

# **“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

“The Origin and Rise of Greece’s Golden Dawn Party”

- 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

“The Post-Yugo Generation Interpreting Yugoslavia: A Study in ‘Normal Nostalgia’”

- 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”

- Anjali 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 Lubet, 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.