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The University of Washington, Seattle

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9:00 am Pacific Time (Seattle) = 12:00 pm East Coast (NYC) = 6:00 pm CEST (Berlin)

10:45 am Pacific Time (Seattle) = 1:45 pm East Coast (NYC) = 7:45 pm CEST (Berlin)

12:00 pm Pacific Time (Seattle) = 3:00 pm East Coast (NYC) = 9:00 pm CEST (Berlin)

12:30 pm Pacific Time (Seattle) = 3:30 pm East Coast (NYC) = 9:30 pm CEST (Berlin)

Tuesday, April 27

Pre-Conference Lecture: Dr. Elżbieta Korolczuk – Anti-Gender Politics and Rightwing Populism in Poland

Join us on Zoom: <https://washington.zoom.us/j/98363247102#success>

Time: 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Pacific Time

Wednesday, April 28

Panel W-1: Imagining Space, Place, and Representation in Russia and Eastern Europe

Channel A

Time: 9:00 am – 10:30 am Pacific Time

Panel Chair: Glennys Young

Panelists:

- **Jelena Culibrk**: Moulding and Mutilating: British representations of Tito's Yugoslavia, 1946-1961
- **Morgan Forde**: Knowledge as Power and Production: Theorizing the Peoples Friendship University of Russia as a Site of Black Placemaking and Liberation
- **Anya Free**: War on Display: Moscow, Kyiv, Minsk
- **Maria Taylor**: Making Urban Climates Change: Soviet City Planning of the Mikroklimat

Panel W-2A: Golden and Silver Ages of Russian Literature

Channel A

Time: 10:45 am – 12:15 pm Pacific Time

Panel Chair: Galya Diment

Panelists:

- **Margarita Delcheva:** The “Zero-Ending” and Negation as Destruction in the work of Daniil Kharms
- **Susana Fuentes:** Chekhov’s short stories and the contemporary world: gestures and silences
- **Alexey Kotelvas:** Portraiture as the Cultural practice in the Russian Silver Age
- **Svetlana Ostroverkhova:** The Representation of Female Holy Fools in Fyodor Dostoevsky’s novel ‘Demons’ and Alexander Solzhenitsyn’s ‘Matryona’s House’

Panel W-2B: Authoritarians, Opposition, and Opportunity in Eastern Europe and the Black Sea

Channel B

Time: 10:45 am – 12:15 pm Pacific Time

Panel Chair: Scott Radnitz

Panelists:

- **Gokten Dogangun:** Nationalism and Traditionalism as Means for Perpetuating Competitive Authoritarian Regimes in Russia and Turkey
- **Yelda Karadağ:** Re-Considering the Role of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization: Still an Active Player in the Black Sea Regionalization Process?
- **Samuel Kramer:** Surfing Democratization’s Fifth Wave
- **Mykola Polovyi:** Main features of contemporary pro-Russian propaganda in social networks in Ukraine

Panel W-3: Writers and Literature Across Borders in Eastern Europe

Channel A

Time: 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm Pacific Time

Panel Chair: Gordana Crnković

Panelists:

- **Michael Breger:** Metropolitan Greetings: Allen Ginsberg Behind the Iron Curtain
- **Nicole Burgund:** Before the sea I have no secrets: Nature, subject, and mood in the poetry of Vesna Parun
- **Marta Tomakhiv:** Ukrainian American Writers: Fiction, or Poetry?

Thursday, April 29

Panel Th-1: The Future of Nagorno-Karabakh: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Peacebuilding and Development in the South Caucasus

Channel A

Time: 9:00 am – 10:30 am Pacific Time

Participants:

- **Arman Grigoryan**, Associate Professor of International Relations, Lehigh University
- **Fariz Huseynov**, Professor of Finance and Faculty Fellow, Challey Institute for Global Innovation and Growth, North Dakota State University
- **Onnik James Krikorian**, Journalist, Photographer and Media Consultant
- **Emin Milli**, Founder, Restart Initiative

Moderator:

- **Jeanene Mitchell**, PhD, Visiting Scholar, Ellison Center, University of Washington

Panel Th-2: Faking War, Making Peace: The USSR and Eastern Europe

Channel A

Time: 10:45 am – 12:15 pm Pacific Time

Panel Chair: Jeanene Mitchell

Panelists:

- **Susan Baker**: Peace for Yugoslavia: Failures and Successes
- **Christopher Jones**: The Deceptions of Soviet Military Doctrine, 1961-1991

Keynote Speaker: Daniel Chirot - Revolutions: Past and Future Hopes and Tragedies

Channel A

Time: 12:30 pm Pacific Time

Friday, April 30

Panel F-1A: Feminist Anthropology of Old Europe: Celebrating the Centennial of Marija Gimbutas (1921-2021)

Channel A

Time: 9:00 am – 10:30 am Pacific Time

Panel Chair: Guntis Smidchens

Panelists:

- **Rasa Navickaite:** Goddess Archaeology: Marija Gimbutas, Feminism, and the Construction of Eastern European Heritage
- **Ernestine S. Elster:** Marija Gimbutas and "Old Europe"
- **Colin Renfrew:** Respondent
- **Zivile Gimbutas:** Respondent

Panel F-1B: Grappling with Troubled Historical Memories in Eastern Europe and Russia

Channel B

Time: 9:00 am – 10:30 am Pacific Time

Panel Chair: Ekaterina Klimenko

Panelists:

- **Nicholas Kulawiak:** Historical Debate and State Interests: Polish-Israeli Relations amid Poland's "Trench Warfare" over Holocaust History
- **Fran Leskovar:** 'Playing Hapsburg:' The Hapsburg Monarchy and The post-Yugoslav Croatian Society
- **Ben Tromly:** The Place of General Vlasov in post-1991 Memory Conflicts in Russia

Panel F-2A: Looking back at a Century of Baltic History and Politics

Channel A

Time: 10:45 am – 12:15 pm Pacific Time

Panel Chair: Guntis Smidchens

Panelists:

- **Eleanor Lopatto:** Observations on Baltic Social Resilience During the COVID-19 Infodemic
- **Ian Gwin:** Estonian Pessimism: Jaan Oks and Uku Masing
- **Aldis Purs:** On Monuments in Latvia, 1918-1940
- **Guntis Smidchens:** It's Okay to Dance Alone: Singing Alone During the Pandemic in the Baltic

Panel F-2B: Language and Ethnography in Central Asia

Channel B

Time: 10:45 am – 12:15 pm Pacific Time

Panel Chair: Talant Mawkanuli

Panelists:

- **Ali Mametramov:** The Limits of Using Google Translate with Uyghur
- **Joseph Wilson:** Discourses of Migration and Language Policy in East Kazakhstan - A Critical Conversation Analysis
- **Kenneth Yin:** On the Folk Narrative Tradition of the Dungans, the Sinophone Muslims of Central Asia

Plenary Speaker: Scott Montgomery - Russia as the World's Energy Superpower – How Long Will It Last?

Channel A

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