

## Colloquium: From the Gulag to Dissidence Program

**Dates :** 12-13 May 2026

**Location:** Institut d'études slaves, 9 rue Michelet, 75006 Paris

### **12 May 2026**

9:30                      Welcome

10:00-12:00            **Panel 1:    The Goulag and Dissidents**

Chair: **Natalia Kolyagina**

**Luba Jurgenson**, “Dialogues Between Texts: Biographies of Dissidents and Testimonies of Gulag Survivors”

**Atinati Mamatsashvili**, “The Gulag, human rights, and the tortured body among Georgian dissidents”

**Irina Sandomirskaja**, Discussant

12:00-13:00            *Lunch*

13:00-15:00            **Panel 2:    Dissidence and Cultural Identity**

Chair: **Benjamin Nathans**

**Eneken Laanes**, “Dissident selfhood and linguistic and cultural rights in late Soviet Estonian dissident texts”

**Radomyr Mokryk**, “Solidarity of the oppressed: The experience of Ukrainian dissidents in the Soviet camps”

**Stefani Hoffman**, “Differing paths of Jewish dissidence”

16:00-18:30            **Screening and Discussion:**

**“To the Success of Our Hopeless Cause”** with director **Nicolas Miletitch**

19:00-21:00 – *Dinner*

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10:00-12:40      **Panel 3:    What Makes a Dissident?**

Chair: **Luba Jurgenson**

**Antanas Terleckas**, ““I did not choose my path”: Why did Antanas Terleckas become a dissident?”

**Philipp Lekmanov**, “Sergei Khodorovich and the making of dissident visibility”

**Ann Komaromi**, “Leonid Pliushch: History’s Carnival and the Figure of the Dissident”

12:45-14:00                      *Lunch*

14:00-15:40      **Panel 4: Looking Back, Looking Beyond Soviet Dissidence**

Chair: **Ann Komaromi**

**Natalia Kolyagina**, “Gorbanevskaya's *Polden'* (*Noon*) and the traditions of Russian modernist literature”

**Olga Rosenblum**, “A shared movement in different directions: The Red Square demonstration between immediate motivations and retrospective meanings”

**Benjamin Nathans**, “Alexei Navalny’s Patriotism and Russia’s Soviet Past”

16:00-18:30                      **Screening and Discussion: Film “Madly in Dissent”**

with director **Ksenia Sakharnova**

19:00 - *Cocktail reception*