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AFFECTIONS
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AFTERLIVES

ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM OF SOYUZ
The Research Network for Postsocialist Cultural Studies
OPENING REMARKS 9:00 – 9:15a

PANEL I 9:15 – 10:45a
AFFECTIONS: CONNECTIONS, CROSSINGS, COMPARISONS
Chair  Meghanne Barker
University of Michigan
Gabika Bockaj
Johns Hopkins University
The Many Lives of Socialist Nostalgia
(Titostalgia and India)
Christina Schwenkel
University of California, Riverside
The Afterlives of Bricks: Affective Objects and Urban Reconstruction in Post/Socialist Vietnam
Sergey Glebov
Smith College (Amherst/Five Colleges)
Heart of Darkness 2.0: Wacław Sieroszewski, Siberian Ethnography, and Post-Soviet Search for Authenticity
Aaron Louis Rosenberg
El Colegio de Mexico
Who Sings for Whom? The Urban Troubadours Chava Flores and Marijani Rajabu
Discussant  Neringa Klumbyte
Miami University (Ohio)

BREAK 10:45 – 11:00a

PANEL II 11:00a – 12:30p
AFTERLIVES: NETWORKS, SYSTEMS...CARE OF
Chair  Damani Partridge
University of Michigan
Rima Praspaliauskiene
University of California, Davis
“Something You Cannot Escape”: Enveloped Care in Contemporary Lithuania
Inna Leykin
Brown University
On Demographic Illiteracy, Scientific Brokerage, and the Crisis of Underpopulation in the New Russian State
Paul Festa
Shandong University
Red “Rat Societies” in China’s Underground Economy: Specters of the Socialist Past in “Pure Capital Operation”

LUNCH BREAK 12:30 – 2:00p

PANEL III 2:00 – 3:15p
AFFLICTIONS: ONGOING OTHERINGS
Chair  Thomas Chivens
University of Michigan
Marina Mogilner,
Kazan State University
“Medical Materialism” and “Social Materialism” under Early Socialism: The Case of “Jewish Race” in the Country of Soviets
Vsevolod Bashkuev
Russian Academy of Sciences, Ulan-Ude
Silencing the Shame: Forgetting the 1920s Syphilis Epidemic in Buryat-Mongolia as a Strategy of Post-Soviet Identity Construction
Florin Poenaru
Central European University
Forgive Thy Neighbor as You Forgive Yourself! Archives, Religious Discourse, and Scapegoating after 1989
Discussant  Erin Koch
University of Kentucky

BREAK 3:15 – 3:45p

KEYNOTE ADDRESS 3:45 – 5:00p
Judith Farquhar
Max Palevsky Professor of Anthropology
University of Chicago
Afterlives of the Field Survey: Several Modern Moments in Chinese State Knowledge Production

RECEPTION 5:00 – 7:00p
Anderson Room, Michigan Union
# PANEL IV
**AFFECTIONS: ARTFUL REVALUATIONS**

**Chair**
Alaina Lemon  
University of Michigan

Haiyan Lee  
Stanford University

Mao’s Two Bodies: On the Curious (Political) Art of Impersonating the Great Helmsman

Sofia Kalo  
University of Massachusetts Amherst


Michal Murawski  
University of Cambridge

The Murderer at the Funeral: Warsaw and the Stalin-era Palace of Culture after the Smolensk Catastrophe

Ying Bao  
University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Afterlives of Revolutionary Song: Red Song Gala, Reality Television, and Chinese Music Politics

**Discussant**
Zhanara Nauruzbayeva  
Columbia University

# PANEL V
**AFFLICTIONS?: “THE WILL” WHEN NOT NEOLIBERAL . . .**

**Chair**
Deborah Jones  
University of Michigan

Lara R. Kusnetsky  
Independent Scholar

On the Subject of Self-Regulation in Contemporary China

Tomas Matza  
Duke University

Ambivalent Subjects: “Learning to Be Free” after Socialism

Ann Marie Leshkowich  
College of the Holy Cross

Responsible Expertise: Social Work and the Knowledge Economy of the Vietnamese Family

**Discussant**
Eugene Raikhel  
University of Chicago

# PANEL VI
**AFTERLIVES: REPURPOSING LABOR(S)**

**Chair**
Maria Taylor  
University of Michigan

Halide Velioglu  
Dogus University

Repair: The Mundane Life of Taking Care of Things and the Community in Post-War Sarajevo

Dominic Martin  
University of Cambridge

Post-Soviet Sobornost’: The Re-enchantment of a Military Ruin

Larisa Kurtovic  
University of California, Berkeley

People of Action: Socialist History and the Ethos of Civic Engagement in Postwar Bosnia Herzegovina

Mateusz Laszczkowski  
Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology

The Hands that Smell of Bread: Built Space, Nostalgia, and the Afterlife of a Krushchevite Development Campaign

**Discussant**
Andrew Kipnis  
Australian National University

# LUNCH BREAK
**12:00 – 1:15p**

# PANEL VII
**AFFECTIONS: GENERATIONS**

**Chair**
Anna Genina  
University of Michigan

Brian A. Horne  
University of Chicago

How to Love Dead Music: Soviet-Era Bardic Song as Memorabilia and Necrophilia

Xia Zhang  
University of Minnesota, Morris

One Life for Sale: Youth Culture, Labor Politics, and New Idealism in China

Zuzana Kepplova  
Central European University

New Identities Made with Old Tools: Post-Socialist Subcultural Styles beyond the Late Socialist Consumer Trauma

**Discussant**
Jessica Robbins  
University of Michigan

# BREAK
**2:45 – 3:15p**

# BREAK
**4:30 – 5:00p**

# GENERAL DISCUSSION
**FUTURE CONFERENCES**

**10:00 – 10:30a**

**10:30 – 10:45a**

**10:45a – 12:00p**

**12:00 – 1:15p**

**2:45 – 3:15p**

**1:15 – 2:45p**

**3:15 – 4:30p**

**4:30 – 5:00p**

**5:00 – 5:30p**
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