

# Father Frost against Putin 2018 - program

There might be changes. Longer descriptions of some of the sessions can be found below the full schedule.

Saturday 6th of January

11:30 AM Brunch at Oranssi

12:00 PM — 1:20 PM

Tatiana Kulbakina: Solidarity in the present world. Modern Challenges and Trends.

Oleg Serebrennikov: The political situation in Belarus.

1:30 PM — 2:50 PM

Ekaterina Vanslova: Public investigation of torture.

Pavel Nikulin, Mikhail Shubin: The story of the Moloko Plus almanac.

3:00 PM — 4:20 PM

Vitali Servetnik: Pressures against the Russian environmental movement.

4:30 PM — 5:50 PM

Elena Shendera: The campaign to support Ali Feruz in Russia,

Andrei Ozharkovskiy: What is Rosatom and How to Stop It? - an interactive workshop.

6:00 PM — 6:30 PM Cleanup in Oranssi, moving to Kupoli.

6:30 PM Dinner at Kupoli

8:00 Gig at Kupoli: Zdrada Palki, Plastic Tones, Fate vs. Free Willy, Hyggelig

Sunday 7th of January

12:00 PM — 1:50 PM

Igor Martynenko: Spirituality and SOBR: repression against anarchists in Irkutsk, who offended religious individuals.

Presentation of the cooperative "Molotov"

2:00 PM — 4:00 PM

Vyacheslav Panasyuk: The situation with Chechnya's LGBT

Alexey Kuznetsov: National and colonial oppression in an empire: Russian realities

4:00 PM Lunch

4:30 PM End of the event, cleanup

### **Tatiana Kulbakina: Solidarity in the present world. Modern Challenges and Trends.**

Saturday 6 January: 12:00 PM — 1:20 PM

Talk/discussion on the difficulties and risks faced by activists in organizing solidarity campaigns. Why it is challenging to collect money for some campaigns, and sometimes impossible, capitalization of solidarity, a colonialist approach, etc. There will be a space as part of this for participants to share their own experiences and reflect on current developments.

### **Oleg Serebrennikov: The political situation in Belarus**

Saturday 6 January: 12:00 PM — 1:20 PM

Presentation on repression against anti-fascists and anarchists.

### **Ekaterina Vanslova: Public investigation of torture**

Saturday 6 January: 1:30 PM — 2:50 PM

Torture, inhuman and degrading treatment: general characteristic. Human rights organizations dealing with the problem of torture in Russia. Ill-treatment at detention on public assemblies: evidence issues.

### **Pavel Nikulin, Mikhail Shubin: The story about the moloko plus almanac.**

Saturday 6 January: 1:30 PM — 2:50 PM

What it's like to start a small independent publication online and offline in Russia. As part of the presentation, we will talk about the phenomenon of small media platforms and publications in Russia, tell about the finances of the publication, how it functions on a horizontal basis and about the goals. The almanac exists since 2 years, during which we produced two issues (the third is coming soon), participated in many book festivals, and earned some recognition.

We will talk about our:

- crowdfunding campaign
- agenda and cooperation with other media
- attracting new authors
- problems related to public activities in Russia

### **Vitali Servetnik: Pressure against the Russian environmental movement**

Saturday 6 January: 3PM — 4:20 PM

The influence of the “foreign agent” law on the Environmental NGO's in Russia. How are “environmental foreign agents” being stigmatised, fined and what has changed in their daily work. Environmental organisations are faced not only with direct pressure from authorities. Other actors are also taking part in this repression, such as state-sponsored mainstream media, big corporations and government controlled non-governmental organisations.

### **Elena Shendera: The Campaign to support Ali Feruz in Russia**

Saturday 6 January: 4:30 PM — 6:00 PM

The story of the campaign to support of Ali Feruz (real name Khudoberdi Nurmatov), that began on August 1st 2017. Ali Feruz is a journalist working for

Novaya Gazeta, openly gay, who was sentenced to deportation to Uzbekistan, where he can face the worst: prison and torture. Now Ali is in the SUVSIG (Special institution for the temporary detention of foreign citizens). On August 8th, the Moscow City Court suspended the deportation judgment given on August 1st and decided that in order to extradite him it would be necessary to complete the proceedings involving the journalist's complaint to the ECHR.

The main demand of the campaign is to release journalist Ali Feruz and to grant him asylum in Russia or allow him to leave to an EU country, that is ready to host him.

### **Andrei Ozharkovskiy: What is Rosatom and How to Stop It? - an interactive workshop**

Saturday 6 January: 4:30 PM — 6:00 PM

The Russian State Nuclear Corporation Rosatom is quite active both at home and worldwide - it promotes nuclear energy, builds reactors, provides nuclear fuel. Its activity creates numerous risks: environmental, economic, radiological, etc.

In 2014 Rosatom acquired 34% of the Finnish company, Fennovoima, and started trying to build a new reactor at the Hanhikivi Cape. Locals and activists started a protest campaign, there were rallies, protests camps at the site, etc.

(See more: English:

<http://bellona.org/news/nuclear-issues/2017-09-controversial-rosatom-reactor-build-in-finland-gets-delayed>

Russian: <http://bellona.ru/2016/05/11/fennovoima/>)

Rosatom has support from Russian political leadership, including Mr. Putin - but not from the people. We need to understand what Rosatom is and try to plan common activities to stop its dangerous plans.

**Igor Martynenko: Spirituality and SOBR: repression against Irkutsk anarchists, who offended religious individuals.**

Sunday 7 January: 12:00 PM — 1:50 PM

The story of how religion is used for political purposes, on the case of the criminal prosecution of several Irkutsk anarchists under Article 148.

(SOBR - Special Rapid Deployment Force)

**Presentation of the cooperative "Molotov"**

Sunday 7 January: 12:00 PM — 1:50 PM

Presentation of the cooperative "Molotov", [cafe.zapatista.ru](http://cafe.zapatista.ru), engaged in the distribution of Zapatista coffee from Chiapas. It is part of the network of European cooperatives RedProZapa, directly cooperating and supporting Zapatistas.

**Vyacheslav Panasyuk: The situation with Chechnya's LGBT**

Sunday 7 January: 2PM — 4PM

The work of the Polish immigration services in the LGBT refugee cases from Chechnya, with a focus on two specific cases.

Cooperation of European, Belarusian, Ukrainian intelligence agencies with Chechnyan authorities and the exchange of information.

**Alexey Kuznetsov: National and colonial oppression in an empire: Russian realities.**

Sunday 7 January: 2 PM — 4PM

1. Historical examples of colonization of peoples by the empire.
2. Modern neocolonization. Post-Soviet times.
3. The situation of migrants from neo-colonial and colonial dependent countries.