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## MONDAY | April 11, 2022

### 9:00 - 9:15 a.m. OPENING CEREMONY

### 9:15 a.m. ET MINORITIES AND POPULISM

- "Setting the Sails—Estonian Right-Populist Party and Its Russian Relations in the Making"  
**Evelin Tamm**, *Uppsala University*
- "The Emptying of the Plains: The Comanche and Kalmyk Nomads in the Shadow of an Empire"  
**Nicholas Pierce**, *University of Texas at Austin*
- "Russian Minority in Estonia. Russian Identity Versus European Values. Is Integration Possible?"  
**Anastasiia Shakhurina**, *Lafayette College*

DISCUSSANT: **Eleanor Soekorv**, Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, *University of Pittsburgh*

### 11:00 a.m. ET FEMINISM / GENDER

- "A Feminist Reading of I. A. Bunin's 'Mitya's Love'"  
**Ali Karakaya**, *Yeditepe University*
- "The Freedom of Madness: Madness as an Act of Feminine Defiance in Mikhail Bulgakov's *The Master and Margarita* and Zinaida Gippius's 'Madwoman'"  
**Riley Droppleman**, *University of Kentucky*
- "Gendered Corporeality and Trauma in Post-Soviet Women's Literature"  
**Savannah Eklund**, *Columbia University in the City of New York*

DISCUSSANT: **Dr. Bella Grigoryan**, Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, *University of Pittsburgh*

### 2:00 p.m. ET POLICING / ENFORCEMENT

- "Violent Terraces, Violent Government: Football Ultras, Organized Crime, and Political Clientelism in Aleksandar Vučić's Serbian Dual State"  
**Abijah Ahern**, *Oberlin College*
- "Political and Ideological Biases in the Rankings and Country Descriptions of the Trafficking in Persons Report"  
**Alyssa Wiley**, *The University of Oklahoma*
- "Broken in the Bogside: How the Royal Ulster Constabulary Was Defeated in the Early Troubles"  
**Jarrold Lee Jones**, *Ohio Northern University*
- "Judiciary in Jeopardy: The Undermining of Judicial Independence in Hungary and Poland"  
**Jacob Dylan Potter**, *Lafayette College*

DISCUSSANT: **Dr. Luke Condra**, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, *University of Pittsburgh*

### 4:15 p.m. ET KLEPTOCRACY IN EASTERN EUROPE

- "How Does the 2012 Foreign Agent Law Affect the Russian Nonprofit Sector?"  
**Yi Catherine Zou**, *Yale University*
- "Explaining the Divide Between Moldovan Elites Regarding Ascension Into the European Union"  
**Dylan Gooding**, *Lafayette College*

DISCUSSANT: **Dr. Randall Halle**, Department of German, Film and Media Studies Program, *University of Pittsburgh*



## TUESDAY | April 12, 2022

### 9:00 a.m. ET LINGUISTICS AND CULTURE

- "'Native-Speakerism' Influence on L2 English University Students in Bilingual Classrooms"  
**Tomiris Nurgaliyeva**, *Nazarbayev University*
- "No Laughing Matter: Facework Strategies in Spoken Kazakh Language"  
**Dameliya Koishybayeva**, *Nazarbayev University*
- "Intersectionality of Language & Culture: Nationalism's Development and Cultural Impact"  
**Jeannine Simeti**, *Seton Hall University*

DISCUSSANT: **Sean Nonnenmacher**, Department of Linguistics, *University of Pittsburgh*

### 10:45 a.m. ET RELIGION

- "Being Jewish in the Balkan States in the Early to Mid-20th Century"  
**Haley Stanks**, *The George Washington University*
- "Wahhabism, Repression, and Failed Policy"  
**Trevor Stearns**, *University of Massachusetts Amherst*

DISCUSSANT: **Eve Barden**, Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, Film and Media Studies Program, *University of Pittsburgh*

### 1:30 p.m. ET LITERATURE

- "Dream Narratives in Poe's 'William Wilson' and Dostoevsky's *The Double*"  
**Griffin Emory Mekler-Culbertson**, *University of Pittsburgh*
- "How to Viddy Nadsat: Translating Anthony Burgess' *A Clockwork Orange* Into Russian"  
**Susan Williams**, *Bucknell University*
- "Grimm's Fairy Tale Witch and the Fear of Cannibalism in Post-Malleus Europe"  
**Natalie Ivy**, *Oberlin College*
- "The Legacy of Orientalism: Rebecca West's Single Story"  
**Emma Carlson**, *Montana State University*

DISCUSSANT: **Zhanna Budenkova**, Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, *University of Pittsburgh*

### 4:00 p.m. ET MUSIC AND ITS SOCIO-POLITICAL IMPACT

- "The Influence of Richard Wagner Through Operas"  
**Mario Brian Sanchez Isabas**, *Washington & Jefferson College*
- "Soviet Homemade Jams"  
**Nikolas Khimerik**, *Brooklyn College*
- "Now I'm Cheburashka: Vladimir Shainsky and the Jewish Presence in Soviet Animation"  
**Isabelle Krieger**, *Vanderbilt University*

