

“EUROPE: EAST AND WEST” UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

Sponsored by the Center for Russian and East European Studies, European Studies Center/
European Union Center of Excellence, and International Business Center,
University of Pittsburgh
Friday, April 11, 2014

Schedule of Events

Continental Breakfast

Room 548, William Pitt Union
8:30 – 9:00 A.M.

Panel A: Historical Perspectives

Room 837, William Pitt Union
9:00 – 10:50 A.M.

“Racing Through Critical Theory: In Pursuit of Opening the Darkest Doors”

- Amrit Trewn, Northwestern University

“Reaping What Was Sown: 90 Years of Russian Agricultural History through a Libertarian Property Rights-Centric Lens”

- Zachary Yost, Mercyhurst University

“Russian Jews and the 1917 Revolution”

- Aaron Levine, Northwestern University

Discussants: Dr. Tony Novosel, Dept. of History; Andrew Behrendt, Dept. of History, University of Pittsburgh

Panel B: Religion and Social Issues

Room 527, William Pitt Union
9:00 – 10:50 A.M.

“Orthodox, Soviet, or Anti-Western? Examining the Roots of Russia’s Anti-Gay Legislation”

- Abby Preston, Dickinson College

“The Dima Yakovlev Law: The Ethical Implications of the Russian Adoption Ban”

- Abigail Stowe-Thurston, Macalester College

“Christianity and Marxism: Reconciling the Irreconcilable?”

- Kevin Doyle, Dickinson College

“Russian State and the Orthodox Church: An Attempt at Constructing Russian Nationalism”

- Nicholas Farmer, Muhlenberg College

Discussants: Dr. Michael Bobick, Dept. of Anthropology/REES Postdoctoral Fellow;
Dr. Joel Brady, Dept. of Slavic Languages and Literatures, University of Pittsburgh

Panel C: Identities in Europe and Eurasia

Room 548, William Pitt Union

9:00 - 10:50 A.M.

“Language Maintenance and Shift among the Polish Community in Georgia”

- Simone Romuzga, Occidental College

“The Charismatic Appeal of the Grand Inquisitor and Vladimir Putin”

- Daniel Goulden, Brandeis University

“Whose Land Is It Anyway?”

- Michael Klamo, Muskingum University

“Discourses of White Slavic Nationalism in Dnepropetrovsk's ‘Healthy Lifestyle Rap’”

- Kristina Miller, University of Pittsburgh

Discussants: Dr. Adriana Helbig, Dept. of Music; Cengiz Haksöz, Dept. of Anthropology, University of Pittsburgh

Panel D: Central Asia and the Caucasus

Room 837, William Pitt Union

11:00 A.M. - 12:25 P.M.

“Colonies, Cotton, and the Global Economy: How Uzbekistan Became Dependent on Cotton in the Imperial Era”

- Erin Harrington, University of Pittsburgh

“Islam in Chechnya: Political or Religious?”

- Victoria Reid, Dickinson College

“Karimov, *Wahhabism*, and Muhammad-Sodiq Muhammad Yusuf: Islamic Transition in Post-Soviet Uzbekistan”

- Chase Philpot, Dickinson College

Discussants: Dr. David Montgomery, Dept. of Anthropology; Dr. Susan Hicks, Program Manager/ Undergraduate Advisor, REES, University of Pittsburgh

Panel E: Finance and the European Union

Room 527, William Pitt Union

11:00 A.M. - 12:25 P.M.

“The Impact of the Eurozone Debt Crisis on European Foreign Policy”

- Harry Alexander Clapsis, University of Pittsburgh

“The EU Data Directive: Uniting Europe and Dividing Privacy”

- Julia Morriss, American University

“The European Central Bank: Past, Present, Future”

- Paul Bouvet, Dickinson College

Discussants: Dr. James Maloy, Dept. of Economics; Evgeny Postnikov, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs/Dept. of Political Science/EUCE/ESC

Lunch for Presenters, Discussants, and Faculty Sponsors

Room 548, William Pitt Union, 12:30 P.M. - 1:30 P.M.

Remarks by: Dr. Andrew Konitzer, Adjunct Associate Professor of Political Science and Associate Director of Center for Russian and East European Studies, University of Pittsburgh

Panel F: European Literature

Room 837, William Pitt Union

1:40 - 3:30 P.M.

“Where Benya Begins: The Transformation of Babel's Odessa in *Sunset*”

- Lysander Jaffe, Williams College

“Platonov and His Communist Critiques: Not Invited to the Party”

- Barrett Ziegler, Dickinson College

“Driven by Fear of It All: Familial Ties Defy the Death Camp”

- Jillian Kluss, University of Pittsburgh

“The Artist in Exile: The Figure of the Exile in the Works of Vladimir Nabokov”

- Erica Hom, University of Pittsburgh

Discussants: Dr. Kathleen Manukyan, Dept. of Slavic Languages and Literatures;
Dr. Irina Anisimova, Dept. of Slavic Languages and Literatures, University of Pittsburgh

Panel G: Accession to the European Union

Room 527, William Pitt Union

1:40 – 3:30 P.M.

“Foreign Policy Goals of Kosovo”

- Brian Nelson Sproat, University of Pittsburgh

“EU Enlargement Policy: Problematizing the Efficacy of EU Conditionality Policy”

- Kai Stern, University of Washington

“Incentive, Shock, or Neither? The Impact of Croatian Accession on Bosnia’s EU Negotiations”

- Ryan Rosenberg, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

“Moldova: Future External Challenges and Potential Responses”

- Mary Mallampalli, University of Pittsburgh

Discussants: Dr. Bernard Hagerty, Dept. of History; Sarah Patton, Dept. of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh

Panel H: Contemporary Politics of the Former USSR

Room 548, William Pitt Union

1:40 – 3:30 P.M.

“Overview of Russian Power: An Assessment and Analysis of the Nature of the Russian Federation as a World Superpower”

- Thuy Tien Truong, Science Po Paris (Paris Institute of Political Science), Euro-American Campus in Reims

“The Influence of Demographic Factors on Political Party Identification in Ukraine”

- Andriy Shymonyak, North Carolina State University

“Soviet and Russian Vetoes in the United Nations Security Council: A Comparative Approach”

- Meghan McCaffrey Gillie, Washington & Jefferson College

“Non-Governmental Organizations in Russia: Adapting for Success”

- Jacqueline Dufalla, University of Pittsburgh

Discussants: Dr. Jonathan Harris, Dept. of Political Science; Dr. Bob Donnorummo, Dept. of History/REES Research Associate, University of Pittsburgh

Closing Remarks, Awarding of Certificates, and Group Photograph

Room 548, William Pitt Union

3:45 – 4:00 P.M.