09:30 Reception, coffee

10:00 Welcome
Prof. Vinod Subramaniam, Rector magnificus Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
Prof. Gijsbert van den Brink, Chair Department Beliefs and Practices, Faculty of Theology
Dr. Katya Tolstaya, Director INaSEC

10:30 Keynote
Chair: Katya Tolstaya
Jürgen Moltmann (Tübingen):
Jewish and Christian Theology after Auschwitz

11:45 Break

12:15 Introduction: Reflections on the Project “Theology after Gulag”
Chair: Vera Shevzov (Northampton)
Alexander Agadjanian (Moscow):
Toward a theology of GULAG: major themes and ideas
Björn Krondorfer (Flagstaff):
Reflections on the project Theology after Gulag

13:00 Lunch

14:00 Panel: Confronting Absence and Silence in Memory
Chair: Alexei Bodrov (Moscow/Amsterdam)
Discussant: Alfons Brüning (Amsterdam/Nijmegen)
Cécile Vaissié (Rennes):
The KNAM Theater: Telling the Tragedies of the Soviet Past as an Assertion of Anyone’s Right to Live
Boris Belenkin (Moscow):
In the Absence of Memory: Church / Religion as an Empty (Unbiased) Space in the Life of Postwar Generations of Soviet People

15:15 Break
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15:30  Panel: Recognition, Responsibility and Accountability
Chair: Marat Shterin (London)
Discussant: Sonja Luehrmann (Burnaby/Vancouver)

Nanci Adler (Amsterdam):
Time and Crime without Punishment. "Tainted Biographies" of Gulag Survivor Interviewees: too Late for the Past to be Confronted?

Julia Landau (Weimar):
Coming to Terms with the Experience of Soviet Special Camps in Eastern Germany after World War II: Representation and Remembrance

Pumla Gobodo-Madikizela (Stellenbosch)
Traumatic Ruptures and Legacies of the Past: Disrupting the Discourse of Reconciliation

17:15  Break

17:30  Panel: Trauma, Testimony and Memory: Reflections and Challenges from Literature
Chair: Nanci Adler (Amsterdam)
Discussant: Felicitas Fischer von Weikersthal (Heidelberg)

Maike Schult (Paderborn/Marburg):
"Can you describe this?" Anna Akhmatova and the Concept of Trauma-witnessing

Andrea Gullotta (Glasgow):
The Challenges of an Exhausted Theme: Gulag Literature and the Memory of the Gulag

18:45  Plenary discussion
Moderator: Sergey Chapnin (Moscow)

19:30  Dinner Hermitage Amsterdam
09:30 Reception, coffee

10:00 Panel: Dystopia, Terror and the Transcendent
Chair: Elina Kahla (Helsinki)
Discussant: Andrea Gullotta (Glasgow)
Ilya Kukulin (Moscow):
Daniil Andreev’s Works as an Early Version of Poetic “Theology after GULAG.”
Dmitriy Melnikov (Astana):
Remembering as Transcending: Magical versus Reflective Historicism in Soviet/Russian Fiction

11:15 Break

11:30 Panel: Ultimate Questions: Dehumanization. Towards a post-Gulag Theology and Philosophy
Chair: Page Herrlinger (Brunswick)
Discussant: Pumla Gobodo-Madikizela (Stellenbosch)
Lissa Skitolsky (Selinsgrove):
The Dehumanization of Victim Groups: Epistemic Injustice and the Limits of Sensibility
Joyce Rondaij (Amsterdam):
Consider whether this is a Man: A Theological Reflection on Primo Levi’s Descriptions of Dehumanization in Auschwitz
Katya Tolstaya (Amsterdam):
Dehumanization and God’s Image

13:15 Lunch
14:15 Panel: Postmemory and Sacred History: Ritual and Meaning in a Post-Soviet Orthodox Key (II)
Chair: Stella Rock (Amsterdam/Brighton)
Discussant: Robert Orsi (Evanston/Chicago)

Yulia Balakshina (Moscow):
Eternalizing the Memory of Russia’s Tragedy in the 20th Century: Experience of the Transfiguration Brotherhood

Jeanne Kormina (St. Petersburg):
The Soviet Past in the Russian Religious Imagination of the Post-Truth Era:
Grassroots Initiatives in Commemoration of the Romanovs in Yekaterinburg

15:00 Break

15:15 Panel: Postmemory and Sacred History: Ritual and Meaning in a Post-Soviet Orthodox Key (III)

Zuzanna Bogumił (Warsaw):
The Generation of the Saints’ Offspring and Gulag Memory

Vera Shevzov (Northampton):
Post-Gulag Orthodox Liturgy in Post-Soviet Russia

16:30 Break

16:45 Plenary discussion
Moderator: Alexander Agadjanian (Moscow)

17:30 Drinks

18:15 Dinner Hermitage Amsterdam