DISCUSSANT: **Dr. Adriana Helbig**, Department of Music, *University of Pittsburgh*



## WEDNESDAY | April 13, 2022

### 9:00 a.m. ET COMMUNICATION AND PR

- "Ongoing Russian Influence Operations in Turkey: A Case Study in Political Cartoons"  
**Eric Workman**, *University of Pittsburgh*
- "Power Balancing in Cyber Space Between the United States and Russia"  
**Kiera Fyffe**, *George Washington University*
- "Kyrgyzstan, COVID & Civil Society: The Case for Crisis Journalism"  
**Nazerke Mukhlissova**, *Nazarbayev University*

DISCUSSANT: **Dr. Olga Kuchinskaya**, Department of Communication, *University of Pittsburgh*

### 10:45 a.m. ET ENERGY

- "Russia and COP-26: Waiting Game or World Alignment?"  
**Rita Craft**, *Muskingum University*
- "Cooperation or Coercion: The Opportunity for Renewable Partnership Between the EU and Russia"  
**Eileen Huhn**, *Georgetown University*
- "Short-Term Asymmetric Effect of Oil Prices and Oil and Gas Revenues on the Real GDP and Economic Diversification in Azerbaijan"  
**Lucas Waldron**, *University of Pittsburgh*

DISCUSSANT: **Dr. Trevor Erlacher**, Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies, *University of Pittsburgh*

### 12:30 p.m. ET KEYNOTE: REREADING RUSSIAN ENERGY CHAINS UNDER THE THUNDER OF WAR

**Dr. Margarita M. Balmaceda**, Ph.D., *Seton Hall University*

Margarita M. Balmaceda (MA, PhD, Princeton) is Professor of Diplomacy and International Relations at Seton Hall University and Associate at the Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute, where she was a Petro Jacyk Distinguished Fellow in 2021. Supported by, among others, three Fulbright grants and a Marie-Skłodowska-Curie Fellowship from the European Union, she has conducted extensive field research in Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Lithuania, Moldova, and Hungary. Using original-language local materials, her work develops a view "from inside" of complex international political economy problems affecting the post-Soviet states, in particular energy politics issues.

### 2:00 p.m. ET INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT

- "The Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict"  
**John Cullen**, *Virginia Tech*
- "Deepening Fractures and Prolonging Conflicts: Russian Support of Separatist Movements in Post-Soviet Space"  
**Cody Bloomfield**, *Smith College*

DISCUSSANT: **Dr. Huseyin Ilgaz**, Department of Political Science, *University of Pittsburgh*



## THURSDAY | April 14, 2022

### 9:00 a.m. ET LIFE AND CULTURE IN RUSSIA

- "Transformation in Russian Civil Society: an Examination of the Impact of Imperial Soviet Practices on Post-Soviet Civil Society in Russia"  
**Muhammad Ali Sohail**, *Habib University*

- "Russian Hospitality"  
**Julia Brock**, *University of Kentucky*

DISCUSSANT: **Dr. Vladimir Padunov**, Department of Slavic Languages and Literature, Film and Media Studies Program, *University of Pittsburgh*

### 11:00 a.m. ET UKRAINE

- "The City of Heroes: The Image of Mariupol in Post-Maidan Ukraine"  
**Daniil Tourashev**, *U.S. Air Force Academy*
- "Hidden Folklore: A Case Study of a Carpatho-Rusyn American Family"  
**Isabel Fernando**, *Slippery Rock University*
- "Competing Interests in European Union Sanctions Policy During the Ukraine Crisis"  
**Nathan Kornfeind**, *Lafayette College*

DISCUSSANT: **Dr. Tetyana Shlikhar**, Department of Slavic Languages and Literature, *University of Pittsburgh*

### 12:45 p.m. ET KEYNOTE: WILLEM NOË—A CAREER AS A DUTCH ECONOMIST AT THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION—WORKING FOR EUROPE

**Willem Noë**, European Commission Representation in Ireland (Dublin) - Economic Analyst

Mr. Noë's professional objective as an economist is to make a contribution to European integration in the area of economics, economic structural development and policy coordination, and on EU Enlargement which he considers one of the most successful and interesting EU policy areas. He has worked in different Directorate-Generals (DGs) to contribute to and keep learning on the multidimensional EU integration process from different (Commission) perspectives, which is useful and fascinating for him as a professional economist and allows him to support more effectively the work of the organization for which he is proud to work.

### 2:15 p.m. ET ECON POLICY / LAW

- "Slovakia and the Czech Republic: Levels of Economic Integration"  
**Shiloh Alexandra Harrill**, *Lafayette College*
- "Exploitation of Migrant Laborers in Contemporary Russia"  
**Mikaela Hong**, *Lafayette College*
- "Privatization and Democracy in Eastern Europe"  
**Jonathan Krone**, *Saint Louis University*

DISCUSSANT: **Nathan Isaacson**, Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, *University of Pittsburgh*

### 4:00 p.m. CLOSING CEREMONY / REMARKS