

REECAS NW 2016: DRAFT AGENDA (10.0 updated 4/26/2016)

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The 22nd Annual Northwest Regional Conference for Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies

Breakdown or Breakout – Perils and Opportunities for Russia, Eastern Europe and Central Asia

Saturday, April 30, 2016

9:30 AM – 5:30 PM

Commencement Hall, University of Puget Sound

Presented by:

The Ellison Center for Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies, Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington

Hosted by:

University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, WA

9:30 a.m. – 10 a.m. COFFEE AND REGISTRATION CHECK-IN – **Commencement Hall 380 (NW Lounge)**

10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. SESSION 1

Panel 1A – Commencement Hall 366

Russians Abroad, Russians in Exile, and the Weight of Identity

Chair: **Philip Lyon**, Managing Director, Ellison Center

Matthew Miskulin, Graduate Student, University of Victoria: “Policy and Pragmatism: Repatriations from Postwar Austria”

Benjamin Tromly, Associate Professor, History Department, University of Puget Sound: “Exiles from the USSR, the CIA and the Dismantling of Russian Nationalism”

Ott Toomet, Visiting Scientist, Information School, University of Washington: “Migration and Ethnic Segregation: Russian Minority in Estonia”

Panel 1B – Commencement Hall 271

The Balkans, Russia and Lessons for the West

Chair: **Arna Elezovic**, PhD Candidate, Department of History, University of Washington

Alina Antonova, MA Student, REECAS, University of Washington, “Is Crimea Kosovo? Fundamental Misunderstandings and Failed Diplomacy Between Russia and the West in the Post-Cold War International System”

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Alexander Whan, MA Student, REECAS, University of Washington, "Reconciliation without Forgiveness: The EU in Promoting Postwar Cooperation in Serbia and Kosovo"

Stevan Bozanich, MA Student, History, University of Victoria, "Debunking the myth of Yugoslavia's 'ancient ethnic hatreds'"

Kevin Bassney, Independent Scholar, U.S. Army, "Shadow Democracy in the Balkans"

11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. - BREAK

11:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. LUNCH AND PLENARY SESSION

Plenary – Commencement Hall, Tahoma Room

Documentary Film Screening and Discussion: "Oleg's Choice" (Le Choix d'Oleg) – France | 2016 | 75 min | Directed by: Elena Volochine, James Keogh

Chair: **Carol J. Williams**, former Moscow correspondent for *The Los Angeles Times* and the Associated Press

Film description: Fighting in eastern Ukraine broke out in early 2014. Since that summer, thousands of young Russians, driven by television propaganda and a thirst for adventure, began to pour into the Donbas region of eastern Ukraine. Among these volunteers were Oleg and Max. Oleg became a battalion commander and Max remained an ordinary soldier. While they prepare to fight, they discuss their motivations and share their own perspective on the conflict. Then, on the night of June 3, 2015, a battle leaves their battalion shattered, and each of them is facing the consequences of their choices.

1:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. BREAK

1:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. SESSION 2

Panel 2A – Commencement Hall 366

Ethnography and Environmental Policy of Russia, Poland, and Central Asia

Chair: **Scott Radnitz**, Ellison Center Director, Associate Professor, Jackson School, University of Washington

Jennifer Utrata, Associate Professor, Sociology and Anthropology, University of Puget Sound, "Monitoring Men's Drinking, Managing Masculinity: Women's Invisible Labor and Russian Men's Health Crisis"

Kathleen Braden, Professor of Geography, Seattle Pacific University, "Illegal Game Hunting by Russian Elite"

Tiffany Grobelski, PhD Student, Geography Department, University of Washington, "The EU as a Mirror: Environmental Protection, Rule of Law, and Democracy in Poland"

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Danielle McDonough, MA Student, REECAS, University of Washington, "Uzbekistan's Response to CASA-1000: The Inefficiency of Self-sufficiency"

Panel 2B – Commencement Hall 271

Intricacies and Intrigue in Cold War Diplomacy

Chair: **Glennys Young**, Professor, History Department, University of Washington

Tom Koritschan, MA Student, REECAS, Stanford University, "Uranium on Trial: Mines and Minds in Czechoslovakia, 1945-1955"

Kirk Sharma, PhD Student, History, University of Washington, "Castromania in the USSR: Fidel Castro, Nikita Khrushchev, and the road to Soviet-American detente, 1963"

Christopher Jones, Associate Professor, Jackson School, University of Washington, "The Peace of Reykjavik: The Evolving Legacies of Mikhail Gorbachev and Ronald Reagan"

Panel 2C – Commencement Hall 272

Nation Building and Building Nation

Chair: **Benjamin Tromly**, Associate Professor, History Department, University of Puget Sound

Bradley Murg, Assistant Professor of Political Science, Seattle Pacific University, "Reconceptualizing the Putin Regime: A Comparative Perspective"

Mirkomil Sadikov, Faculty, Kadir Has University, "Revival and development of the national movement in the second half of XIXth and early XXth centuries: in the case of Latvia and Uzbekistan; a comparative analysis"

Michael Brinley, MA Student, REECAS, University of Washington, "Preserving Moscow for the Communist Future: The Role of Historic Landmarks in a Socialist Society, 1966-1974"

3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. BREAK

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. SESSION 3

Panel 3A – Commencement Hall 366

Slavic Identity, Social Values, and Leadership Through Works of Literature

Chair: **Bradley Murg**, Assistant Professor of Political Science, Seattle Pacific University

Michael Seraphinoff, Independent Scholar, International Baccalaureate Organization, "Macedonian literature in the formation of social values"

Arna Elezovic, PhD Candidate, Department of History, University of Washington, "Finding the 'True Slav' in Rebecca West's Black Lamb, Grey Falcon: A Journey Through Yugoslavia"

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Robert Bedeski, Professor Emeritus, University of Victoria and Affiliate Faculty, Jackson School, University of Washington, “Motivational Theory: Genghis Khan as Natural Man, Social Animal and Sovereign Ruler”

Panel 3B – Commencement Hall 271

Ethnic Minorities and Democratization in Post-Soviet States

Chair: **Ott Toomet**, Visiting Scientist, Information School, University of Washington

Stephanie Gentry, MA Student, REECAS, University of Washington, “Anti-Trafficking Policy Compliance with International Norms in Estonia and the Former Soviet Space”

Greta Starrett, MA Student, REECAS, University of Washington, “The Bumpy Road to Democracy: Success and Failure in the Integration of Ethnic Armenians in the Republic of Georgia”

Dilyara Maganya, MBA Student, School of Business and Economics, Seattle Pacific University, “The Razov Family: Post-Soviet Lived Experience Through the U.S. Immigration Apparatus”

5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. RECEPTION AND NETWORKING

Join us for refreshments in the Commencement Hall 380 (NW Lounge)

6 p.m. – Shuttle Bus back to UW departs from N. 13th St. and N. Lawrence St. (P11)