

The Richard Pipes Laboratory
of the Institute of Political Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences

invites participants to attend the international conference

**“The Role and Significance of Non-Russian Servicemen and Exiles
in the Russian Conquest of the Caucasus”,**

which will take place on 26-27 May 2022.

The aim of the conference is to organize a discussion and platform for presenting the results of research on the role played by servicemen and exiles of non-Russian origin in the Russian conquest of the Caucasus. In this context, we are mainly interested in the 19th century, though we are not closed to presentations that would also cover the 18th or 20th centuries.

Researchers are encouraged to address such issues as:

- The role of non-Russian soldiers in the conquest of the Caucasus;
- Exiles' attitudes to military service;
- Relations of soldiers with the local population;
- Desertions and joining local independence movements;
- Russification vis-a-vis preservation of national culture;
- The attitude of commanders towards exiles;
- Relations of Polish soldiers with Russian soldiers and commanders;
- The image of military service in diaries and memoirs;
- The image of Caucasians in diaries and memoirs;
- Exiles and soldiers of non-Russian origin in memoirs of Russian officers;
- Military men of non-Russian origin towards Russia's "civilizing mission";
- Perceptions of Islam and Christianity as practices of everyday life;
- Views on the political and economic potential of the Caucasus;
- Contemporary memory of exiles and soldiers conquering the Caucasus.

These are only suggestions. We do not close ourselves to any topics concerning non-Russian participants in the Russian conquest of the Caucasus. If you think there is an important issue that should be addressed, please send your idea to the organizers.

Please send conference submissions to lab.pipes@isppan.waw.pl by **1 February 2022**. A paper's eligibility for the conference will be decided by the Academic Committee by **15 February 2022**.

- The expected time for a paper's presentation is 15 minutes + 5-10 minutes for questions and discussion.
- **Venue:** Warsaw, Richard Pipes Laboratory, 2/4 Oleandrów St.; ZOOM platform - the decision on whether to come to Warsaw will depend on the epidemic situation and the decisions of individual speakers taken in consultation with the organizers, although the organizers prefer to hold the conference on site;
- **Conference languages:** the main language of the conference will be Russian, but the organizers permit the organization of an English-speaking panel, as well as a Polish-speaking one, if such interest is demonstrated by participants;

Special Guests:

- **Wiesław Caban** (Jan Kochanowski University in Kielce) - Бегства поляков из царской армии к кавказским народам в 30-50-е годы XIX век. Миф или реальность?
- **Vladimir Lapin** (European University at St. Petersburg) – Польские солдаты и офицеры на Кавказе в российских документах и русских воспоминаниях;
- **Oleg Matveev** (Kuban State University) - Из истории взаимопознания в Кавказской войне: феномен Боты Шамурзаева;
- **Alexandr Sielickij** (Kuban State University) - Поляки в Черноморских береговых укреплениях;
- **Patimat Takhnaeva** (Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences) – Перебежчики (дезертиры) в имамате по местным источникам: мифы и реальность;
- **Amiran Urushadze** (European University at Saint Petersburg) – Горец на русской службе в годы Кавказской войны: история и историческая память;

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