From the Director

Over the past year, the Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies has focused on developing its global orientation and enhancing its profile as a leading interdisciplinary center on emerging democracies. These dual missions can consistently be seen across WCED’s ongoing and forthcoming initiatives in the areas of programming, fellowships, and publications.

We began the 2018-19 program with my inaugural address and conference, both entitled “Democracies Emerging and Submerging,” which highlighted the point that the present era, when democracies are clearly struggling, is an ideal time to study how and why democracies emerge. The conference also explored emerging democracy’s multiple opposites—submerging democracies, emerging dictatorships, and enduring dictatorships—to better understand how democracies emerge and endure. The conference closed with a public roundtable discussion on recent bestseller How Democracies Die with the book’s coauthor Steven Levitsky. Our subsequent public programming sounded similar themes, focusing on civil society, coups, and democratization in Southeast Asia; Nigeria’s national elections; and authoritarian elections around the world. Former WCED Director Anna Grzymala-Busse returned to campus for a public lecture on populism in Europe, and postdoctoral fellow Natalia Forrat spoke about her research on the local and social politics of Putin’s authoritarianism in Russia.

Our flagship WCED Postdoctoral Fellowship program is thriving. This year we hosted four postdocs representing a range of academic disciplines and world regions. We continue to offer fellowships to incoming graduate students, which helps recruit top emerging democracy scholars to Michigan. In addition to our longstanding faculty research grants, we opened up the research grant competition to graduate students for the first time. The student competition generated over 40 proposals, resulting in 10 awards. Projects ranged from Indonesia to Armenia to Romania, exemplifying how WCED is becoming a truly global center.

One of my primary initiatives as WCED Director has been to extend and expand our center’s profile in publishing and research. We launched the WCED Book Series at the University of Michigan Press, filling a gap in publications on the study of democracy and authoritarianism. The series already has books in print on Argentina and Indonesia, and one more in production that is comparative and global. We also have dedicated resources to produce cutting-edge research on emerging democracies and their multiple opposites by launching two major collaborative data collection projects.

All of these efforts continue to position WCED as a robust, leading center for the study and advancement of democracy. We are ideally poised to foster interdisciplinary collaborations and shared conceptual developments around the study of emerging democracies.

Dan Slater
Ronald and Eileen Weiser Professor of Emerging Democracies
WCED Director
Emerging Democracies Postdoctoral Fellows
Awarded to postdoctoral scholars in support of research on the broad historical, political, economic, and societal conditions under which democracies emerge—and autocracies endure. Fellows focus on their own research, participate in WCED workshops and events, and present one public lecture during their fellowship, while in residence at U-M.


Natalia Forrat (2018-20), PhD Sociology, Northwestern University. “Cooperate or Resist? State-Society Relations and Authoritarianism in Russia and Beyond.”

Jean Lachapelle (2017-19), PhD Political Science, University of Toronto. “Coercive Orders in the Middle East and North Africa.”

Fiona Shen-Bayh (2018-19), PhD Political Science, University of California, Berkeley. “Strategies of Repression: Judicial and Extrajudicial Methods of Autocratic Survival.”

WCED Faculty Grants
Awarded to U-M faculty for research projects that address themes related to democracy, broadly understood.

Kathryn Babayan, Middle East Studies, for the symposium “The Iranian Revolution and its Disciplinary Aftereffects.”

Michelle Bellino, Education, for the project “Teaching Peace in a Charged Landscape: The Democratic Potential of Peace Education during Columbia’s Peace Process.”

Barbara Koremenos, Political Science, for the project “Informal Cooperation or Failure to Cooperate? Explaining Low Levels of Formal Cooperation between Certain Authoritarian States.”

Ronald G. Suny, History, for the project “Forging the Nation: The Making and Faking of Nationalism.”

WCED Student Fellows
Awarded to U-M students who focus their work around the theme of “emerging democracies past or present.”

Graduate Academic Year Fellows

Jeremy Boo, PhD Political Science. Influence of religious and ethnic identity on nation and state-building and modern politics in Southeast Asia.

Andy Buschmann, PhD Political Science. Connections between democratization and social movements in Myanmar.

Elizabeth Compton, MA REES. Chechen-Russian Wars, Chechen masculinity, Salafism in the North Caucasus, and ethnicity-based prejudice in the Russian Federation.

Mekarem Eljamal, MA Middle Eastern & North African Studies. Palestinian citizens of Israel and how space and place-making processes have influenced their conceptions of identity, belonging, and non-belonging.

