



Conference Announcement and Program

Denunciation – Creating a Culture of Fear

June 6-8, 2024, University of Tartu, Estonia

Keynote speakers: **Anita Krätzner-Ebert** and **Holger Mölder**

Denunciation—the act of accusing someone in front of state officials of divergent or delinquent behaviour—can have far-reaching effects on individual and societal levels. Throughout history and across regions, denunciation has caused the death of the denounced person and led to widespread distrust, fear and “dimensions of betrayal” (Krätzner-Ebert 2023) that undermine social cohesion. Influence activity can result in a culture of fear and panic in society. A culture of fear precipitates insecurity, instability and anxiety in social discourses and relationships caused by emotional reactions (Mölder 2011: 241).

The contributions to this conference investigate the reasons for denunciation and coping mechanisms. Aiming at providing a solid background for the analysis of denunciation, we selected papers that investigate the historical development of denunciation from its origins in the ancient world to modern times from an international and interdisciplinary perspective.

Conference Organizers: Vladimir Sazonov (University of Tartu), Alevtina Solovyeva (University of Tartu), Sonja John (Hessische Hochschule für öffentliches Management und Sicherheit), and Sebastian Fink (University of Innsbruck)

Thursday, 6 June 2024 Venue: *Lossi 25, University of Tartu Museum, White Hall*

09:30 – 10:00	Welcoming of participants and opening speeches (University of Tartu)
10:00 – 11:00	Keynote Lecture: Anita Krätzner-Ebert , Leopoldina, Germany <i>The files on political denunciation in the GDR. A critical analysis of the informative value of motivations for action</i> Chair: Alevtina Solovyeva
11:00 – 11:30	Tea and coffee break (provided on-site)
11:30 – 13:00	<p style="text-align: center;">Panel 1 – Denunciation from Stalin to Putin</p> Lilia Tsyganenko , Gerda Henkel Foundation Fellow, Germany <i>The shadow side of Soviet society: denunciations in the era of Stalinist repressions</i> Vladimir Sazonov , University of Tartu (Estonia) <i>Denunciation and the culture of fear in Putin's Russia. How KGB methods were re-introduced under Putin's regime</i> Iryna Subota , National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Ukraine <i>Response strategies of Russian propaganda to the reveal of war crimes of the Russian Federation in Ukraine</i> Chair: Sebastian Fink
13:00 – 14:15	Lunch break (self-funded)
14:15 – 15:45	<p style="text-align: center;">Panel 2 – Eastern Europe in the 20th Century</p> Somogyi László , Budapest City Archives, Hungary <i>Examining cases of denunciation of interned civilians detained in an administrative unit in Hungary during the First World War in the light of archival sources</i> Rade Ristanovic , Institute for Contemporary History, Serbia <i>An Enemy Ear May Be Near: Communist Resistance Movement and Denunciations During the Second World War: Belgrade Case Study</i> Cristina Spinei , University of Iasi, Romania <i>How Denunciations Translates into Dehumanisation: The Case of Romania in Herta Müller's Narratives</i> Chair: Vladimir Sazonov
15:45 – 16:15	Tea and coffee break (provided on-site)
16:15 – 17:45	<p style="text-align: center;">Panel 3 – Spain and Rwanda</p> Ekaterina Rybina : Denunciation in early modern Madrid Florian Graf : “Mujeres en peligro de caer” – Denunciations of deviant female behavior in Francoist Spain (1939-1975) Anne D. Peiter : Name lists, betrayal, genocide - On the Practice of Denunciation in the Tutsicide in Rwanda (1994) Chair: Sonja John
18:15	Reception and dinner (<i>Ülikooli 20, Tartu Ülikooli Kohvik</i>)

