

**EUROPE: EAST AND WEST
UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM 2007**

**FRIDAY APRIL 13, 2007
WILLIAM PITT UNION AND
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◀ SCHEDULE OF EVENTS ▶

SESSION I: 9:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.

European Literature (William Pitt Union, Dining Room A)

Kristen DiLemmo “The Spirit of Beauty: Classical Aestheticism and Ethics in Oscar Wilde’s Critical Essays”

Kathryn S. Easter “Holding the Mirror Up to Nature: A Closer Look at Hamlet’s Endeavor”

Jonathan G. Kern “The Appropriate Definition of Comedy and its Impact on Western Literature”

Andrew Porter “From Achilles to Kutuzov: An Analysis of the Epic Hero in Different Eras of Western Culture”

Germany in Modern European History (William Pitt Union, Dining Room B)

Michael G. DeSensi “Anglo-French Appeasement and the Phony War, 1937-1940”

Jeffrey J. Ernsthansen “Economic Populism and the Rise of National Socialism in the Sudetenlands”

Sarah Larsen “Kulturkampf, Polenpolitik, and the Catholic Church”

Samuel G. Mann “The Perpetual Divide: German Federalism”

SESSION II: 11:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

Culture, Film, and Propaganda (William Pitt Union, Dining Room A)

Stephen Grebinski “The Quotidian and the Horrific: Filmmakers’ Use of the Everyday in Their Attempts to Represent the Holocaust”

Dezere’ Hodish “The Destructive and Constructive Force of Culture in Soviet and Post-Soviet Society”

Marie Semple “Examining Historical Constructions Depicted in *Himmel Über Berlin*”

Daniel Sterba “Body Czech: The Dynamics of Establishing Sexual Consent in Central European Cinema”

**Yugoslavia and Post-Yugoslavian Politics
(William Pitt Union, Dining Room B)**

Kelly Teresa Gaberlavage “Slovenia in World Politics”

Joshua B. MacCarty “The Path to the Present: A Comparative Analysis of the Geopolitical Status and Economic Reform Policy in the Current States of Slovenia and Macedonia”

Michelle Lee Sipe “The Current Situation in Macedonian”

Kurt Jameson Threlfall “The Collapse of Yugoslavia, 1963-1990”

SESSION III: 2:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

**EU and Eastern Expansion
(William Pitt Union, Dining Room A)**

David Bernhardt “Foreign Policy of the Czech Republic in the Near Future”

Stephanie Camarda “Poland: Transatlantic Bridge or Trojan Donkey?”

George W.F. De Esch “Big Trouble in Little Albania: The Dilemma of Organized Crime in Kosovo”

Brianna M. Horan “Romania 2007 and Beyond: Challenges Faced by a New European Union Member State”

**Policy Formation in Europe
(William Pitt Union, Dining Room B)**

Joshua Keating “Managed Society: NGOs in Modern Russian Politics”

Megan Kenna “The Inclusion of Gender Policy in the European Union”

Kevin Newak “From St.-Malo to Nice: French Efforts to Build a Common European Security and Defense Policy”

Weilu Tan “Race, Immigration, and the Paris Riots of 2005”

**CLOSING CEREMONY AND PRESENTATION OF AWARDS, 3:45 P.M.
(FRICK FINE ARTS AUDITORIUM)**