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Northwest Regional Conference for
Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies



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IN AREA STUDIES
FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

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Portland State University

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Panel 3B (Room 328)

Reviving Dystopia: Cultural Resurgence in the Aftermath of Empire (Chair: Sandra Freels)

Indra Ekmanis, PhD Student, REECAS, UW

Dancing in the Face of Discourse: Combating Conflict Through Interethnic Civil Society

Anatoliy Klots, PhD Student, Slavic, UW

Dystopian nationalism: Ethnic Relations in Vladimir Sorokin's Day of the Oprichnik

Veronica Muskheli, PhD Student, Slavic, UW

The Current Folk Storytelling Revival in Slovenia

Panel 3C (Room 329)

Diaspora Language and Local Community: K-12 Immersion Programs and Heritage Dialects in the Pacific Northwest (Chair: Nila Friedberg)

Tamara B. Morris, Affiliated Faculty PSU and Courtesy Professor UO, and **Richard A. Morris**, Affiliated Faculty PSU and Courtesy Professor UO

Changes in the Russian Language and Culture of Old Believers Over the Half Century of Living in North America

Erin Weeks-Earp, PhD Student, Education, Columbia U. (plus students and parents)

K-12 Russian Immersion Roundtable: Seven Years, and Going Strong

4:45-5:45 Closing Reception

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Panel 2C (Room 329)

K–12 Russian Immersion Language Curriculum Framework (RILCF): Development and Implementation (Chair: Cinnamon Bancroft, Portland Public Schools)

Alexandra Kichatov, Woodburn School District
History of the RILCF Project

Natalia Gunther, Portland Public Schools
Structure of the RILCF

Olessia Bordioug, Portland Public Schools
Piloting RILCF in First Grade

Ekaterina Huelsman, Woodburn School District
Piloting RILCF in Fourth Grade

3:00–3:15 Break

3:15–4:45 Session 3

Panel 3A (Room 327)

A Century of Tangled Webs: Security, Diplomacy, and Espionage in the REECA Neighborhood (Chair: Martha Hickey)

Benjamin Tromly, Associate Professor, History, University of Puget Sound
Pragmatic Fanaticism: The NTS (Narodno-Trudovoi Soiuz), the CIA, and the Early Cold War

Rafeel Wasif, MA Student, South Asian Studies, UW
Impact on Central Asia of the US withdrawal from Afghanistan

George Wright, Associate Professor (Ret.), Economics, UW
Choosing Between the Neighbors: The Costs and Benefits for Kyrgyzstan of Joining the Eurasian Customs Union

**Smith Memorial Student Union Building
Portland State University
Saturday, April 26, 2014**

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

9:00–9:30 Registration

9:30–11:15 Session 1

Panel 1A (Room 327)

Soviet Blues: Improvisation and the Individual in Stalin's Time (Chair: Anna Alsufieva)

Matthew Cotton, PhD Student, History, UW

Tito's International Show Trial: The Stalinist Mentality behind the Soviet-Yugoslav Split

Katja Schatte, PhD Student, History, UW

Living "In Between": Wolfgang Leonhard's Coming of Age in the Soviet Union, 1935-1945

Sarah Zaides, PhD Student, History, UW

Arkady Raikin and the Politics of Jewish Theater: 1948-1987

Taylor Zajicek, MA Student, REECAS, UW, *Interwar Ankara and Turkish Modernization in the Soviet Imaginary*

Panel 1B (Room 328)

Liminal Spaces: Autonomy and Alignment of Person and Place in the Lands between East and West

(Chair: Alena Nekrasova)

Austin Crane, PhD Student, Geography, UW

Developing Borders in the Neighborhood: The role of Migration Management in Changing EU-Ukraine Relations

Julian Gantt, PhD Student, Anthropology, CUNY

Bolshevik Islam or Islamic Bolshevism?: Property, Religion, and Socialism in the South Caucasus

Abby Grewatz, MA Folklore, UO

Folk Art, Nationalism, and Identity in a Kyiv, Ukraine Souvenir Market

Christi Anne Hofland, MA Student, REECAS, UW

The Role of Creative Expression in Popular Mobilization: The Case of #Euromaidan

Panel 1C (Room 329)

Imaging the Text: Literary Creativity from the Eastern Bloc (Chair: Evgenia Wilkins)

Norma Comrada, Lecturer, REEES, UO

Karel Čapek: Author as Visual Artist

Nila Friedberg, Associate Professor of Russian, WLL, PSU

Iconic Stepladders: Boris Slutsky and Mayakovsky's Legacy

Martha Hickey, Professor of Russian, WLL, PSU

The Writer and the Work: Mikhail Kozakov's "Diary" and Affairs of the Writers Press (1928-31)

Grace Mahoney, BA, English Literature, Seattle U

Bodies for the Future: Innovation and Ideology in Tre-tiakov, Rodchenko, and Stepanova's Collaborative Work "Autoanimals"

11:15–11:45 Break

Participants are invited to use this time to obtain lunch at the farmer's market adjacent to the Smith Memorial Student Union Building, and then join us for the Plenary Session with their lunch.

11:45–1:00 Plenary Session (Brownbag Lunch)

Bridging Trends in Area Studies for the Next Generation (Chair: Marta Burnet)

Scott Radnitz, Director, Ellison Center for Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies, UW

Michael Bacon, Assistant Director of Dual Language Immersion, Portland Public Schools

Sandra Freels, Professor of Russian, Director, Russian Flagship Center, PSU

1:00–1:15 Break

1:15–3:00 Session 2

Panel 2A (Room 327)

Modern Russia: Challenges and Opportunities in Constructing Institutions (Chair: Taylor Zajicek)

Anna Klyueva, PhD Student, Russian/Journalism, UO

Formalization of Media Bribery in the Urals Federal District of Russia

Erin Weeks-Earp, PhD Student, Education, Columbia U.

Russian Pathways Into Teaching

Sarah McPhee, MA Student, REECAS, UW

Securing Sochi: The Challenges of Building Soft Power through a Potemkin Village

David Wishard, MA Student, REECAS and Public Policy, UW

The Frozen Commons: The Arctic Council and Land-Based Marine Pollution Regulation in the Russian North

Panel 2B (Room 328)

Things Fall Apart: Deconstructing Language and Identity in the Balkans

(Chair: Mathew Cotton)

Una Bobinac, MA Student, REECAS, UW

The Disintegration of Yugoslavia: An Analysis of Globalization Effects on Union and Disintegration of the SFRY

Matthew Boyd, PhD Student, Slavic, UW

A Really Great Tattoo: Lies, Mimicry, Hope, and Optimism in the Yugoslav New Wave

Almir Methadzovic, MA Student, REEES, UO

Language Politics and Segregated Education in Bosnia and Herzegovina