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SESSION I: 9:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.

Literature and Biography

(William Pitt Union, Dining Room A)

- Hannah Bergman “Men of Honor, Men of Words: Soldier Poets of WWI and WWII”
- Autumn Mayle “Friend or Foe?: The Connection between Catherine the Great and Nikolai Novikov”
- Jeff Reamer “The Compromise of Carl Schmitt: German Sovereignty for Nazism”
- Nathan Taylor “‘Signs and Wonders’: Raskolnikov as Christ’s Double in *Crime and Punishment*”

Judges: Clare Connors and Olga Klimova

European Political Economy

(William Pitt Union, Dining Room B)

- Stephanie Bearjar “Income Inequality and Population Growth Rates: An Analysis of Post-Industrial Europe”
- Timothy Moreland “WTO Negotiations and Agriculture: An Account of Harmful Protectionist Policies”
- Nicholas Schafer “Testing the Law of One Price: Effects of the Euro on Price Convergence within the EU-11”
- Carrie Weintraub “Economic Partnership Agreements May Be Compatible but Not Widely Endorsed”

Judges: Despina Alexiadou and Svitlana Maksymenko

SESSION II: 11:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

Post-Communist Transitions

(William Pitt Union, Dining Room A)

- Daniel Gore “Democracy, Dilemmas, and Dissension: The 2008 Russian Presidential Election and Russia’s Unique Democratic Structure”
- Tiffany Smith “The Role of Nationalism in the Georgia-Russia Conflict”
- Staci Kubiak “Czechoslovakia: From Velvet Revolution to Velvet Divorce”
- James Liska “The Role of the Catholic Church in Poland’s Solidarity Movement”

Judges: Jonathan Harris and Emilia Zankina

Reconsidering History

(William Pitt Union, Dining Room B)

- Joe Lodico “Bureaucracies and the Patterns of Persecution: The Spanish Inquisition and the Scottish Witch-Hunt”
- Haley Jo Maynard “Kerensky’s Guilt in the Kornilov Affair”
- Allison Mull “From Weapons to Warfare: European Influence on the American Civil War”
- Edward Tselishchev “Seeking Inclusion: The Treaty of Rapallo and Its Impact on the European System Created by Versailles”

Judges: Bob Donnorummo and Melissa Parker

SESSION III: 1:30 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Conflict, War, and Negotiation

(William Pitt Union, Dining Room A)

- Joshua Spaid “Independence for Kosovo: Conflict Confusion or Continuing Calamity”
- Weilu Tan “The Failure of CFSP: EU’s Human Rights Policy towards China”
- Allison Walsh “Irish Nationalism and Conflict”
- Michelle Everson “The Annan Plan for Cyprus: An Unsuccessful Negotiation”

Judges: Bernard Hagerty and Tony Novosel

European Union Enlargement

(William Pitt Union, Dining Room B)

- Eric Holmberg “Croatia: Prospects for European Union Membership”
- Maria Palermo “Isolation versus Integration: A Study of British Postwar Policy with Europe”
- Anna Siegel “Bosnia’s Near Democracy: Close Enough for the European Union?”
- Melek Yazici “Turkey and the European Union: A Twisted Economic Relationship”

Judges: Ronald Linden and Kristen Flanagan

CLOSING CEREMONIES, AWARD PRESENTATION AND RECEPTION—3:30 PM

(William Pitt Union, Kurtzman Room)

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