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**UNIVERSITÄT  
BERN**

Reception of Antiquities in Eastern Europe:  
**Institutions, Actors, Practices**

**2–4 July 2026**

International Conference | University of Bern



# Thursday, 2 July 2026

## Venue

University of Bern, Mittelstrasse 43, Room 124

08:30

*Welcome Coffee*

09:00 – 09:15

**Opening and Welcome**

**Prof. Dr. Stefan Rebenich** (Bern)

## Section I

**The Making of Antiquity in the Russian Silver Age: the “Slavic Renaissance” and Beyond**

Chair

**Dr. Denis Keier** (Bern)

09:15 – 10:10

**Prof. Dr. Natalia Gamalova** (Lyon)

A Reception of Greek Antiquity according to Tadeusz Zieliński.

10:00 – 10:45

**Prof. Dr. Anastasia de la Fortelle** (Lausanne)

Innokentii Annenski’s *Andromeda*

10:45 – 11:15

*Coffee Break*

11:15 – 12:00

**Prof. Dr. Michael Wachtel** (Princeton)

Vyacheslav Ivanov as a Mediator between Antiquity and Modernity

12:00 – 12:45

**Dr. Alexander Dmitriev** (Prague)

Red Antiquity: Re-fashioning the Past under the Banner of Revolution (Petrograd and Beyond)

12:45 – 14:45

*Lunch Break*

## Section II

### Antiquities in Twentieth-Century Eastern European Literary Classics: Implicit Representations and Explicit Conceptualizations

Chair	<b>Dr. Seraina Ruprecht</b> (Bern)
14:45 – 15:30	<b>Dr. Olga Budaragina</b> (St. Petersburg)  <i>Nikolai Gumilev's Iliad</i>
15:30 – 16:15	<b>Benjamin Balzer</b> (Heidelberg)  Reception of Antiquity in Boris Pasternak's <i>Doktor Zhivago</i>
16:15 – 16:45	<i>Coffee Break</i>
16:45 – 17:30	<b>Dr. Bogdana Paskaleva</b> (Sofia)  Bulgarian Avant-Garde Oedipus: The Case of Geo Milev
17:30 – 19:00	<b>Keynote-Lecture</b> <b>Prof. Dr. Jörg Schulte</b> (Köln)  Mykola Zerov, the Kyiv Neoclassicists, and the Humanist Foundation of European Neoclassicism
19:00	<i>Apéro Riche</i>

# Friday, 3 July 2026

## Venue

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## Section III

Classical Scholarship in Eastern Europe between the World Wars and under Communist Dictatorship: Its Transformation, Survival, and Development

Chair

**PD Dr. Iris Fleßenkämper** (Berlin)

09:30 – 10:15

**Prof. Dr. Madalina Dana** (Lyon)

On the Path of Romanian Epigraphists: the Birth of a Discipline and Its Evolution in the 20th Century

10:15 – 11:00

**Dr. Vichi Eugenia Ciocani** (Bucharest)

From Nicolae I. Herescu to Alexandru Graur: The Linguistic Turn in Romanian Classical Philology

11:00 – 11:30

*Coffee Break*

11:30 – 12:15

**Dr. Dimitrija Rašlijć** (Belgrade)

A Professor as a Bond across Time: Classics in Serbia during the Somber Times of the Twentieth Century

12:15 – 13:00

**Assoc. Prof., Dr. Oksana Ruchynska** (Fribourg)

Konstantin Grinevich as a Proponent of Classical Studies in Soviet Ukraine

13:00 – 14:30

*Lunch Break*

## Section IV

### The Study of Antiquity in Eastern Europe in the Twentieth Century: Ideological Influences and Political Contexts

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| Chair         | <b>Prof. Dr. Markus Hafner</b> (Zurich)   |
| 14:30 – 15:15 | <b>Dr. Tchavdar Marinov</b> (Sofia)<br><br>Transnational Contexts of a Nationalized Antiquity: the Bulgarian Case   |
| 15:15 – 16:00 | <b>Dr. Florian Matei-Popescu</b> (Bucharest)<br><br>Dacians and Romans in the Romanian Historiography after 1945  |
| 16:00 – 16:30 | <i>Coffee Break</i>   |
| 16:30 – 17:15 | <b>Dr. Vyacheslav Khrustalyov</b> (Saint Petersburg)<br><br>Slave Uprisings in the Ancient World in Soviet School and University Education in the 1930s–1950s |

# Saturday, 4 July 2026

## Venue

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## Section V

Official Classicism in the Russian Empire during the Great Reforms: Progress and Retrogradism

Chair **Prof. Dr. Stefan Rebenich** (Bern)

09:00 – 09:45 **Prof. Dr. Michael Pozdnev**  
(Saint Petersburg)

Pedagogy in the Service of the State:  
Causes of the Failure of Dmitrii Tol-  
stoy's "Classical System"

09:45 – 10:30 **Dr. Liia Ermakova** (Saint Petersburg)

Writing the Self in Latin: Pavel Arda-  
shev's "Commentariorum liber"

10:30 – 11:00 *Coffee Break*

11:30 – 12:15 **Dr. Alexei Belousov** (Moscow)

The Scholarly Dispute between  
Th. Zielinski and M. N. Krasheninnikov:  
The Boundaries of Permissible Criticism  
in Russian Academia at the Turn of the  
20th Century

12:15 – 13:45 *Lunch Break*

## Section VI

### Classical Antiquity in the North: Literary Reception in the Baltic States in the Twentieth Century

- Chair **Prof. Dr. Madalina Dana** (Lyon)
- 13:45 – 14:30 **Prof. Dr. Janika Päll** (Tartu)  
Translating Homer's *Iliad* and *Odyssey* in Estonia (1878-1963)
- 14:30 – 15:15 **Dr. Kadri Novikov** (Tartu)  
Mediating Classical Literature: Greek and Roman Names in Estonian Translations
- 15:15 – 16:00 **Arnoldas Kazimierėnas** (Vilnius)  
Ancient Texts in Soviet Lithuania: Translation Tendencies and Paratexts
- 16:00 – 16:30 *Coffee Break*
- 16:30 – 18:00 **Round Table**  
Interdisciplinary Studies on the Reception of Antiquities in Eastern Europe: International Perspectives on Cooperation  
  
Inputs from:  
**Dr. Denis Keier** (Bern)  
**Dr. Alexander Meienberger** (St. Gallen)  
**Prof. Dr. Janika Päll** (Tartu)  
**Dr. Dimitrija Rašlijć** (Belgrade)  
**Prof. Dr. Stefan Rebenich** (Bern)  
**Prof. Dr. Jörg Schulte** (Köln)

Guests are very welcome.

For organisational reasons, please register by  
**12 June 2026** at the latest:

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Access to the extended abstracts and the discussion forum will be granted to registered attendees. Further information will be provided shortly after the deadline.

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## Organisation

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