

The 7th Annual Northwest Regional Conference for Russian, East European, and Central Asian Studies

Saturday, April 14, 2001, The Evergreen State College, Olympia

Sponsored by:

- The Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies Center (REECAS)
Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington, Seattle
- The Evergreen State College, Olympia

Admission to the conference is ABSOLUTELY FREE, although advance registration is required. Lunch tickets will be available for purchase on the morning of the conference. To pre-register, please call (206-543-4852) or send an e-mail message (reecas@u.washington.edu) with the following information: name, address, telephone number, e-mail address and place of work or study. We welcome students, faculty and staff from institutions of higher learning throughout the Pacific Northwest, as well as K-12 educators and the general public.

A vanpool service will be available from the University of Washington, Seattle, and we encourage participants from other cities in the region to arrange carpooling. Conference attendees wishing to stay one or more nights in Olympia must arrange their own accommodation, but we have secured a special rate at the West Coast Olympia Hotel, 2300 Evergreen Park Drive (\$58 per night, reference "REECAS-NW"), tel. (360) 943-4000.

Conference activities will take place in Lecture Hall 1, Lecture Hall 2, Lecture Hall 4, and the Library Foyer at The Evergreen State College.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

The most recent update of this program is available at:

<http://depts.washington.edu/reecas/events/conf2001/regconf01.htm>

8:30 – 9:00 am

Coffee, pastries and registration (Library Foyer)

9:00 am – 10:00 am

Session 1a: Evolving Governance in Russia and Eastern Europe (Lecture Hall 1)

Chair: James Ward, REECAS, University of Washington, Seattle

Sarah Henderson, Political Science, Oregon State University, Corvallis

"Designing Governance: Western Aid and Civic Development in Contemporary Russia"

Conor O'Dwyer, Political Science, University of California, Berkeley

"Runaway State-Building: Party and State in Contemporary Poland, Slovakia, and the Czech Republic"

9:00 am – 10:00 am

Session 1b: Novgorod Past and Present (Lecture Hall 4)

Chair: Rob Smurr, The Evergreen State College, Olympia

Anton Cooper, The Evergreen State College, Olympia

"On the Edge of Empire: Novgorod's Trade with the Golden Horde"

Daniel C. Waugh, History/REECAS, University of Washington, Seattle

"The Invention of Novgorod"

10:10 am – 11:10 am

Section 2a: Environment and Planning in the Baltic Region (Lecture Hall 1)
Chair: Daniel C. Waugh, History/REECAS, University of Washington, Seattle

William Richardson, Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, University of Washington, Tacoma
“Pskov: Urban Planning since the Second World War”

Rob Smurr, The Evergreen State College, Olympia
“Nationalizing Nature: The History, Preservation and Meaning of Estonia’s Glacial Erratic Boulders”

10:10 am – 11:10 am

Session 2b: Jewish Identity in Central Europe (Lecture Hall 4)
Chair: Bruce Kochis, Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, University of Washington, Bothell

Sarah Egelman, Comparative Religion, University of Washington, Seattle
“Yiddish Theatre in Interwar Poland”

James M. Ward, REECAS, University of Washington, Seattle
“People Who Deserve It: Jozef Tiso and the Presidential Exemption”

11:20 am – 12:50 pm

Session 3a: The International Kuril Islands Project (Lecture Hall 1)
Chair: Aaltje von Zoelen, World Wise Expeditions, Seattle

Theodore W. Pietsch, Aquatic and Fishery Sciences, University of Washington, Seattle
“The International Kuril Island Project: Accomplishments and Future Directions”

Sarah Gage, Botany, University of Washington, Seattle
“Botanical Exploration in the Kuril Islands”

J. Ben Fitzhugh, Anthropology, University of Washington, Seattle
“Paleobiogeography of the Kuril Islands: Interdisciplinarity from an Archaeological Perspective”

11:20 am – 12:50 pm

Session 3b: Ukraine and Russia (Lecture Hall 4)
Chair: Sarah Henderson, Political Science, Oregon State University

Mikhail Molchanov, University of Victoria, British Columbia
“Rethinking Brotherhood: Ukraine and the Russian Foreign Policy Agenda”

