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IDEOLOGIES, NETWORKS,  
DISCOURSES**

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## Thursday, June 16

5:00 pm **Welcome and Opening Session**  
Birgit Menzel, Anna Tessmann,  
Romina Kaltenbach

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5:30 pm **Opening Keynote Speech**  
**Anita Stasulane (Riga)**  
«A New Form of Spirituality:  
The Soviet New Age»

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6:30 pm Light Dinner

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7:30 pm **Documentary Screening**  
Evgenii Berg, 2020:  
«Stolbun's Sect»

## Friday, June 17

10:00 am **Anna Ozhiganova**  
«In Search for “Hidden Human  
Reserves”: Western New Agers  
Visiting Soviet “Esotericists”»

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10:50 am **Maria Engström (Uppsala)**  
«Late-Soviet Occulture: Evgenii  
Golovin and the Iuzhinskii Circle»

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11:40 am Coffee Break

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12:10 am **Karen Nikiforov (Kyiv)**  
«New Age Reception in Soviet  
Cinema of the 1970s–1980s»

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1:00 pm Lunch

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3:00 pm **Keynote Speech**  
**Alexey Golubev (Houston, Texas)**  
«Curiouser and Curiouser:  
Rationality and Paranormality  
in Late Socialism»

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4:30 pm Coffee Break

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5:00 pm **Round Table**  
«Esotericism in Late and Post-Soviet  
Russia in Global Perspective»  
Moderation: Anna Tessmann,  
Romina Kaltenbach  
Statements: Yulia Andreeva, Joseph  
Kellner, Birgit Menzel

## Saturday, June 18

10:00 am **Marina Alexandrova (Austin, Texas)**  
«Theosophical Currents in Russia in  
the 1990s: The Delfis' Case»

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10:50 am **Stanislav Panin (Houston, Texas)**  
«Soviet and Post-Soviet Ufology and  
Religion: The 1980s and 1990s»

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11:40 am Coffee Break

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12:10 am **Kaarina Aitamurto (Helsinki)**  
«The Emergence of Slavic Paganism  
in Ex-Socialist Space»

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1:00 pm Lunch

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3:00 pm **Round Table and Documentary  
Screening**  
«The New Age in Russia: Healing,  
ESP, and Alternative Medicine»  
Moderation: Anna Tessmann,  
Svetlana Tambovtseva  
Statements: Anna Ozhiganova,  
Anna Sandermoen (Zug, Switzerland)

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5:00 pm **Discussion**

## Sunday, June 19

10:00 am – 5:00 pm Excursion to Pfälzerwald with wine  
tasting

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