



**Russian Economic History Conference
May 16-18, 2019 - Nittany Lion Inn**

Thursday, May 16 - Arrival

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Welcome Reception – Ballroom D

Friday, May 17 – Assembly Room

8:00 am - 9:00 am Continental Breakfast

9:00 am - Opening Remarks

9:15 am - 10:15 am, Session 1 :

Paul Castaneda Dower (Wisconsin) –“The Value of a Statistical Life in a Dictatorship: Evidence from Stalin”
with Andrei Markevich and Shlomo Weber

Discussant: Will Pyle (Middlebury)

10:15 am – Break

10:45 am - 11:45 am, Session 2 :

Mark Harrison (Warwick) –“ Contracting for Counterintelligence: the KGB and Soviet Informers of the
1960s and 1970s.

Discussant: Richard Ericson (East Carolina)

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Lunch in Faculty Staff Club

1:15 pm - 2:15 pm, Session 3:

Natalya Naumenko (Brown) – “Long-run Consequences of the 1933 Soviet Famine.”

Discussant: Michael Alexeev (Indiana)

2:15 pm - Break

2:45 pm - 3:45 pm, Session 4:

Steven Nafziger (Williams) – “The Economics of Russian Serf Manumission, 1800 – 1860.”

Discussant: Barry W. Ickes (Penn State)

3:45 pm – Break

4:15 pm – 5:15 pm Session 5:

Timur Natkhov (Higher School of Economics) "Technology Adoption in Agrarian Societies: The Effect of the Volga Germans in Imperial Russia." with Natalia Vasilenok

Discussant: Ivan Sidorov (Penn State)

6:30 pm – Dinner

Saturday, May 18 – Assembly Room

8:00 am – 9:00 am Continental Breakfast

9:00 am – 10:00 am, Session 6

Evgeny Finkel (SAIS) – “Demography, Geography and Fighting in the Red Army, 1941-1945.”

Discussant: Andrei Markevich (NES)

10:00 am - Break

10:30 am - 11:30 am, Session 7

Marvin Suesse (Trinity College) - “Financing Late Industrialization: Evidence from the State Bank of Imperial Russia.”

Discussant: Ivan Korolev (Binghamton)

11:30 am – 12:30 pm Lunch in Assembly Room Lobby

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm, Session 8

Amanda Gregg (Middlebury) - “Modernization in Progress: Part-Year Operation, Capital Accumulation, and Labor Force Composition in Late Imperial Russia” with Tamar Matiashvili

Discussant: Barry W. Ickes (Penn State)

1:30 pm - Break

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm, Session 9

Scott Gehlbach (Wisconsin) - “Religious Polarization and Conflict: Evidence from Imperial Russia” with Paul Dower, Evgeny Finkel, Steven Nafziger and Dmitriy Kofanov

Discussant: Richard Ericson (East Carolina)