**DRAFT AGENDA**

The 21st Annual Northwest Regional Conference for Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies

Between East & West: Identity, Opportunity & Security in the Post-Communist World

Saturday, May 2, 2015

9:00 AM – 5:30 PM

Simpson Center, Communications Building (CMU)

University of Washington – Seattle, Washington

Hosted by:

The Ellison Center for Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. COFFEE AND REGISTRATION CHECK-IN

9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. SESSION 1

**Panel 1A – CMU 120**

**Russian Language Within and Beyond School Settings: How to Engage and Motivate Students**

*Final Seminar of the* [Russian Classroom](depts.washington.edu/rusclass/index.php) *Professional Development Course*

Chair: Michele Aoki, International Education Administrator, Seattle Public Schools

**Elizabeth Khamraeva**, Head of Department, Moscow State Pedagogical University (Moscow, Russia): *Cognitive Potential of Russian Language Course in Teaching Bilingual Children\**

**Olga Drozdova**, Head of Department, Moscow State Pedagogical University (Moscow, Russia): *Conference* Linguistics for Everybody *as a Range of Opportunities to Motivate Student Learning\**

**Svetlana Abramova**, Russian Language Instructor, UW: *Working with Heritage Learners. The Best Practices from Russian Summer Program* Russian in the Sky and Outer Space *at the University of Washington*

**Elena Sidorovich**, Director, School of Russian Language (Bothell, WA): *Reading as an Important Part of the Learning Process for Heritage Speakers*

\*Half of this panel will be presented in Russian.

**Panel 1B – CMU 202**

**Order and Violence in Eurasia**

Chair: Chris Jones, Associate Professor, Jackson School, UW

**Robert Bedeski**, Professor Emeritus, University of Victoria: *The “Big Bang” of Pax Mongolica: The Political Legacy of Genghis Khan – Empire, State or Mega-Tribe?*

**Sam Phillips**, Student, UW: *The Uzbekistani Model of the United Nations as a Way to Understand Uzbekistan's Relationship with International Organizations*

**Calvin Garner**, PhD Student, Department of Political Science, UW: *Subjects of Violence: Understanding Attacks on the Media in Russia*

**Panel 1C – CMU 218D**

**East and West in Literature and Politics**

Chair: José Alaniz, Associate Professor of Slavic Languages and Literatures, UW

**Alison Knight**, MA Student, Slavic Department, UW: *The English Usurper: Nabokov's Self-Translation As The Definitive Text*

**Ilse Cirtautas**, Professor Emerita, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, UW: *Elders in Uzbek Society and Literature: A Contribution to Uzbekistan's Year of Respect for the Elders 2015*

**Michael Brinley**, MA Student, REECAS, UW: *The Cult of Literature and the Collapse of the Soviet Union: Ideology and Art Among Gorbachev's Top Advisors*

11 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. BREAK/LUNCH

11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. (BROWNBAG) PLENARY SESSION

**Plenary – CMU 120**

**East-West Relations During and After the Ukraine Conflict**

Chair: Scott Radnitz, Associate Professor, Director of the Ellison Center, UW

**Christopher Jones**, Associate Professor, Jackson School, UW

**Volodymyr Lysenko**, Research Scientist and Lecturer at the Center for Information Assurance and Cybersecurity, UW

**Oleksandr Fisun**, Professor of Political Science, Kharkiv National University, Carnegie Fellow at UW

1:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. BREAK

1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m. SESSION 2

**Panel 2A – CMU 120**

**Conflict in Ukraine**

Chair: Volodymyr Lysenko, Research Scientist and Lecturer, Information School, UW

**Sarah McPhee**, MA Student, REECAS, UW: *The Competition for the Ukrainian Nuclear Fuel Cycle: Rosatom, Westinghouse, and Implications for Nuclear Energy in the Near Abroad*

**Alekcander Zhdanov**, MA Student, REEES, University of Oregon: *Ukrainian Donbass Territorial Crisis: Internal Civil War or Readjustment of Global Hegemony*

**Jennifer Carroll**, PhD Student, Anthropology Department, UW: *Image and Meaning: A Narrative of the Crisis in Ukraine*

**Panel 2B – CMU 202**

**Art and Architecture Shaping Post-Communist Identities**

Chair: Veronica Muskheli, PhD Student and Instructor, Slavic Department, UW

**Irina Barber**, Postdoc Researcher, Saint-Petersburg State University: *American Cinema in the USSR and Post-Communist Russia: Cultural Influence in Open and Closed Societies*

**José Alaniz**, Associate Professor, Slavic Department, UW: *Disability in Post-Soviet Russian Comics*

**Michael Seraphinoff**, Independent Scholar, Examiner for Macedonian Literature for the International Baccalaureate Organization: *The Macedonian Public Works Project Skopje 2014 in the Context of Post-Communist Eastern European Politics and Culture*

**Maria Taylor**, PhD Student, Architecture, University of Michigan: *Urban Greening and Beautification in 1950s Krasnoyarsk: Pragmatics and Principles*

**Panel 2C – CMU 218D**

**Ethnicity, Religion, and Security**

Chair: Robert Bedeski, Professor Emeritus, University of Victoria

**Una Bobinac**, MA Student, REECAS, UW: *Same Soil, Different Roots: The Use of Ethno-Specific Narratives in Croatia's Homeland War*

**Alexandra Dvoriantchikova**, MA, Independent Scholar, Florida International University: *Securitization of Islam in Uzbekistan: Islamic State and the Resurrection of the Masternarrative*

**Anastasiya Uzhva**, Student, Portland State University: *On the Origins of Divisions Plaguing Today's Ukraine*

3 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. BREAK

3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. SESSION 3

**Panel 3A – CMU 120**

**Religion and Identity in Soviet and Post-Soviet Europe and Central Asia**

Chair: Eric Johnson, PhD Student, History Department, UW

**Matthew Cotton**, PhD Student, History Department, UW: *Hellfire and Revolution: The Jews of Odessa and the Works of Isaac Babel*

**Anatoliy Klots**, PhD Student, Slavic Department, UW: *Depiction of Jewish Identity in Post-Soviet Media*

**Jennifer Webster**, Lecturer, History Department, UW: *Becoming a Baqshy: Indigenous Healers in Rural Kyrgyzstan*

**Panel 3B – CMU 202**

**Reflections on the Cold War, Warsaw Pact**

Chair: Oleksandr Fisun, Carnegie Fellow at UW

**Christopher Jones**, Associate Professor, Jackson School, UW: *Legacies of the Warsaw Pact*

**Gregory Sherman**, MA Student, History Department, San Francisco State University: *1918: Allied Intervention and the Origins of the Cold War*

**Benjamin Tromly**, Associate Professor, History Department, University of Puget Sound: *The Vlasov Movement During the Cold War: Constructing an Alternative War Narrative*

**Panel 3C – CMU 218D**

**Gender Identity and Women's Role in Society**

Chair: Mary Childs, Lecturer, Slavic Department, UW

**Veronica Muskheli**, PhD Student, Slavic Department, UW: *Gender and Genre: Formulaic Detective Stories Aimed at the Female Audience in Contemporary Russia*

**Jennifer Jarrett**, BA Student, Slavic Department, UW: *Use of Profanities in Discourse Between Russian Speakers: Status and Dominance in Svojness*

**Brian Jacoby-McCurdy,** BA Student, Slavic Department, UW: *Gender Expression in the Speech of Russian Drag Queens*

4:45 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. NETWORKING

***Join us for coffee and cookies in the Reading/Reception Room (CMU 206/202)***