

30th Anniversary REECAS Northwest Conference

Panel Schedule

April 11-13, 2024

Thursday, April 11, 2024

Panel 1A, 4:00 pm - 5:45 pm

Slavic Enclitics: Disordered, Displaced, Disarrayed

Nathan Marks, University of Oklahoma, "Ordering and Placement of Carpatho-Rusyn Enclitics of Eastern Slovakia"

Biljana Konatar, University of Washington, "Enclitic Placement in Unrehearsed Bosnian, Croatian, Montenegrin, Serbian Narration: Heritage vs. Non-Heritage Speakers"

Bojan Belić, University of Washington, "Bosnian/Croatian/Montenegrin/Serbian Power Dynamics: Enclitic Placement V. Constituent Order"

Chair: Stefana Vukadinovich, University of Washington

Panel 1B, 4:00 pm - 5:45 pm

Philosophy and Trends in the Late- and Post-Soviet Worlds

Elena Kohn, University of Texas at Austin, "After the Revolution: Bolshevik Feminism in Post-Bolshevik Russia"

Mariam Inasaridze, independent scholar, "Graffiti Battles: An Anthropological Study of Surfaces and Bottom-Up Activism in Tbilisi"

Vladimir Ivantsov, Oberlin College, "'A New Terrifying Freedom': Dostoevsky, Existentialism, and Siberian Punk"

Nikoloz Nadirashvili, University of Washington, "Catch Me If You Can: Artistic Reflections on Claiming Digital Landscapes in Georgia's New Millennium"

Chair: Melkon Charchoglyan, Brown University

Panel 1C, 4:00 pm - 5:45 pm

Ukrainian History, Literature, and National Identity

Jordan Zaugg, University of Kansas, "Bulgakov's Other Devil: Symon Petliura as Satan in *The White Guard*"

Anna Harvey, Stanford University, "Identity Expression in Post-Independence Protests in Kiev"

Nataliia Kovtoniuk, University of Washington, "The Novel *Za Perekopom ye zemlia* (*There is the Land Behind the Perekop*) by Anastasiia Levkova as Ukrainian National Narrative about Crimea"

Serhy Yekelchuk, University of Victoria, "Saint Michael's Square in Kyiv: The Making of Ukraine's New Political and Memorial Hub"

Chair: Agnieszka Jezyk, University of Washington

Panel 1D, 4:00 pm - 5:45 pm

Geopolitics and War

Scott Montgomery, UW Jackson School, "Russia's Future is an Energy Future: What does it look like?"

Omer Ozkan, University of Cincinnati, "Unmanned Moral Forces: Drones & Information Warfare"

Fran Leskovar, Texas A&M University, The Bush School of Government and Public Service, "'Don't Get to My Inbox:' The Dayton Peace Accords and Never-Ending American Struggle and Inability to Bring Stable Peace to Bosnia and Herzegovina"

Jessica Beyer and Russell Hugo, University of Washington, "Decrypting Russian: Area Studies & Language Learning in Cybersecurity Curricula and Programs"

Chair: TBA

Keynote Speech, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Why, how, and where should we study Russia in the face of war and decolonization?

Ted Gerber, University of Wisconsin

Friday, April 12, 2024

Panel 2A, 8:45 am - 10:30 am

Antifascist Folklore and Children's Literature

Enes Tastan, The Ohio State University, "'Songs and laughter were heard': Frontline Songs and Poems in the Folklore of The Great Patriotic War"

Matthew Muntz, University of California, Berkeley, "Untempered Revolution: Folklore, Antifascism, and People's Art in Istria"

Polina Popova, University of Illinois at Chicago, "Little Lenin, but Not Little Stalin: Biographical Canon in the Soviet Children's Literature of the 1930s"

Chair: William Frank, Independent Scholar

Panel 2B, 8:45 am - 10:30 am

Transforming World Literature Canons

Rima Greenhill, Stanford University, "The Role of Anglo-Russian Relations in Shakespeare's Comedy *Love's Labour's Lost*"

Diego Benning Wang, Princeton University, "The Great Persian Poet in the Land of the Soviets: The Millennium of Ferdowsi in 1934"

Cassio de Oliveira, Portland State University, "In Defense of Mark Twain: Late Soviet Journalists and the American Culture Wars"

Chutong Liu, University of Oregon, "Transcreating the Pushkinian Heroine: John Neumeier's Tatiana and Imprinted Readership"

Chair: TBA

Panel 2C, 8:45 am - 10:30 am

Film Screening *Golod* (Famine) – A new (and swiftly banned) documentary film on famine in Russia in the 1920s