Raul Gólan, PhD Sociology. Impact of religious social movements in the post-revolutionary state-building processes in Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East.

Arakel Minassian, MA REES. Armenian national identity in the Soviet and post-Soviet periods.

Irene Morse, PhD Political Science. Impact of identity politics, societal polarization, and freedom of the press on democracy in the Middle East and North Africa.

Tyler C. Paige, MA REES. Visual discourse in the late Soviet period, using tools from anthropology and history.

Adelina Pinzar, PhD Asian Languages & Cultures. Censorship and resistance in South Korea and Romania during the decades preceding democratization.

Summer Fellows

Natalie Cadotte, BA Organizational Studies (France); Miriam Ernest, BA Public Policy (Australia); Sofia Gabby, BA LSA (Portugal); Raul Galan, PhD Sociology (Romania); Anton Lekocaj, BA LSA (Albania); Luc Le Pottier, BS Physics (Switzerland); Chris Liu, BS Cognitive Science/German/Biopsychology, Cognition, & Neuroscience (Germany); Aleksandra Luca, BA Political Science (England); Andy Ly, BA Economics (Spain); Konrat Pekkip, BA International Studies/Political Science (Germany); Sarah Wheat, PhD History of Art (Germany/Turkey); Alexa Zielinski, BA Creative Writing/Psychology (Switzerland).

Emerging Democracies Graduate Workshop
An interdisciplinary, not-for-credit forum convened for graduate students working on issues related to emerging democracies.

Conveners: Katlyn Carter, Natalia Forrat, Jean Lachapelle, Fiona Shen-Bayh, WCED Postdoctoral Fellows.

Participants: Jeremy Boo, PhD Political Science, Andy Buschmann, PhD Political Science; Elizabeth Compton, MA REES; Mekarem Eljamal, MA Middle Eastern & North African Studies; Raul Gólan, PhD Sociology; Arakel Minassian, MA REES; Irene Morse, PhD Political Science; Tyler C. Paige, MA REES; Adelina Pinzar, PhD Asian Languages & Cultures.

WCED Graduate Student Research Grants
Awarded to U-M graduate students for research projects related to authoritarianism and democracy, broadly understood.


**WCED Research Fellow**

WCED Research Fellows are specialists or practitioners of emerging democracies who hold non-teaching positions at U-M.

Albana Shehaj (PhD Political Science ’19) to work on her book project, “Corruption, Accountability, and Distributive Politics in an Integrated World.”

**Books**

The following books by faculty affiliated with WCED or WCEE were published in 2018-19.


**Grants, Awards, & Promotions**

The following are significant accomplishments in 2018-19 reported by faculty affiliated with the WCED or WCEE.

- Jeremiah Chamberlin, English. Institute for the Humanities Summer Fellow, U-M, 2018; U.S. Fulbright Specialist in Creative Writing (Bulgaria), 2019.
- Rita Chin, History. Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies Faculty Fellow, 2018-19; appointed associate dean for academic programs and initiatives, Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies, 2018-21.
- Mary Gallagher, Political Science. Appointed Amy and Alan Lowenstein Professor of Democracy, Democratization and Human Rights, 2018-23.
- Dan Slater, Political Science. Appointed Ronald and Eileen Weiser Professor of Emerging Democracies, 2018-23.
- George Steinmetz, German/Sociology. Siegfried Landshut Award, Hamburg Institute for Social Research, 2019.
The Weiser Center for Europe and Eurasia and its affiliated centers (CES/CPPS/CREES) worked closely together to produce exceptionally rich public programming in 2018-19, with events organized around two main series. The first, “Europe, Old and New,” examined the centennial of the end of the First World War, the collapse of empires, and the redrawing of Europe’s map. This series also critically examined where we are now, a century later. The second lecture series, “Migrations and Multiculturalism,” addressed the challenges of multiculturalism, as well as minority and civic rights at the time of democratic crisis and rising populism throughout Europe. Speakers talked about the transnational European Far-Right, the legal category of national minorities in the Czech Republic, strategic multilingualism in Ukraine, and racism in Albania.

We expanded a signature program, offering the NGO Leadership Workshop twice a year. The Fall workshop included 25 NGO leaders from 12 countries. Former President of Poland Aleksander Kwaśniewski opened the workshop with a lecture, and former U.S. Ambassador to Poland, Daniel Fried, attended the first day’s activities and addressed the participants. The Spring workshop had 25 participants from 13 countries and featured a keynote lecture by Jakub Wygnan’ski, Polish sociologist, former Solidarity activist, and NGO leader, followed by a reception to which participants and friends of WCEE in Warsaw were invited.

