

## CONFERENCE

### **The Nines: Brinks, Cusps, and Perceptions of Possibility—from 1789-2009**

December 3-5, 2009

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Henderson Room, Michigan League

#### **Conveners:**

**Dario Gaggio**, associate professor of history and Center for European Studies-European Union Center director, U-M

**Mary Gallagher**, associate professor of political science and Center for Chinese Studies director, U-M

**Michael D. Kennedy**, Howard R. Swearer Director, Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown University; and Center for Russian and East European Studies research associate, U-M

**Douglas Northrop**, associate professor of history and Center for Russian and East European Studies director, U-M

### **Thursday, December 3**

**Keynote lecture: China as Eurasian Subcontinent: Perspectives on the Past and Future**  
**7:00 pm**

**James Millward**, professor of history, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University

Rackham Amphitheatre (reception at 6:00 pm, Rackham Assembly Hall)

### **Friday, December 4**

#### **Welcome**

**9:00 am**

**Michael D. Kennedy**

#### **Panel I: Beginnings**

**9:30-11:30 am**

**CHAIR: Michael D. Kennedy**

**Donald Lopez**, Arthur F. Thurnau Professor and Arthur E. Link Distinguished University Professor of Buddhist & Tibetan Studies, U-M

*The Year of the Earth Boar (a.k.a. 1959)*

**Gerard Libaridian**, Alex Manoogian Visiting Professor of Modern Armenian History, U-M

*Opportunities Gained and Lost: The Caucasus, 1988/9-1998/9*

**James Millward**

*Urumchi 1759 and Urumchi 2009: China as Eurasian Empire*

**Farina Mir**, assistant professor of history, U-M

*The Decolonization of British India: Transformations of Structures in South Asia*

## **Panel II: Symbols and Identity**

**1:00-2:30 pm**

**CHAIR: Dario Gaggio**

**Kerstin Barndt**, associate professor of Germanic languages and literatures, U-M

*Exhibiting 1989/2009: Utopian Temporalities and the Work of Memory*

**Xiaobing Tang**, Helmut F. Stern Professor and professor of Asian languages and cultures and comparative literature

*Why Should 2009 Make a Difference? Reflections on a Chinese Blockbuster*

**Geneviève Zubrzycki**, associate professor of sociology, U-M

*1959-1969: The Death of the King, the Murder of the Saint and the Birth of Quebec*

## **Panel III: The Moment and the Memory**

**3:00-4:30 pm**

**CHAIR: Douglas Northrop**

**Janet Hart**, associate professor of anthropology, U-M

*We almost forgot that it was about an American election: "Visible minorities" and the Globalization of Memory, Paris 2009*

**Daniel Herwitz**, Mary Fair Croushore Professor of Humanities; professor of history of art, philosophy, and comparative literature; and professor of Art & Design, U-M

*1999: The End of the South African Beginning*

**Jeff Wasserstrom**, professor of history, University of California-Irvine

*Remembering and Forgetting China's 1919 and 1989*

## **Saturday, December 5**

### **Panel IV: Transformations and Futures**

**9:30-11:00 am**

**CHAIR: Mary Gallagher**

**Michael D. Kennedy**

*Institutionalizing Futures under Conditions of Uncertainty: The Polish Round Table and Elections of 1989*

**Ronald G. Suny**, Charles Tilly Collegiate Professor of Social and Political History and Richard Hudson Research Professor of History, U-M

*Years of Revolution, 1919-1989: The Frustrating Fate of Socialism*

**Wang Zheng**, associate professor of women's studies and history, U-M

*Filmmaking in the Mao Era and Issues in China Studies*

### **Conference Wrap-up and Discussion**

**11:15 am-12:15 pm**

**Geoff Eley**, Karl Pohrt Distinguished University Professor of Contemporary History, U-M