“EUROPE: EAST AND WEST” UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM
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Friday, March 27, 2015

Schedule of Events

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

Panel A – Immigration and Politics
Dining Room A, William Pitt Union
9:00 – 10:50 A.M.

“Rise of UKIP”
  • Laura Auketayeva, Boston University

  • Reena Naik, University of Pittsburgh

“How the Growing Number of Refugees has Affected Governmental Policies in Austria”
  • Sara Othersen, Bowling Green State University

“Deconstructing Modernity: Radical Populism in Crisis Time Greece”
  • Tristan Smaldone, University of Southern Maine

Discussants: Dr. Bernard Hagerty, History; TBA

Panel B – Capitalism and Socialism: Past and Present
Dining Room B, William Pitt Union
9:00 – 10:50 A.M.

“False Starts: The Legacy of Soviet Development in Central Asia”
  • Stefani Baughman, Mercyhurst University

“The Russian Commune: Chayanov, Haxthausen, and the Perpetuation of the ‘Peasant Myth’”
  • Blair Dunbar, Northwestern University

  • Tucker Blake Jones, Princeton University

“Die Generation der Jugendarbeitslosigkeit (The Generation of Youth Unemployment)”
  • Naomi Beth Miller, University of Pittsburgh

Discussants: Dr. Anthony Novosel, History; Artan Hoxha, History
**Panel C – Territory and Identity**  
Room 548, William Pitt Union  
9:00 – 10:50 A.M.

“The Case of Gagauz Autonomy: Reexamining Success”  
- April Gordon, Georgetown University

“Norwegian Seclusion on a Eurocentric Continent”  
- Melissa Ruby, Seton Hall University

“Russia’s Information War: Media Coverage of the Ukrainian-Russia Conflict”  
- Thuy Tien Truong, Sciences-Po Paris/Georgia Tech

“Ukraine Looks to the West, Sees Poland”  
- Stasha Yancho, University of Michigan

Discussants: Dr. Bob Donnorummo, History; Shane Killian, Political Science

**Panel D – Humanities and Arts**  
Dining Room A, William Pitt Union  
11:00 A.M. – 12:25 P.M.

“Shits and Giggles: Scatology in Satire”  
- Anjuli Das, University of Pittsburgh

“In the Shadow of the Sword: The Evolution of St. Nicholas Icons within a Russian Context”  
- Thomas A. Elvins, University of Pittsburgh

“Charles Rennie Mackintosh: Impact of John Ruskin, Sir George Gilbert Scott, and David Hume”  
- Eva Marie Elizabeth James, Old Dominion University

Discussants: Dr. Martha Kuchar, English (Roanoke College); TBA, History of Art and Architecture

**Panel E – Human Rights and Social Issues**  
Dining Room B, William Pitt Union  
11:00 A.M. – 12:25 P.M.

“Whose Culture Is It, Anyway? Bride Abduction in Kyrgyzstan and the Importance of Local Movements within the Global NGO Community”  
- Benjamin Ezra Cohen, Pomona College

“Soviet Reproductive and Population Policy, 1917-1955”  
- Kathryn Ann Loops, Mercyhurst University
“Medicine Standing on its Head’: Snezhnevsky, Sluggish Schizophrenia, and Soviet Political Abuse of Psychiatry”
- Alexandra Shapiro, Dickinson College

Discussants: Dr. Susan Hicks, REES/Anthropology; Ljiljana Pantovic, Anthropology

**Lunch for Presenters, Discussants, and Faculty Sponsors**
Room 548, William Pitt Union, 12:30 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.
Remarks by Dr. Ariel Armony, Director, University Center for International Studies

**Panel F – Xenophobia in Europe**
Dining Room A, William Pitt Union
1:40 – 3:30 P.M.

“Exploring the Foundations and Legitimizations of a New Form of Anti-Semitism in Germany”
- Linda Brandt, Bowling Green State University

“Cult Lists and Government Restrictions on Religious Practice in Europe”
- David Eichert, Brigham Young University

“Veiled Reality in Germany: Meanings Attributed to the Headscarf in German Media”
- Rachel Peters, University of Pittsburgh

“Xenophobia towards Roma in the Slovak School System”
- Alyssa Waryanka, University of Pittsburgh

Discussants: Veronica Szabo, Sociology; Stephanie Makin, History

**Panel G – Soviet and Russian Foreign Policy**
Dining Room B, William Pitt Union
1:40 – 3:30 P.M.

“Comparison of U.S. and Russian Foreign Policy”
- Alexsys Brown, University of Pittsburgh

“Cold Peace: Russo-American Relations in the Twenty-First Century”
- Connor Joseph Harbison, University of Pittsburgh

“The Vietnam Policy of the Soviet Union and China between 1945 and 1954”
- Liye Hong, University of Michigan

“Eurasian Brothers: The Evolving Relationship between Moscow and Tehran”
- Steven Michael Luber, Mercyhurst University

Discussants: Dr. Jonathan Harris, Political Science; Anne-Kathrin Kreft, Political Science
Panel H – European Literature
Room 548, William Pitt Union
1:40 – 3:30 P.M.

“Pushkin’s Tatiana and Masha”
  • Emily Ann Gould, Roanoke College

“‘Frailty, Thy Name is Woman’: New Perspectives on Ophelia’s Madness”
  • Ingrid Kottke, University of Pittsburgh

“Dickens and Dostoevsky Discuss Fathers”
  • Anna Caitlin Merz, Roanoke College

Discussants: Dr. Dawn Seckler, REES/Slavic Languages and Literatures; Trevor Wilson, Slavic Languages and Literatures

Closing Remarks, Awarding of Certificates, and Group Photograph
Room 548, William Pitt Union
3:45 – 4:00 P.M.