The Weiser Professional Development Fellowship is increasing in popularity, with a rising number of competitive applications. Six fellows visited in 2018, and seven more will come in 2019, working on projects with faculty from LSA, the Ford School of Public Policy, and the Ross School of Business. As in past years, the range of projects is very broad, and we are pleased to pair these scholars from Eastern Europe and Eurasia with U-M faculty from across the university.

WCEE instituted a new WCEE Distinguished Fellow position. The fellowship is meant to host a prominent scholar, public figure, or activist at U-M. The inaugural fellow was Dr. Krzysztof Śmieszek, a legal scholar, human rights activist, and founder of the first LGBTQ rights NGO in Poland. In addition to giving the WCEE Distinguished Lecture, Dr. Śmieszek lectured at the Ford School of Public Policy and participated in workshops at the Law School.

Last but not least, summer funding from WCEE and its affiliated centers was awarded to 22 graduate and 10 undergraduate students, for a total of $55,800. Students traveled to Albania, Belarus, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Spain, Switzerland, and Ukraine. WCEE also organizes and proudly supports internships for U-M students. In summer 2019, 23 undergraduate students interned at 15 organizations in Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia, Germany, Italy, North Macedonia, Poland, and Russia.

Our work would not be possible without the collaboration of several strategic partners. We continue to partner with the William Davidson Institute to run our NGO workshops. And we continue to collaborate effectively with the University Musical Society, the Michigan Theater Foundation, Hillel, the Jewish Community Center, the Ford School of Public Policy, as well as several departments within LSA.

Geneviève Zubrzycki
WCEE Director
Weiser Professional Development Program Fellows
Grants awarded to faculty and artists at institutions of higher education in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Kaliningrad (Russia), Kazakhstan, Kosovo, North Macedonia, Moldova, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Turkmenistan, and Ukraine for short visits to Ann Arbor to promote research collaboration with U-M faculty.


Kabcenell New Europe Grants
Awarded to undergraduate students for summer experiences to study or conduct research in the New Europe—countries that have joined or will join the European Union, with a preference for new member and candidate countries.

Vibhawari Deshpande, BS Movement Science (Cyprus).

Albanian Community Summer Fellowships
Awarded to undergraduate students to support study, research, or internships in Albania and in neighboring countries preparing to join the European Union.

Malalasa Chaudhari, BA International Studies, Albi Popaj, BBA Business Administration.

Babo Albanian Fellowship
Awarded to undergraduate students for study, research, or internship in Albania.

Ina Gjoka, BS Biochemistry

Student Internships
Internship placements in Europe and Eurasia coordinated by WCEE for undergraduate students.


WCEE Distinguished Fellow
WCEE hosts a prominent scholar, public figure, or activist at U-M during the academic year. The fellow may give a public lecture, teach a course, or otherwise participate in scholarship on campus.


WCEE Visiting Scholar
WCEE regularly collaborates with U-M units and external sponsors to host scholars who study Europe and Eurasia.

CES programming focuses on the past, present, and future of Europe and the European Union. This year, we were honored to have sociologist Tariq Modood give the Annual Distinguished Lecture on Europe, focusing on the challenges for multiculturalism in 21st-century Europe, and to host the French Consul General in Chicago, Guillaume Lacroix.

CES continues to support an undergraduate minor and a graduate certificate in European studies, and we award Jean Monnet Fellowships and CES Summer Research and Internship Grants to students studying Europe. CES is proud to support established scholars and rising stars continuing the long tradition of European Studies at U-M.

Modern European Studies Minor Graduates

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| Fall 2018 | Emily Dworkin. |
| Winter 2019 | Alyssa Walters. |

CES Summer Research & Internship Grants

Awarded to U-M students for summer research or internships to encourage study of Europe and European integration.

- Marina David, PhD Physics (Italy); Mia Delano, MPH Environmental Health Science (Switzerland); Angela Feak, PhD Anthropology (Germany); Banessa Hernandez, MHI Health Informatics (Spain); Anil Menon, PhD Political Science (Northern Ireland); Paige Newhouse, PhD History (Germany); Megan Rigney, MPH Health Behavior Health Education (Germany/Netherlands); Emily Sartorius, MSI Information (Germany); Anikka Van Eyl, MUP Urban & Regional Planning/MSW Social Work (Netherlands); Justin van Geest, PhD Music Theory (Germany); Parrish Wright, PhD Greek & Roman History (Italy).

