



Conference programme



World Congress on State Origins and Related Subjects

Wigry, Poland, September 7-13, 2014

Under the auspices of Professor Marek Bojarski, Rector of the University of Wrocław
and Professor Alojzy Nowak, Vice-Rector of the University of Warsaw

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PROGRAMME

Sunday 7 September

Arrival of participants

19:00 Informal opening of the congress
followed by a welcome dinner

Monday 8 September

8:00 Departure from Wigry to Suwałki

8:40 Welcome by **Jerzy Brzozowski**,
director of Suwałki Regional Museum

8:50 – 10:10 Guided tour of the museum

10:10 – 10:30 Coffee break

10:30 – 11:40 Scientific session on „The Yotvingians
– precursors of the state“;

Marcin Engel, Cezary Sobczak

1. Yotvingians – the historical and
archaeological outline.

2. The interdisciplinary research
of archaeological complex in Szurpity.
Discussion

11:50 Departure by bus to Puńsk

12:30 – 13:45 Lunch at Puńsk

14:00 – 15:00 Guided tour through the open-air
ethnographic museum at Puńsk

15:00 Departure to Szurpity

15:40 - 17:40 Tour of the Szurpity –
administrative-ceremonial-defense
centre of the Yotvingians

17:40 Return to Wigry

18:30 - 19:20 Free time at Wigry

19:20 Departure by bus to Suwałki

20:00 Suwałki – Festive dinner
offered by **Czesław Renkiewicz**,
the Lord Mayor of Suwałki

Tuesday 9 September

9:00-9:30 Official opening of the congress

SPEAKERS: Vice-Rector of the University
of Warsaw, Prof. **Alojzy Nowak**
Prof. **Mariusz Ziółkowski**
(Polish Chapter of The Explorers Club),
Prof. **Aleksander Posern-Zieliński**
(Committee of Ethnological Sciences
of the Polish Academy of Science),
Prof. **Petr Skalník** (International Union
of Anthropological and Ethnological
Sciences)

SESSION 1 *Chair: D. Blair Gibson*

9:30-10:00 **Anna Malewska-Szalygin**

The images of the nation-state
in highlanders' local discourses
in the beginning of 21st century.

10:00-10:30 **Alexey Shchavelov**

Knyaz Oleg's Rus' and konungr Harald
Fairhair's Norway: Typological
and historical analogies

10:30 Coffee and tea break

SESSION 2 *Chair: Andrzej Buko*

11:00-11:30 **Mariusz Filip**

The political organization of Mieszko I.
The notion of tribe in the research
on the origins of the state

11:30-12:00 **Oleg Łatyszczek
and Hienadzi Semianchuk**

Early state-building on the territory
of Belarus in the 9th – the beginnings
of 11th century

12:00-12:30 **Roman Michałowski**

Religious rigorism and the emergence
of Slavic state (Bohemia and Poland,
10th-11th c.)

12:30-14:00 Lunch

SESSION 3 *Chair: Francis Lankester*

14:00-14:30 **Janusz Czebreszuk**

(presented by **Mateusz Jaeger**)

The complicated beginnings.
To the oldest civilizations of Europe.

14:30-15:00 **Sergey V. Dobrolyubov**

The statehood formation in Rus
and Russia: Theoretical schema
and empirical data

15:00-15:30 **Evgeny Vdovchenkov**

Ekzopolitarian model of nomads
politogenesis: The case
of Don Sarmatians

15:30-16:00 Tea and coffee break

SESSION 4 *Chair: Nikolay Kradin*

16:00-16:30 **Elena A. Okladnikova**

Proto-state symbols
in the EPI-paleolithic Middle East

16:30-17:00 **Pierre Senécal**

Premises for the elaboration
of an early state matrix

17:00-18:00 Discussion

19:00 Dinner

Wednesday 10 September

SESSION 5 *Chair: Michał Tymowski*

9:00-9:30 **Marek Pawelczak**

Caravan routes and political
organization in the 19th century
East African interior

9:30-10:00 **Michał Leśniewski**

Commando system as backbone
of Griqua and Korana chiefdoms
and states in the late 18th
and the early 19th centuries

10:00-10:30 **Vladimir A. Popov**

The networking of "communities
on jamu" as a way of political
centralization process
in pre-colonial West Africa

10:30-11:00 Coffee and tea break

SESSION 6 *Chair: Pierre Senécal*

11:00-11:30 **Francis Lankester**

Egypt – from Upper Egyptian
rural petty polities to unitary state

11:30-12:00 **Dmitri M. Bondarenko**

State societies, non-state societies
and ideology of kinship

12:00-12:30 **Joanna Modrzejewska-Leśniewska**

Afghanistan – ordinary state,
failed state, or something else?

12:30-14:00 Lunch

SESSION 7 *Chair: Renée van Kessel-Hagesteijn*

14:00-14:30 **Mariusz Ziółkowski**

The huacas and the Cross:
the ideological basis of the neo-Inca
state of Vilcabamba

14:30-15:00 **Aleksander Posern-Zieliński**

Indigenous peoples, expanding state,
and the Middle ground theory.
The case of Mapuche socio-political
transformation during colonial times

15:00-15:30 Michał Tymowski

Boory and the formation of Early States

15:30-16:00 Tea and coffee break

SESSION 8 *Chair: Elena A. Okladnikova*

16:00-17:30 Discussion

19:00 Dinner

Thursday 11 September

SESSION 9 *Chair: Aleksander Posern-Zieliński*

9:00-9:30 **D. Blair Gibson**

Strong states, weak states
and chiefdom confederacies

9:30-10:00 **Nikolay Kradin**

Origins of the state in comparative
perspective

10:00-10:30 **Petr Skalník**

War as a decisive factor in state origins

10:30-11:00 Coffee and tea break

SESSION 10 *Chair: Mariusz Ziółkowski*

11:00-11:30 **Renée van Kessel-Hagesteijn**

Combining crossovers in studying
political dynamics – hopefully
benefitting Early State research

11:30-12:00 **Ludomir Lozny**

Sphere of authority as an analytical unit
to assess levels of political integration

12:00-12:30 **J. Daniel Rogers**

Trajectory and dynamics in a theory
of state formation

12:30-14:00 Lunch

SESSION 11 *Chair: Petr Skalník*

14:00-15:30 General discussion

15:30-16:00 Tea and coffee break

SESSION 12 *Chair: Ludomir Lozny*

16:00-17:30 COTA as a platform

for continuous coordinated research
on state origins Publications,
journal *Social Evolution and History*

Future meetings, networking

Closing of the academic programme

19:00 Dinner

Friday 12 September

7:00-18:00 Excursion to Trakai Castle and Kernave
(Lithuania) including lunch

10:00-17:30 For those who do not choose to be with
a trip to Lithuania was prepared a tour
(with lunch) in the area of Wigry.

19:00 Farewell dinner

Saturday 13 September

Departure after breakfast

