The 27th Annual Northwest Conference for Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies

April 27-30, 2021
The University of Washington, Seattle
ALL TIMES ARE IN PACIFIC TIME

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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 Polovy**: 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

Organizer and Moderator: Jeanene Mitchell, PhD, Visiting Scholar, Ellison Center, University of Washington

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
- Emin Milli, Founder, Restart Initiative

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

Keynote Speech: 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 Mametraimov: 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 Speech: Scott Montgomery - Russia as the World’s Energy Superpower – How Long Will It Last?

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