- Jean Monnet Graduate Fellows


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Graduate Academic Year Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowships

Awarded to U-M graduate and professional school students for study of modern languages and related area studies with support from the U.S. Department of Education and U-M.

- Anthony Castaneda, MA REES/MPP Public Policy (Russian); Elizabeth Compton, MA REES (Russian); Nora Doltiver, MA REES/MSI Information Science (Polish); Mark Dovich, MA REES (Russian); Arakel Minassian, MA REES (Armenian); Carrie Ann Morgan, PhD Anthropology/Linguistics (Turkish); Jonathan Poser, MA REES/MPP Public Policy (Ukrainian); Kimberly Sanchez, PhD Anthropology (Russian).
Undergraduate Academic Year Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowships
Awarded to U-M undergraduate students for study of modern languages and related area studies with support from the U.S. Department of Education.

Miranda Campe, BA German/International Studies/Russian (Russian); Amelia Feuka, BA International Studies/Russian (Russian); Amanda Hardy, BA International Studies/German (Ukrainian); Arthur Mengozzi, BA International Studies/Russian (Russian); Nathaniel Ojo, BA International Studies/Philosophy, Politics, & Economics (Russian); Hannah Parton, BA Russian/Spanish (Russian).

Summer Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowships
Awarded to U-M students for intensive language study, or to students from other universities for summer language study at U-M with support from the U.S. Department of Education.

Nyeri Adolphus, BA Screen Arts & Cultures (Russian); Kyle Arnashus, BA Russian (Russian); Elizabeth Compton, MA REES (Russian); Jangul Eroln-Baurjan, BA Public Policy (Russian); Michaela Franzen, PhD Neurology (Russian); Sabrina Ivanenco, BA Biopsychology, Cognition, & Neuroscience (Russian); Elaina Karpenko, BA Art History/Russian; Vassar College (Russian); James Meador, PhD Anthropology (Russian); Jovana Paripovic, MSI Information (Serbian).

Graduate Student Instructors, REEES 395 & 397
Awarded for teaching positions in REEES undergraduate courses: REEES 395, Russia and the Soviet Union: Reform, Revolution, and the Socialist Experiment (fall); REEES 397: Communism and Capitalism in Eastern Europe (winter).

Miranda Garcia, PhD Anthropology, REEES 397; Kaley Halenkrat, MA REES/JD Law. REEES 397; William Forrest Holden, PhD History, REEES 395; Ilya Mamin, JD Law, REEES 395.

CREEES Research, Internship, & Fellowship Awards
Awarded to students in REEES-related undergraduate and graduate degree programs for summer or semester-long research projects or internships at institutions and businesses in Eastern Europe or the former Soviet Union.

Suzanna Duba, BS Information/International Studies (Russia); Rachel London, BA Art & Design (Russia); Grace Mahoney, PhD Slavic (Ukraine); Genta Nishiku, PhD Comparative Literature (Albania/Kosovo); Gyorgi Pardik, PhD Anthropology (Hungary); James Torpy, PhD Anthropology (Albania/Cyprus/Greece/Kosovo); Mariya Zilberman, MFA Creative Writing (Belarus).

Marjorie and Maxwell Reade Graduate Fellowship
Erina Baci, PhD Anthropology (Albania/Greece/Kosovo/Montenegro/North Macedonia); Jeffrey Biubi, PhD Sociology (Russia).

Czech Studies Award
Zhehao Tong, BA Spanish (Czech Republic).

Southeast European Studies Award
McKenna Marke, PhD Slavic (Croatia/Israel/Serbia); Nissa Thodesen-Kasparian, BA History/International Studies (Albania).

Ukrainian Research Grant
Awarded to students to support summer or semester-long research projects focused on Ukraine with support from the Ukrainian National Women's League of America.
Kaley Hanenkrat, MA REES/JD Law (Ukraine).

Alfred G. Meyer Prize
The Meyer Prize is awarded at the end of each academic year in recognition of distinguished undergraduate research and writing in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies.

Yuting Chen, BA History/Political Science/Sociology, 'East European Economic Thoughts of Reform and their Strange Chinese After-Lives: Intergorganizational Networks, State Capacity, and Politics of Economic Reform in Post-Mao China.'

