discussion
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Section 2 Debates and Case studies

9:00 – 9:30 Satofumi Kawamura, The University of Tokyo Centre for Philosophy
*The Principle of Medium: Kyoto School and the Wartime Ideology of Overcoming Modernity*

9:30 – 10:00 Miglena Nikolchina, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”
*Discreet Charms of the Enlightenment: Voltaire’s Candid and Tzvetan Stoyanov’s Budi Budev*

10:00 – 10:30 Sana Sakihama, The University of Tokyo Centre for Philosophy
*Political Philosophy of Ifa Fuyu*

10:30 – 11:00 Discussion

11:00 – 11:30 Break

11:30 – 12:00 Saúl Ramírez Jiménez, University of Guanajuato
*Mexican Modernization Process*

12:00 – 12:30 Yutsul Ramírez, University of Guanajuato
*José Revueltas. The relevance of a critic to the enlightenment heritage in the Mexican revolution*

12:30 – 13:00 Gergana Petrova, University of Guanajuato
*From the Mexican Youth Athenaeum towards the age of new darkness*

13:00 – 13:30 Discussion

13:30 – 14:30 Lunch

Section 3 Enlightenment and the Asymmetries of the Imagined Geographies

14:30 – 15:00 Dimitar Denkov, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”
*Mapping the Enlightenment: Kant’s Geography*

15:00 – 15:30 Dessislava Lilova, independent scholar
*Europe and Russia in the Bulgarian Imagined Geographies: Mapping the Border*

15:30 – 16:00 Alexander Kiossev, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”
*A Personal Trajectory in a Geocultural Field: Life Path between Real and Imagined Cultural Spaces*

16:00 – 16:30 Discussion

Guided tour around the center of Sofia
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Section 4 Enlightenment and Popular Culture

9:00 – 9:30 Alina Novik, European University at St. Petersburg
*Enlightenment Entertainment: Optical Spectacles in 19th Century Russia and their Influence on Public Education*

9:30 – 10:00 Nataliya Mikhailova, European University at St. Petersburg
*Russian Printed Ephemera as a “Visual Encyclopedia” at the Turn Of the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries*

10:00 – 10:30 Yana Agafonova, European University at St. Petersburg
*The Concept of Enlightenment in Special Books for Peasants in Prerevolutionary Russian Society: Textual and Visual Aspects*

10:30 – 11:00 Discussion

11:00 – 11:30 Break

Section 5 Enlightenment in the Age of Destruction: a Quartet

11:30 – 12:00 Eduardo Subirats, New York University
*Prometheus’s Descent of Golgotha as Sisyphus*

12:00 – 12:30 Christopher Britt, George Washington University
*Providential Enlightenment*

12:30 – 13:00 Paul Fenn, Founder and president of Local Power In.
*Technical Enlightenment*

13:00 – 13:30 Discussion

13:30 – 14:30 Lunch

Section 6 Varia

14:30 – 15:00 Martin Ossikovski, University of National and World Economy, Sofia
*Freedom of Speech and its Dark Medieval ‘Prison’*

15:00 – 15:30 Ognyan Kovachev, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”
*Bridging the Peripheries: Literary Mystification and Identity Construction in the Scottish Songs of Ossian and the Bulgarian Veda Slovena*

15:30 – 16:00 Discussion

16:00 – 16:30 Break

16:30 – 17.00 Valeria Korablyova, Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv
*EuroMaidan as Ukraine’s “Acculturation to Modernity”: a Precedent or a Repetition?*

17:00 – 17:30 Rasa Pranskevičiūtė, Vytautas Magnus University & Lithuanian University of Health Sciences
*Environmental Communalism, Nature-based Spirituality and Utopia in the Post-Soviet Region: Sociocultural Alternatives of Anastasians*

17:30 – 18:00 Discussion