

2015 Annual Soyuz Symposium
Saturday Feb 28 – Sunday Mar 1
The Ellison Center, JSIS
University of Washington. Seattle, WA



SATURDAY FEBRUARY 28

9:00-10:00am –Light breakfast, coffee, registration.

10:00-10:15am – Welcome from the Ellison Center (Jennifer Carroll)

10:15-11:45am – Panel 1: Ukraine’s EuroMaidan Revolution

"Law, Authority, Emotion: An Analysis of the Maidan through Legal Acts"
Monica Eppinger

"An Ethnographic Study of Social Media Use During the Maidan"
Katerena Kuksenok

"Consumer Citizenship in Ukraine after EuroMaidan"
Tetyana Bulakh

Discussant: Laada Bilaniuk

Chair: Christi Ann Hoffland

11:45-1:00pm – Lunch Break

1:00-2:30pm – Panel 2: Curating the Past: Historical Narratives Artfully Presented

"From Footnote to Hero: The Reframing of Siberian Oil & Gas Exploration in the Tyumen Oblast"
Charles Braithwaite

"'Useable Pasts': Tradition, Nostalgia, and Intervention in Siberian Cultural Revitalization."
Emma Patten

"Tomáš Kučerovský and the Gothic in Czech History Comics"
Jose Alaniz

Discussant: Christoph Giebel

Chair: Anna Schwenk

3:15-4:30pm – Panel 3: Popular Media and Social Change

"Nation-building processes of the Buryats, Kalmyks and Tuvans of Russia. A Comparative Analysis"
Marina Romanova

"Introducing a New World: Journalistic Practices and Social Change in Belarus in the 1990s"
Natalia Koulinka

"A Rendezvous with a Nation: How Television Seduces the Russian Voter and Depoliticizes Public Conversation."
Natalia Kovalyova

Discussant: Jose Alaniz

Chair: Michael Brinley

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5:30pm – Doors open for the evening Treadgold Lecture; welcoming hour begins.

6:00pm – Keynote Speaker: Bruce Grant (Department of Anthropology, New York University)
“The Donkey Wars: Satire, Place, and Political Imagination in the Caucasus.”

Presented by the Treadgold Fund and Annual Lecture Series.

Hosted reception to follow.

SUNDAY MARCH 1

9:00-10:15am – Panel 4: Forging State Sovereignty and Society

"The Uzbek Model: Explaining the Resilience and Political Stability of Karimov's Autocratic Regime"
Aleksy Asiryan

"Separatism as Political Technology: Genocide and the Myth of Self-Determination"
Michael Bobick

"Ukraine's Struggle for Sovereignty: The Clash of Civil and 'Uncivil' Societies"
Orysia Kulick

Discussant: Monica Eppinger

Chair: Christi Ann Hoffland

10:30-11:45am – Panel 5: The Body Social: Discourses of Humanity and the Human Form

"Dangerously Empowered by Iron: Underground Gyms, Bodies as Weapons, and Bodybuilding as a Source of Threat and Opportunity in the Late USSR (1961-1991)"
Alexey Golubev

"Kakaia Vlast', Takie i Dorogi: disability and territories of in/access in contemporary Russia"
Cassandra Hartblay

"Sinful Pasts: Abortion Activism and the Post-Soviet (In)Ability to Mourn"
Sonja Luehrmann

Discussant: Maryna Bazylevych

Chair: Anna Schwenk

11:45-12:45pm – Lunch

12:45-2:00pm – Panel 6: Historical Narrative and Resistance: Negotiating the Present by Mobilizing the Past

"Historical Speculation in a Period of Socialist Transition: The Promotion of 'Tin Culture' in Gejiu, Yunnan Province"
Lara Kuznetzky

"'I'd like to buy a small train and rent it': Restoration of Capitalism and Memories of Socialism among the Railway Workers in Serbia"
Ognjen Kojanic

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"Mobilizing Past Citizenships: Contested Belonging among Older Sakhalin Koreans"
Sung Sook Lim

Discussant: Charles Braithwaite

Chair: Eriks Bredovskis