Schedule of Events

TUESDAY, May 5, 2020

Register in advance for this meeting:
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10 a.m. – NATIONAL IDENTITY AND POST-SOVIET AND POST-COLONIAL LITERATURE AND ART

  Aibarsha Kazhyakpar, Nazarbayev University

- “In-Between: Interpretations of National Identity and Alienation in Post-Soviet Russian Art”
  Erik Livingston, The College of Wooster

- “Gogol’s Dead Souls: A Slavophile in the Provinces”
  Dalton Arrendale, University of Florida

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

11:30 a.m. – LANGUAGE AND EDUCATION POLICY AND NATIONALISM

- “National Identity in Education: A Comparative Analysis of Italy and Northern Ireland”
  Courtney Madl, Miami University of Ohio

- “Their Mother Tongue”: How Russia’s Language Policy Gives a Voice to Nationalism
  Clara Giorgis, Dickinson College

Discussant: Joseph Patrick, Department of Linguistics, University of Pittsburgh

1:00 p.m. – GENDER AND SEXUALITY

- “A Woman’s Place: Anna Karenina in the Context of the “Woman Question” as Compared to Literature Outside of Russia”
  Emmaleigh Krause, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

- “An Independent Woman in Putin’s Russia: Elvira Nabiullina in Political Context”
  Meredith Walker, Oberlin College

- “Perspectives on the Gay Community in Weimar Berlin”
  Jordan Nistendirk, West Virginia University

Discussant: Dr. Frank Karioris, Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies, University of Pittsburgh
2:00 p.m. – BORDERS

• “Schengen and the Changing Nature of Borders”
  **Drew Fenner**, University of Florida

• “In Divided Cyprus, Can Water Come Before Peace?”
  **Clara Weibel**, University of Pittsburgh

• “Georgia’s European Past & Future? Evaluating the Republic of Georgia’s EU & NATO Aspirations”
  **Grace Ingle**, Dickinson College

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

2:30 p.m. – ART & REPRESENTATION IN SOCIETY

• “Tsarism and Soviet Soft Power: Revolution, Stagnation, and Historicity in Soviet Life Magazine”
  **Avery Comar**, Miami University of Ohio

• “Lost in the Woods”
  **Marion Carter**, Roanoke College

Discussant: **Eve Barden**, Film and Media Studies, University of Pittsburgh
10:00 a.m. – PERSPECTIVES ON HIV AND AIDS

- “The AIDS Crisis in the United Kingdom and the United States: A Comparison of Organizational and Political Responses or Lack Thereof”
  **Drew Medvid**, University of Pittsburgh

- “Heteronormative Assumptions Affecting HIV/AIDS Research in Kazakhstan”
  **Ayjan Urazbayeva and Ademi Zhakyp**, Nazarbayev University

  **Makhhabbat Boranbay**, Nazarbayev University

Discussant: **Dr. Linda Frank**, Graduate School of Public Health, University of Pittsburgh

11:30 a.m. – RELIGION AND PUBLIC LIFE

- “If There Were Better Muslims and an Islamic Government, Such Behavior Would Not Be Tolerated”: Corruption and Islamic Revival in Kyrgyzstan”
  **Naomi Messer**, Yale University

- “The Palladium of Russia: The Political Power of Our Lady of Vladimir”
  **Mary Orsak**, Yale University

Discussant: **Dr. Aziza Shanazarova**, Department of Religious Studies, University of Pittsburgh
1:00 p.m. – MANIFESTATIONS AND EFFECTS OF TRAUMA

- “Material Manifestations of Individual Trauma in Margarita Khemlin's Klotsvog (2009)”
  Anna Galperin, New York University

- “Life in the Face of Death: Children in the Theresienstadt Ghetto”
  Molly Plante, West Virginia University

- “Chernobyl Syndrome: The True Effects of the Nuclear Accident”
  Victoria Basciano, Muhlenberg College

Discussant: Emjay O’Shea, Department of Slavic Languages & Literatures, University of Pittsburgh

2:00 p.m. – POLICY AND LEADERSHIP

- “Khrushchev and the King’s Two Bodies: Reframing the Legitimacy Debate Through Soviet Jokelore, Medieval Political Philosophy, and Stalin’s Ghost”
  Emma Johnson, University of Richmond

- “Online Imperialism: Sovereignty and Cyber Warfare in Eastern Europe”
  Roman Shamakov, Swarthmore College

- “The Effects of Bukharan Jewish Emigration from the Soviet Union on Afghanistan’s Domestic Policy Towards Jews”
  Grace Sewell, Swarthmore College

Discussant: Dr. James Pickett, Department of History, University of Pittsburgh
3:30 p.m. – TENSION AND IDENTITY IN SOCIETY

- “The Stories We Tell Ourselves—Téa Obreht’s The Tiger’s Wife”
  Jenna Novosel, Roanoke College

- “A Look Inside the Tensions Underlying Russian Identity”
  Betty Ben Dor, Muhlenberg College

- “Class Consciousness in the Short Story”
  Mallory Harrison, University of Pittsburgh

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

3:30 p.m. – EU INSTITUTIONS: ELECTIONS AND LEGITIMACY

- “The Limits of Cooperation: The European Union’s Legitimacy Crisis in the Face of Democratic Backsliding”
  Abigail Skalka, Cornell University

Discussant: Brianna Howell, Department of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh