



University of Pittsburgh

European and Eurasian

UNDERGRADUATE **RESEARCH**
SYMPOSIUM



Friday, April 13, 2018

Schedule of Events

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Room 548, William Pitt Union

8:30 – 9:00 A.M.

PANEL 1 – COLD WAR HISTORY

Room 527, William Pitt Union

9:00 – 10:00 A.M.

- “Evangelical Diplomacy or Political Posturing: Billy Graham, Religion, and Soft Power in the Late Cold War”
 - **Anton Ermakov**, University of Texas at Austin
- “From United Party to United Nation: East German Political Agitation in West Germany, 1945-1955”
 - **Cornell Overfield**, University of Pennsylvania

Discussant: **Dr. Jonathan Harris**, Department of Political Science,
University of Pittsburgh

PANEL 2 – GENDER ISSUES IN EUROPE

Room 538, William Pitt Union

9:00 – 10:25 A.M.

- “Violent Memory: Exilic Remembrances of Maruša Krese and Dubravka Ugrešić”
 - **Samantha Farmer**, University of Texas at Austin
- “‘If He Beats You, Then He Loves You’: The Banality of Violence against Women in Central European Literature”
 - **Margarethe Unger**, University of Texas at Austin
- “Feminism in Northern Ireland: How Republicanism Dismissed Women’s Issues during the ‘Troubles’”
 - **Haley Sheehan**, University of Pittsburgh

Discussant: **Dr. Carol Bove**, Department of English, University of Pittsburgh

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PANEL 3 – MULTIMEDIA STUDIES OF LITERATURE AND CULTURE

Room 548, William Pitt Union

9:00 – 10:25 A.M.

- “‘Reading’ Fashion in A. Pushkin’s *Eugene Onegin*: ‘Word’ as ‘Image’ in 1820s Imperial Russia”
Elizabeth LaFave, East Carolina University
- “Music Is a Major Scale Development”
Emma Mamula, University of Pittsburgh
- “Embracing Weirdness: Nostalgia for the Absurd in Russian-American Literature and Memes”
Robert Willard, Columbia University

Discussant: **Dr. Tony Lin**, Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, University of Pittsburgh

PANEL 4 – SOVIET AND POST-SOVIET POLICY ISSUES

Room 527, William Pitt Union

10:35 – 11:35 A.M.

- “Creating Capitalist Markets in Russia: The Short-Term Success of the New Economic Policy over Shock Therapy”
Indigo Clingerman, Bucknell University
- “The Effect of Corruption on Development: The Sochi 2014 Olympic Games”
Raushan Zhandayeva, Nazarbayev University

Discussant: **Dr. Colin Johnson**, Center for Russian and East European Studies / Department of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh

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PANEL 5 – ORTHODOXY IN CULTURE AND POLITICS

Room 538, William Pitt Union

10:35 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

- “National Extremism and Artistic Expression in the Film *Matilda*”
Julia Isacson, Dickinson College
- “Changing Representations of Christ: From Church Councils to the Modern Novel”
Rio Maropis, University of Pittsburgh
- “Russian Orthodox Church: State, Role and Ethnic Identity”
Alexey Shvyrkov, Nazarbayev University

Discussant: **Dr. J. D. Wright**, Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, University of Pittsburgh

PANEL 6 – STATUS OF ETHNIC MINORITIES

Room 548, William Pitt Union

10:35 – 11:35 A.M.

- “Soviet Germans and Soviets Living in Germany: A Comparison of Treatment”
Artur Kalandarov, Bowdoin College
- “Integration and Differentiation within the Russian Diaspora: Estonia and Kyrgyzstan”
Cian Stryker, University of Pittsburgh

Discussant: **Adam Brode**, Department of History, University of Pittsburgh

LUNCH FOR PRESENTERS, DISCUSSANTS, AND FACULTY SPONSORS

Room 548, William Pitt Union

12:00 – 1:00 P.M.

Remarks by **Dr. Dawn Seckler**, Associate Director
Center for Russian and East European Studies, University of Pittsburgh

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PANEL 7 – NATIONALITY POLICIES IN FORMER SOVIET SPACE

Room 527, William Pitt Union

1:10 – 2:10 P.M.

- “Neo-Eurasianism and Russia’s National Minorities Question”
Joshua Gold, University of Toronto
- “Liberation in Goal, Oppression in Practice: The Nationalities Policies of the Soviet Union, and Their Effect on National Cultures”
William Irving, Dickinson College

Discussant: **Dr. Sean Guillory**, Center for Russian and East European Studies, University of Pittsburgh

PANEL 8 – HEALTH AND SOCIAL ISSUES IN CENTRAL ASIA

Room 538, William Pitt Union

1:10 – 2:10 P.M.

- “The Prevalence of Depression among Nazarbayev University Students and the Use of Psychological Counseling on Campus”
Ainur Kagarmanova, Nazarbayev University
- “Bride Abduction in Kyrgyzstan: A Point of Reference and Intervention”
Dilshat Zhussupova, Nazarbayev University

Discussant: **Dr. Jessica Pickett**, Global Studies Center, University of Pittsburgh

PANEL 9 – CROSS-CULTURAL LITERARY INFLUENCES

Room 548, William Pitt Union

1:10 – 2:10 P.M.

- “The Cross-Cultural Association of White and the Irrational”
Madeline Kehl, University of Pittsburgh
- “The Timelessness of the Pastoral Utopian Ideal, Rome to Russia”
Mitchell Luckman, University of Pittsburgh

Discussant: **Dr. Vladimir Padunov**, Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, University of Pittsburgh

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PANEL 10 – STUDIES OF VISUAL CULTURE

Room 527, William Pitt Union

2:20 – 3:20 P.M.

- “Behind the Strokes: The History and Influence of Socialist Realism within the USSR and Latvia”
Kelsey Ellis, Brigham Young University
- “Engaging with the Ethnic Enemy: A Story of Serbian Nationalism”
Marika Oljar, University of Pittsburgh

Discussant: **Dr. Ljudmila Bilkić**, Chair of World Languages, Shady Side Academy / Ph.D., Department of German, University of Pittsburgh

PANEL 11 – INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN EUROPE

Room 538, William Pitt Union

2:20 – 3:20 P.M.

- “Intergovernmental Organizations: Safety Nets or Passive Bystanders? A Critical Assessment of the European Union’s Role in Countering Democratic Erosion”
Filip Bozinovic, University of California, Berkeley
- “Contextualizing Russia’s Revisionist European Security Goals”
Kyle Sallee, Portland State University

Discussant: **Dr. Vasili Rukhadze**, Department of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh

CLOSING RECEPTION, AWARDING OF CERTIFICATES, AND GROUP PHOTOGRAPH

Room 548, William Pitt Union

3:30 – 4:45 P.M.



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