

REECAS NW 2015: DRAFT AGENDA (updated 4/27/2015)

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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](#) 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.

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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

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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*

Alekxander Zhdanov, MA Student, REECAS, 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 Dvorianchikova, MA, Independent Scholar, Florida International University: *Securitization of Islam in Uzbekistan: Islamic State and the Resurrection of the Master Narrative*

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

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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 Svoyness*

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)