Friday, 7 June 2024 Venue: Lossi 3, room 328, University of Tartu

09:30	Day2
09:00 – 10:30	Keynote Lecture, Holger Mölder , Tallinn University of Technology, Estonia <i>Culture of fear and transformation of knowledge in the post-truth international security environment</i> Chair: Vladimir Sazonov
10:30 – 11:00	Tea and coffee break (provided on-site)
11:00 – 12:30	<p style="text-align: center;">Panel 4 – Ancient History</p> Florian Krüpe , Philipps-Universität Marburg, Germany <i>Undermining the democracy: Denunciation in Classical Athens and the role of the Sycophants</i> Zozan Tarhan , St. Kliment Ohridski University of Sofia, Bulgaria <i>Denouncing Oathbreakers: Assyrian Royal Curses and Punishment</i> Sebastian Fink , University of Innsbruck, Austria <i>Establishing Justice through Denunciation in Ancient Near Eastern Thought</i> Chair: Alevtina Solovyeva
12:30 – 13:45	Lunch break (self-funded)
13:45 – 15:15	<p style="text-align: center;">Panel 5 – Medieval Period I</p> Zoltán Brys, Katia Riccardo, Tomáš Hampejs, Kaarel Sikk and David Zbiral , Masaryk University, Czech Republic <i>Gender-based denunciations patterns in the apostolic movement in Italy around 1300: results from a Dynamic Network Actor Model on data from the Bologna inquisition register, 1291–1310</i> Märt Läänemets , Estonian Academy of Security Sciences, Estonia <i>Denouncing Confucius: Maoist China and Ancient Qin Empire</i> Endre Sashalmi , University of Pécs, Hungary <i>Denunciation and Political Crime in Muscovy 1613-1649: The Formative Decades of Terminology and Content</i> Chair: Sebastian Fink
15:15 – 15:45	Tea and coffee break (provided on-site)
15:45 – 17:315	<p style="text-align: center;">Panel 6 – Medieval Period II</p> Christine Gerwin , Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Germany <i>Common Informing as an Instrument of Government in Elizabethan and Jacobean England</i> Waseem Ahmed , University College London, UK <i>Denouncing for the state in revolutionary England, 1649-1660</i> Nina Opgen-Rhein , Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Germany <i>Common Informing: Coping with a Culture of Fear in Eighteenth-Century England</i> Chair: Sonja John
17:15	End of day 2

Saturday, 8 June 2024 Venue: Lossi 3, room 328, University of Tartu

09:00 – 10:30	<p style="text-align: center;">Panel 7 - Classical snitches and social media finks</p> <p>Paul Johann Kramer and Gabriele Vogt, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Germany <i>Denunciation and the Mitigation of the COVID-19 Pandemic in Japan</i></p> <p>Tuya Shagdar, National University of Mongolia, Mongolia <i>Denunciation in modern times: of classical snitches and social media finks (the case of Mongolian social media)</i></p> <p>Danila Rygovskiy, University of Tartu, Estonia <i>Denunciation and Othering as Ethnographic Knowledge about Russian Old Believers: A Case of Us Community</i></p> <p>Chair: Sebastian Fink</p>
10:30 – 10:45	Tea and coffee break (provided on-site)
10:45 – 11:45	<p style="text-align: center;">Panel 8 – Social bonds and prosecution</p> <p>Izabela Paszko, German Historical Institute in Warsaw, Poland <i>Denunciations and Social Bonds: an Example of the Polish Borderland under the German Occupation</i></p> <p>Vojtěch Kyncl, Czech Academy of Sciences, Czech Republic <i>Post-war prosecution of Denunciation on the example of Czechoslovakia and the Federal Republic of Germany</i></p> <p>Chair: Alevtina Solovyeva</p>
11:45 – 12:00	Tea and coffee break (provided on-site)
12:00 – 13:00	<p style="text-align: center;">Panel 9 – Legal implications</p> <p>André Bohn: Lawyer for criminal law, Germany <i>Denunciation within the German Criminal Law - An obsolete relic from the past?</i></p> <p>Sonja John, Hessische Hochschule für öffentliches Management und Sicherheit, Germany <i>Parliamentary Police Ombudsperson – The opportunity for complaints, whistleblowing and denunciation?</i></p> <p>Chair: Vladimir Sazonov</p>
13:00	End of conference (Excursion optional)