

## **Performance and Efficiency in the USSR: New Measurements and the Bergson Legacy**

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**Sunday, November 23**, Davis Center, 625 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA 02139  
(Tel.: 617-495-4485, 617-495-4037)

Session 1: *New Studies of Soviet "Working Arrangements": From Archival Studies*, 3:00 - 5:30 PM  
Davis Center, Room 3

**Chair:** Marshall I. Goldman (Wellesley College)

Andrei Markevich and Paul Gregory (Moscow University and University of Houston), "Soviet Planning: Theory vs. Practice"

A.K. Sokolov (Moscow), "Before Stalinism: Soviet Military Industry in the 1920s"

Leonid Borodkin and Simon Ertz (Moscow and Berlin), "The Labor Economics of the Soviet Gulag"

Eugenia Belova (Yale), "Contract Enforcement in the Soviet Command Economy"

**Commentator:** Yoshiko Herrera (Harvard University)

**Dinner**, Rangzen Restaurant, 24 Pearl St. (617-354-8881) 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Session 2: *Two New Views of the Soviet Economic System and its Performance*, 7:45 – 9:00 PM, Davis Center, Room 3

**Chair:** Robert Campbell (Indiana University)

Robert Allen (Oxford University), "From Farm to Factory: Rethinking Soviet Industrialization"  
Paul Gregory (University of Houston), "The Political Economy of Stalinism"

**Commentators:** Robert Campbell (Indiana University), Stefan Hedlund (Uppsala University), Martin Weitzman (Harvard University)

**Monday, November 24**, Davis Center

**Breakfast**, Davis Center, 8:00 – 8:45 AM

Session 3: *Soviet Growth: Did Bergson Get it Right?* 8:45 - 11:15 AM  
Davis Center, Room 3

**Chair:** Paul Gregory (University of Houston)

Valentin Kudrow (Moscow), Soviet Growth in Russian Perspective, The Bergson Legacy

Steven Rosefielde (University of North Carolina), "Tea Leaves & Productivity"

Irwin Collier (Free University Berlin), "Utility Based Measures of Welfare"

Elizabeth Brainerd (Williams College), "Reassessing the Standard of Living in the Soviet Union: An Analysis Using Archival and Anthropometric Data"

**Commentators:** Yasushi Toda (University of Florida), Gur Ofer (Hebrew University)

**Lunch**, Davis Center 11:30 -12:15 PM

Session 4: *The Political Economy of the Soviet System and its Collapse* 12:15 - 2:30 PM  
Davis Center, Room 3

**Chair:** Tim Colton (Harvard University)

Mark Harrison (University of Warwick), "Command and Collapse: the Fundamental Problem of Command in a Partially Centralized Economy"

Valery Lazarev (Yale), "Political Dynamics & Economic Development in the Soviet Union: The 1930's through 1991"

Mark Kramer (Davis Center, Harvard University), "Russia and the Disintegration of the Soviet Financial System"

**Commentators:** Marshall Goldman (Wellesley College), David Lane (Cambridge University), Carol Leonard (Oxford)

**Bergson Memorial Service**, Memorial Church, Harvard Yard 3:00 – 4:00 PM

**Reception:** Harvard Faculty Club, 20 Quincy St., with family, friends, conference participants

**Dinner**, Harvard Faculty Club, 20 Quincy St., 5:30 – 9:00 PM

Session 5: Short presentations on Abram Bergson and his Work, Harvard Faculty Club

**Chair:** Gregory Grossman (University of California, Berkeley)

John Hardt (Library of Congress)

Herbert Levine (University of Pennsylvania)

James Miller (George Washington University)

Barney Schwalberg (Brandeis University)

Padma Desai (Columbia University)