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Between East & West

Identity, Opportunity & Security in the
Post-Communist World

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University of Washington, Seattle



CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

REECAS NW 2015 will be held in the Communications Building (CMU), at the University of Washington

Coffee and Registration/Check-in	9:00 a.m. — 9:30 a.m.
Session 1	9:30 a.m. — 11:00 a.m.
BREAK/LUNCH	11:00 a.m. — 11:45 a.m.
Plenary Session (Brownbag)	11:45 a.m. — 1:15 p.m.
East-West Relations During and After the Ukraine Conflict	
BREAK	1:15 p.m. — 1:30 p.m.
Session 2	1:30 p.m. — 3:00 p.m.
BREAK	3:00 p.m. — 3:15 p.m.
Session 3	3:15 p.m. — 4:45 p.m.

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3:15 — 4:45

SESSION THREE

PANEL 3B

CMU 202

Reflections on the Cold War and 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 218B

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 Svojness*

Brian Jacoby-McCurdy, BA Student, Slavic Department, UW: *Gender Expression in the Speech of Russian Drag Queens*

4:45 — 5:30

RECEPTION

NETWORKING

CMU 206/202

Join us for refreshments and conversation.

1:30 — 3:00

SESSION TWO

PANEL 2C

CMU 218D

Ethnicity, Religion, and SecurityChair: **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 Masternarrative*

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

SESSION BREAK

3:15 — 4:45

SESSION THREE

PANEL 3A

CMU 120

Religion and Identity in Soviet and Post-Soviet Europe and Central AsiaChair: **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*

9:30 — 11:00

SESSION ONE

PANEL 1A

CMU 120

Russian Language Within and Beyond School Settings: How to Engage and Motivate StudentsChair: **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; this is the final seminar of the Russian Classroom professional development course.*

PANEL 1B

CMU 202

Order and Violence in EurasiaChair: **Chris Jones**, Associate Professor, Jackson School, UW

Robert Bedeski, Professor Emeritus, University of Victoria: *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*

9:30 — 11:00

SESSION ONE

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*

SESSION BREAK/LUNCH

11:45 — 1:15

PLENARY SESSION

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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

This is a brown-bag plenary session. The audience is welcome to bring a lunch to the panel.

1:30 — 3:00

SESSION TWO

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*