Larisa Ponomarenko, Odessa State University, Ukraine
“Democratization and Civic Culture in Modern Russia and Ukraine: The Impact of the Post-Soviet Mentality”

Serhiy Bondaruk, Cultural Studies, Lesya Ukrainka Volyn' State University, Ukraine
“Multiculturalism in Democratic Society: Liberal Freedom, Equality of Cultures and the Problem of Recognition in Ukraine”

11:20 am – 12:50 pm

Session 3c: Human Rights and Democracy Building (Lecture Hall 2)
Chair: Vjeran Pavlakovic, History, University of Washington, Seattle

Bruce Kochis, Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, University of Washington, Bothell
“Human Rights Policy in Central and Eastern Europe Transitions: An Overview of Developments”

Tsvetanka Spassova-Stoyanova, Lawyer, Seattle
“The European Convention on Human Rights, Bulgaria, and the Protection of Human Rights”

Pamela Strong, REECAS, University of Washington, Seattle
“Democracy Building in Serbia: Empowerment vs. Efficiency”

Lunch (Library Foyer)

1:50 – 3:00 pm

Plenary Session (Lecture Hall 1)

Welcoming Remarks:
Tom B. Rainey, The Evergreen State College, Olympia
Stephen Hanson, Director, REECAS, University of Washington, Seattle

Roundtable on Decommunization in the Former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe
Chair: Tom Rainey, The Evergreen State College

Daniel Chirot, International Studies/Sociology, University of Washington, Seattle
Stephen Hanson, Political Science/REECAS, University of Washington, Seattle
Mark Kramer, Harvard Project on Cold War Studies, Harvard University

3:10 – 4:10 pm

Session 4a: Slavic Cultural Studies (Lecture Hall 1)

Chair: D. Lynne Walker, Slavic Languages and Literatures, University of Washington, Seattle

Tom B. Rainey, The Evergreen State College, Olympia

“Witnesses to a Vanishing Russia: Chekhov and Levitan”

Andreas Johns, University of Washington, Seattle

“Slavic Folk Cosmogony and the Winter Folksong Cycle”

3:10 – 4:10 pm

Section 4b: Central Asia and Its Neighbors (Lecture Hall 4)

Chair: Ilse Cirtautas, Near Eastern Languages and Civilization, University of Washington, Seattle

Dmitriy Pashkun, National University of Uzbekistan, Tashkent

“China’s Image of Central Asia and Strategy for the Region”

Fatimakhon Ahmedova, Khujand State University, Tajikistan

“National Identity in Modern Central Asia: Islamic and Christian Influences”

Discussant: Elmira Jaishaeva, Kirghiz State University, Bishkek

4:20 – 5:50 pm

Session 5a: Russian Integration – Multidisciplinary Perspectives (Lecture Hall 1)

Chair: Scott Andersen, REECAS, University of Washington, Seattle

Kelli Hash, REECAS, University of Washington, Seattle

“Problems in the US-Russian Cooperative Relationship”

Steve Yang, Economics, University of Washington, Seattle

“Estimating a Money Demand Function for the Russian Ruble”

David M. Paschane and Nathaniel S. Trumbull, Geography, University of Washington, Seattle

“Russia’s Unprecedented Mortality Crisis: A Possible Flash Point for Geopolitical Conflict”

4:20 – 5:50 pm

Session 5b: Kazakhstan Past and Present (Lecture Hall 4)

Chair: Stephen Hanson, REECAS/Political Science, University of Washington, Seattle

Ilse Cirtautas, Near Eastern Languages and Civilization, University of Washington, Seattle

“The December 1986 Demonstrations in Almaty and Their Reverberations in Kazakh Life and Politics”

Elena Sadovskaya, Kazakh State University, Almaty

“Labor Migration and Social Change in Post-Independence Kazakhstan”

Zhakshylyk Khuseinov, former advisor to the President and Parliament of Kazakhstan

“Corruption in Kazakhstan: A Major Threat to the Country’s Stability”

Discussants:

Talgat Imangaliev, Near Eastern Languages and Civilization, University of Washington, Seattle

Zulfiya Lafi, former representative in Kazakhstan, International Research and Exchange Board

6:00 – 7:00 pm

Closing Reception (Library Foyer)