

Call for Papers
**Researching the NKVD/KGB and the Opening of
Soviet Secret Police Archives in Ukraine, 2014-2024**

Prague, June 19-21, 2024

This international conference will showcase and evaluate the results of a decade of international scholarly research in the former Soviet state security archives in Ukraine. It will also consider the dilemmas and possibilities for the international scholarly community that are present in this time of war. Scholarly papers will discuss new insights into the history of the Soviet secret police and new findings on repression, violence, and forced labor. Topics may address (but are not limited to) perpetrator studies and the conceptualization of enemies; the history of information, surveillance, and informing; the institutional history of the secret police; methodologies of secret policing and the history of technology; and the secret police's broader impact on and interactions with politics, culture, and society. Two additional roundtable discussions are currently envisaged: an authors' discussion on the impact of new work on the secret police from the former KGB archives in Ukraine, new questions to be explored, and the state of the field; and discussion of scholarly cooperation in the digital age and wartime, with examples of projects launched and a consideration of public history.

The conference will result in the publication of a scholarly volume and/or journal special issue. Paper-givers will be provided hotel and, pending full funding of the conference, transportation costs to Prague.

Interested paper-givers and roundtable participants should submit a brief (no more than one-page) description of the proposed paper and a CV by **October 31, 2023** to Michael David-Fox at md672@georgetown.edu. Applicants will be notified in late 2023, and paper-givers should expect to produce a draft text of the paper by May 15, 2024.

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