

REECAS NW 2018: DRAFT AGENDA (updated 4/16/2018)

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The 24th Annual Northwest Regional Conference for Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies

April 28, 2018

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

(reception to follow)

The Simpson Center for the Humanities
Communications Building (CMU), University of Washington

Presented by:

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

SCHEDULE

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. COFFEE AND REGISTRATION CHECK-IN – CMU 204

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. SESSION 1

11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. BREAK

11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. PLENARY SESSION – CMU 120

12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. LUNCH – CMU 204

1:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. SESSION 2

3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. BREAK

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. SESSION 3

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. RECEPTION/NETWORKING - CMU 204

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DETAILED SCHEDULE AND PANEL INFORMATION

9:00 a.m.– 9:30 a.m. COFFEE AND REGISTRATION CHECK-IN – CMU 204

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Panel 1A: Conflict and Transformation in Tsarist Russia's Final Century - CMU 202

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

Elena Campbell, Associate Professor, History, University of Washington

“Country of Eternal Ice” or “Land of the Future”? The Problem of “Revitalization” of the Russian North in the Second Half of the 19th - early 20th Centuries

Michael Brinley, PhD Student, University of Pennsylvania

“Populist History and Popular Legend: The Kuz'mich-Alexander Story and Russian Historical Science, 1881-1917”

Rebecca Hastings, PhD Student, University of Oregon

“Understanding the 1905 Violence in Baku: A New Assessment”

Paul Werth, Professor, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

“A Problem with Khiva: Russian Captives and Chastisement of the Khanate in the 1830s”

Panel 1B: New Approaches to Russian Language and Culture – CMU 218D

Chair: **Nathan Marks**, PhD Student, University of Washington

Matthew Ellett, PhD Student, University of Washington

The Russia-Ukraine Conflict and New, Euromaidan-related Russian Vocabulary

Nathan Marks, PhD Student, University of Washington

“‘That’s not standard Russian’: A study of language attitudes of heritage Russian speakers”

Liudmila Listrovaya, PhD Student, University of Oregon

BriFT: An Alternative Approach to Studying Social Exchange Practices in Russian

Jesse O’Dell, PhD Student, University of California, Los Angeles

“Stagnant Stereotypes: Roadside Picnic and the Dissident Intelligentsia”

11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. – BREAK

11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. PLenary SESSION

Plenary Panel: The End of the Bromance? A Serious Discussion on US-Russia Relations in Times of Tension – CMU 120

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

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Benjamin Tromly, Associate Professor, University of Puget Sound

Yoonhee Kang, Professor, Kookmin University, Korea; Visiting Professor, University of Washington

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12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. LUNCH

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Panel 2A: Fake News and Real Nukes – CMU 226

Chair: **Christopher Jones**, Associate Professor, University of Washington

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“From Nuclear Maskirovka to New Thinking Information War, Soviet Military Doctrine and Nuclear Arms Control: The Deceptions of Soviet Nuclear Policy, 1961/62 to 1986/87”

Matthew Newton, MA Student, University of Washington

Political-Information Warfare in Russia

Jared Rowe, MA Student, University of Washington

Future of the INF Treaty

Fatih Jon Thompson, MA Student, University of Washington

“The Rise of Rosatom & The Revival of the Russian Nuclear Energy Industry”

Panel 2B: Social Media & Online Representation for Sexual Minorities and Gender in Eurasia – CMU 218D

Chair: **José Alaniz**, Associate Professor, University of Washington

Abigail Mayhugh, MA Student, University of Washington

“Is Visibility Worth it?: LGBTQ Projects of Belonging in Kazakhstan”

José Alaniz, Associate Professor, University of Washington

“TranSiberia and Queer Comics in Russia”

Dana Donohoe, MA Student, University of Washington

“Gelins Go Online: Understanding How New Mothers in Azerbaijan Overcome Isolation and Seek Social Support on Facebook”

Panel 2C: Democracies and the Undemocratic: International and Internal Relations in Russia – CMU 202

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

Nicole Jackson, Associate Professor, Simon Fraser University

“NATO and Canada’s Responses to Russia since the Crimea Annexation of 2014”

Calvin Garner, PhD Student, University of Washington

“Electoral Institutions in Authoritarian Russia: Theory and Evidence”

Seonhee Kim, PhD Student, University of Washington

The Shape and Causes of Government Repression of Civil Society in Russia

Malkhaz Saldadze, MA Student, University of Washington

Russia and the Europeanization of its Neighbors: How Should the EU Approach Moldova, Ukraine, Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan?

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Panel 3A: Outside Pressures on the USSR in the Cold War - CMU 202

Chair: **Paul Werth**, Professor, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Scott Montgomery, Lecturer, University of Washington

Falling Oil Prices and the Collapse of the USSR

Glennys Young, Professor, University of Washington

"Spain, the USSR, and the Early Cold War: The 'Isolation Paradigm' Revisited."

Benjamin Tromly, Associate Professor, University of Puget Sound

"A Messy Divorce: Russian Émigrés, Radio Liberation, and the American Committee for Liberation from Bolshevism in the 1950s"

Panel 3B: Identity and Nationalism in Post-Communist Eastern Europe – CMU 218D

Chair: **Kevin Aslett**, PhD Student, University of Washington

Murad Jalilov, MA Student, University of Oregon

"Deconstructing Post-Soviet Nationalism in Azerbaijan through Folklore"

Viktorija Benaityte, MA Student, University of Washington

"Dusting-off" traditional values. The rise of nationalist and populist voices in the Lithuanian political discourse"

Eugene Lemcio, Professor Emeritus, Seattle Pacific University

"Religious Orientation and Public Policy in Modern Ukraine"

Michael Seraphinoff, PhD Slavic Studies, International Baccalaureate Organization

Today's Macedonian Name Dispute and the Macedonian Question

Mirko Savkovic, MA Student, University of Glasgow, Dublin City University, & Charles University Prague

Kantakuzina Katarina Branković Serbian Orthodox Secondary School in Zagreb and the role of Religious Communities in Reconciliation in Yugoslavia

Panel 3C: New Lenses on Security and Connectivity in Modern Eurasia – CMU 226

Chair: **Elena Campbell**, Associate Professor, History, University of Washington

Nora Webb Williams, PhD Student, University of Washington

"Colonial Policy, Social Trust, and Economic Resilience: Evidence from Kazakhstan"

Brandon Ray, MA Student, University of Washington

Human Security: The History and Future of Russia and its Indigenous Peoples

Raymond Pun, PhD Student/Academic Librarian, Fresno State University

The changing natures of academic libraries in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan, and how academic libraries are supporting information literacy, student engagement, and outreach services to local and international students today

Revaz Janashia, MA Student, University of Washington

E-Governance – Technology vs Civil Society: The Cases of Kazakhstan and Georgia

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