Presented by Film Contributor and Author Douglas Smith, University of Washington

Panel 2D, 8:45 am - 10:30 am

Peasants and Villagers in Albania and Imperial Russia

Sylvia Sztern, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, "Railroads and Russian Peasant Letters—Pazdery Village 1881–1896, along the Belaya, Kama, and Volga River Ports: A Gender Perspective on the Escape from Coercion"

Aaron Cohen, California State University, Sacramento, "The Birthday of Russian Freedom: The Commemoration of Emancipation, Peasant Memorial Culture, and Local Monuments in Late Imperial Russia, 1910–1914"

Michael Seraphinoff, independent scholar, "The History and Relations of the Villagers of a Half Christian Macedonian and Half Moslem Albanian Village"

Chair: TBA

Panel 3A, 10:45 am - 12:30 pm

Central Asia and Great Powers

Taalaigul Usonova, Ala-Too International University, "A Comparative Analysis Of European Union's And Chinese Development Aid Impact On Environment, Climate Change And Climate Adaptation In Central Asia"

Aiperi Sharshembieva, Ala-Too International University, "China's Financial Diplomacy In Kyrgyzstan: The Sector Of Infrastructure And Energy"

Chair: TBA

Panel 3B, 10:45 am - 12:30 pm

Materiality in Literature and Art: Plant Life, Sex, and Death

Melkon Charchoglyan, Brown University, "'Onegin zhil anakhoretom...': Alexander Pushkin's Engagement with Stoicism in *Eugene Onegin*"

Erin Gilbert, University of Washington, "'All thorn, but cousin to your rose': Vladimir Nabokov's Untranslatable Weeds and Their Literary Roots"

Agnieszka Jezyk, University of Washington, "Writing Sex: Eroticism and Text in Polish Avant-garde Poetry of the Interwar Period"

Chair: TBA

Panel 3C, 10:45 am - 12:30 pm

Reevaluating Soviet and Russian Cinema

Alla Savelieva, University of Colorado Boulder, “‘The East is a delicate matter’: The Colonial Gaze of the Soviet East in the Films of the 1920s and 1970s”

Olga Pressitch, University of Victoria, “How the Soviet ‘Christmas-Classic’ Film *Carnival Night* Became a Symbol of De-Stalinization”

Olga Kyrlova, University of Kansas, “Decolonizing the History of Soviet and Russian Cinema”

Chair: Elena Kohn, University of Texas at Austin

Panel 3D, 10:45 am - 12:30 pm

States and Bureaucracy

Dima Kortukov, University of Alabama, “Gorbachev’s policy bargain: rethinking coalition-building during perestroika”

Danielle Wallner, Brandeis University, “‘Cheers For Our Programmers!’: A Retrospective Analysis of the Second (and Last) All-Union Conference on Programming”

Elena Lipatova, OVD-Info, “Repressive Judiciary? The effectiveness of the Russian courts regarding politically motivated prosecutions”

Miriam Pollock, University College London, “Securing sustainability: Collaborative governance and state capture in a Russian monotown”

Chair: Vasily Bublikov, Independent Scholar

Panel 4A, 2:00 pm - 3:45 pm

Women Artists and Feminism in Ukraine and Russia

Serge Gregory, independent scholar, "The Sirens of the Hotel Louvre: Lidia Yavorskaya, Tatiana Shchepkina-Kupernik, and Russian Theater in the Silver Age"

Elena Kohn, University of Texas at Austin, "Bolshevik Feminism, 1917 to Present"

Elizabeth Crim, University of Colorado Boulder, "Representing Generations of Violence against Women: Processing Trauma in the War-Time Works of Maria Siniakova and Dana Kavelina"

Chair: Olga Kyrylova, University of Kansas

Panel 4B, 2:00 pm - 3:45 pm

Linguistics and Language Teaching Pedagogy

Yuriy Serebriansky, University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn, "Language Distinctions in the Polish Segment of Facebook – Russophone Groups"

Tatiana Kuzina, Lomonosov Moscow State University and City University of Seattle, "Russian Verbs with the Pronominal Semantics 'delat'/sdelat'" and the Functional Equivalents in BCMS"

Ilia Shcherbakov, University of Nebraska–Lincoln, "Ivan-da-Marya: Adventure Game-Based Learning"

William Frank, independent scholar, "Tracing the Etymology of Skis and Skiing"

Jessica Beyer and Russell Hugo, "Decrypting Russian: Area Studies & Language Learning in Cybersecurity Curricula and Programs"

Chair: TBA

Panel 4C, 2:00 pm - 3:45 pm

Politics and War in Ukraine

Taras Prodaniuk, University of Oxford, "Tracing the Origins of Electoral Success of the Servant of the People Party"

