In Search of Empire: The 400th Anniversary of the House of Romanov  
February 14-16, 2013  
Co-sponsored by the Bakhmeteff Archive, the Harriman Institute, the Department of Slavic Languages at Columbia University, and the Institute of Modern Russia  
Room 203, Butler Library, Columbia University

February 14
5:00: Opening Remarks (Irina Reyfman, Columbia University)  
5:15: Keynote Speech (Richard Wortman, Columbia University)  
5:45: Opening Reception (RBML). A Brief Exhibition Tour hosted by Tanya Chebotarev, Curator of the Bakhmeteff Archive

February 15
9:00-10:30: Tercentennial Celebration of the Romanov Empire  
Nathaniel Knight (Seton Hall University), chair  
David McDonald (University of Wisconsin-Madison), “1913 and the Origins of Russia’s Great War”  
Vladimir Lapin (Moscow), “Military Jubilations in the Early XX Century as a Preamble to the Tercentenary of the House of Romanov”  
Marina Soroka (McGill University), “The Romanov Family as a Product of Mass Consumption”  
Richard Wortman (Columbia University), discussant

10:45-12:15: Lives for the Tsar; Protecting the Romanov Dynasty in Late Imperial Russia  
Vladimir Marinich (Howard Community College), chair  
Zinaida Pereugdova (Moscow), “How Russia’s Security Service Protected the Emperor on Foreign Soil”  
Jonathan Daly (University of Illinois at Chicago), “An Impossible Dream Becomes Reality: A.I. Spiridovich and the personal security of Nicholas II”  
Richard Robbins (University of New Mexico, Albuquerque), “Treason, Stupidity or Morality? Vladimir Dzhunkovsky’s Conception of State Security in the Light of His Biography”  
Henryk Baran (University at Albany), discussant

12:15 -2:15: Lunch

2:15-3:45: Romanovs and the Russian Orthodox Church  
Valentina Izmirlieva (Columbia University), chair  
Michael Flier (Harvard University), “Making Other Plans: Savior on the Blood in Word and Deed”  
Nadieszda Kizenko (University at Albany), “The Public and Private Role of Confession for the House of Romanov”  
Nikolaos Chrissidis (Southern Connecticut State University), “Faith, Politics and Power: The Romanovs and Pilgrimage to the Holy Land”  
Vera Shevzov (Smith College), discussant

4:00-6:00: Romanovs and Art: (1):  
Ronald Meyer, Chair (Columbia University)  
Robert Davis (Columbia University), “The Romanovs, their ’Books Beautiful’, and the NYPL”  
Ernest Zitser (Duke University), “Exposing the Arcana Imperii: NYPL’s Illustrated, Full-Frontal History of the Romanov Dynasty”  
Elizabeth Valkenier (Columbia University), “Alexander the Third and National Art”  
Hilde Hoogenboom (Arizona State University), “Catherine the Great and Princess Dashkova: Academy Dictionaries for an Empire”  
Cynthia Whittaker (Baruch College), discussant
February 16:

9:00-10:30: *Romanovs and the Jewish Question*

Oleg Budnitsky (Moscow), chair
Aleksandr Kamensky (Moscow), “Catherine II and the Jews”
Viktor Kelner (St. Petersburg), “Alexander II and Russian Jewry (Epoch of Reforms)”
Michael Stanislawski (Columbia University), discussant

10:45-12:15: *Romanovs and Art (2)*

Caryl Emerson (Princeton University), chair
Cathy Nepomnyashchy, Lynn Garafola (Columbia University): Dialogue between *Sacre du Printemps* and Empire”
Musya Glants (Davis Center/Harvard) “From the Jewish Pale to the Imperial Palace” (The Romanovs’ images by Mark Antokol’sky)”
Wendy Salmond (Chapman University) “Icons and Ancestors: The Cult of the 17th Century in the Fedorovsky Cathedral at Tsarskoe Selo”
Elizabeth Kendall (New School), discussant

12:15-2:15: Lunch

2:15-3:45: *Modern Challenges to Dynastic Empire: Post Reform Russia and Visions of Modern Heterogeneous Space*

Seymour Becker (Rutgers University), chair
Sergei Glebov (Amherst College), “Disentangling from the Monarchy: Siberian Regionalists’ Vision of Russia’s Political and Cultural Space”
Marina Mogil’ner (Ab Imperio, Kazan’), “‘The Poet and the Tsar’” Dilemma Revisited: Pushkin as the True Symbol of the Nation’s Body and Soul, 1880-1913”
Alexander Semyonov (Higher School of Economics, St. Petersburg), “‘Conservative’ and ‘Revolutionary’ Monarchy: Reflections on the Institutions of the Russian Monarchy in the Age of Mass Politics”
Ilya Gerasimov (Ab Imperio, Kazan’), “Without a Tsar in One’s Head’: Urban Plebian Society in Late Imperial Russia as a Non-Discursive Sphere”
Jane Burbank (NYU), discussant

4:00-6:00: *Romanovs in Exile*

Mark Schaffer (A La Vieille Russie), chair
Ulla Tillander-Godenhielm (Finland), “Jewels from Imperial Dowries–Where are They Today?”
Christel McCanless (Fabergé Research Site), “Fabergé in the Court of Siam”
Edward Kasinec (Columbia University), “Romanov Art under Armand’s Hammer”
Vladimir von Tsurikov (Foundation of Russian History), “New Discoveries of the Russian Imperial Materials in Exile”
Wendy Salmond (Chapman University) - discussant

6:00: Closing Reception (RBML)