Chiara Pierobon, University of Washington Visiting DAAD Professor, "Crafting Individual Resilience in Times of Conflict: Ukrainian Refugees in Germany"

Frederick Lorenz, Public International Law and Policy Group, "The Crime of Aggression"

Arthur Mengozzi, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, "'People to People': A Critical Reading of the Ukrainian Letter of Solidarity with Palestine"

Chair: TBA

Panel 4D, 2:00 pm - 3:45 pm

New Book Roundtable

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Conference Plenary, 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

***A Rising Fury* film screening and discussion**

Reception to follow at 5:30 pm

Saturday, April 12, 2024

Panel 5A, 8:45 am - 10:30 am

Russian Politics and Ideology

Allison Hartley, University of Washington, "Holism/Tselostnost' and Liberation/Rebellion in Russian and American Civil Religion"

Liudmila Listrovaya, University of Oregon, "Environmental Injustice in Russia: Ethnic Diversity and Internal Colonialism in The 21st Century Extractivist Empire"

Vasily Bublikov, Independent Scholar, "Ethnic trends in contemporary Russia: are there prerequisites for separatism and breakup?"

Elena Kohn, University of Texas at Austin, "After the Revolution: Bolshevik Feminism in Post-Bolshevik Russia"

Chair: Chiara Pierobon, University of Washington Visiting DAAD Professor

Panel 5B, 8:45 am - 10:30 am

Civil Society and Grassroots Politics

Tolibjon Mustafoev, Lund University, "Legal Mobilization in Uncertain and Fluid Legal Environment: Case Study of Female Entrepreneurs Operating in the Field of Child Care in Uzbekistan"

Edmira Cakrani, Canadian Institute of Technology, "The Open Balkans Initiative: An opportunity for peacebuilding and European integration or a disadvantage in the context of regional relations and security?"

Alexey Kuznetsov, UW Startalk, Renton High School, "Fighting from Abroad: the Russian Immigrant Community's Fight Against Putin's Regime"

Abby Bennett, University of Washington, "Eurovision"

Chair: Guntis Šmidchens

Panel 5D, 8:45 am - 10:30 am

Cultural Identity Across the Caucasus and Central Asia

Shafag Dadashova, ADA University, "Exploring Azerbaijani Identity: Literary Perspectives on Colonial Dynamics and Sociocultural Evolution from the Late 19th to Early 20th Century"

Katya Hokanson, University of Oregon, "Defining a View of Central Asia: A Parisian's Travelogue"

Stanimira Dermendzhieva, Athena Hellenic Schools (Morton Grove, IL), "Aida Isakova (1940–2012): Influence on the Development of Kazakh Musical Culture"

Merkhat Sharibzhanov, Charles University, Prague, and Radio Free Europe, "Challenges of Definition of Uyghurs By Western Media"

Chair: TBA

Panel 6A, 10:45 am - 12:30 pm

Politics, Parties and Policies

Arnab Hait, Colgate University, "Democratic Performance of CEE Countries: A Function of a State's Bureaucratic Capacity"

Helena Eglit, Stanford University, "The Evolution of Populist Parties in Estonia, Serbia, Georgia, and Slovakia: Russia's Disinformation and Global Patterns"

Chiara Pierobon, University of Washington Visiting DAAD Professor, "Assessing Germany's Feminist Foreign Policy in the Wake of the Ukrainian Conflict"

Guntis Šmidchens, University of Washington, "Singing Democracies: Estonian, Latvian and Lithuanian culture and politics in a postimperial world, 2013-2024"

Chair: Miriam Pollock, University College London

Discussant: Aldis Purs, Seattle University

Panel 6B, 10:45 am - 12:30 pm

War, Conflict, and Revolution in Eurasia and the Balkans

Kayhan Nejad, University of Oklahoma, "Socialist and Non-Socialist Revolutionism in the South Caucasus and Northern Iran, 1908–1921"

William Frank, independent scholar, "The Life and Times of K.B.E.E. Eimeleus"

Benjamin Tromly, University of Puget Sound, "Russian Paths to Collaboration in Prisoner of War Camps during World War Two"

Chair: Serhy Yekelchuk, University of Victoria

Panel 6C, 10:45 am - 12:30 pm

Translation Showcase | "Dominique Hoffman – Translation in the Context of War: Why Did Cecil Have to Die? And Why Does Ukraine Fight On?"

Panel 6D, 10:45 am - 12:30 pm

Citizen Diplomacy Spotlight | Dan Peterson, Seattle Tashkent Sister City Association, "Seattle & Tashkent: 50 Years of a Remarkable Sister City Friendship, 1973-2023" book presentation