Czech Language Scholarships
Awarded to undergraduate students who successfully complete two semesters of Czech language courses at U-M with support from CREEES and the Department of Slavic Languages & Literatures.

Madylin Eberstein, BS Linguistics; Edie Lerner, BS LSA; Michael McGrath, BA English; Amanda Szczesniak, BA Biopsychology, Cognition, & Neuroscience; Zhehao Tong, BA Spanish.

CREEES Visiting Scholars
CREEES regularly collaborates with U-M units and external sponsors to host visiting scholars from Russia, Eastern Europe, and Eurasia.

Anastasiya Halauniova, PhD candidate in contemporary history, University of Vienna; Botstiber-Fellow/Visiting Graduate Student, U-M Department of Germanic Languages & Literatures. Winter 2019. Irina Khutsieva, director, Chamber Theatre, Moscow; Artist in Residence, U-M Residential College. Fall 2018. Viacheslav Morozov, professor of EU-Russia studies, University of Tartu. Fall 2018.

CREEES Alumni
Graduates from CREEES and other U-M academic programs have gone on to distinguished careers—here are some updates from the past year. Alumni are encouraged to send news of their achievements to crees@umich.edu.

Ryan Aiken (MA REES '09) is a political officer at the U.S. Embassy in Budapest, Hungary. Alena Aniskiewicz (PhD Slavic '19) was named a 2019-20 U-M Institute for the Humanities postdoctoral fellow for the project "Cultural Remix: Polish Hip Hop and the Sampling of Heritage." Anne Bobroff-Hajal (PhD History '82) exhibited Peasants, Clans, and Effervescent Absolutists at Columbia University's Harriman Institute in September-October, 2018.
Steven R. Coe (MA REES ’86, PhD History ‘93) works for the Human Rights and Special Prosecutions Section of the U.S. Department of Justice. Robert Cutler (PhD Political Science ’82) is Senior Research Fellow for Energy Security at the NATO Association of Canada. Mark Augustine Dovich (BA REES/Political Science ’18, MA REES ’19) is volunteering in Yerevan with the Armenian Volunteer Corps program. Anne O. Fisher (MA Slavic ’99, PhD Slavic ’05) published the translation of The Freedom Factory by Ksenia Buksha (Phoneme Media, 2018) and The Joyous Science: Selected Poems of Maxim Amelin w/ D. Mong (White Pine, 2018). Ina Ganguli (MPP Public Policy/Graduate Certificate REES ’04) received the 2018 Russian National Prize in Applied Economics. Robert F. Goeckel (BA Political Science ’73, MPP Public Policy ’74) published Soviet Religious Policy in Estonia and Latvia: Playing Harmony in the Singing Revolution (Indiana UP, 2018). Ksenya Gurshtein (PhD History of Art ’11) is curator of modern and contemporary art at the Ulrich Museum of Art, Wichita State University. Ana Gabriela Guzman (MA REES ’17) is senior compliance analyst at Goldman Sachs. Erika Haber (PhD Slavic ’93) is professor of Russian language, literature, and culture at Syracuse University. Alexandra Jason (MA REES ’16) is a program associate for the Ukrainian Emerging Leaders Program at the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies, Stanford University. Diane P. Koenker (PhD History ’76), director of the University College London School of Slavonic and East European Studies, received the ASEEES Distinguished Contributions to Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Award in 2018. Erica Lehrer (PhD Anthropology ’04) co-curated the exhibition Terribly Close: Polish Vernacular Artists Face the Holocaust for the Kraków Ethnographic Museum. Chandra Luccak (BA REES ’00) is deputy director for Southern California at UNICEF USA. Dana Mateescu (PhD Anthropology/History ’18) is assistant professor of social anthropology at the University of Bergen, Norway. Raymond Patton (MA REES ’90, PhD History ’11), director of the Macaulay Honors College and associate professor of history at John Jay College, CUNY, published Punk Crisis: The Global Punk Rock Revolution (Oxford UP, 2018). Jonathan Poser (MA REES/MPP Public Policy ’19) is resident director for the American Councils Russian-language Critical Language Scholarship Program in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. Eoin Power (MA REES ’15) is a project manager for Civitta, a management consulting firm, in Belgrade. Douglas Rogers (MA REES ’99, PhD Anthropology ’04) is professor of anthropology and inaugural faculty director of the Program in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies at Yale University. Paul Saunders (MA REES/Political Science ’92) is president of the Energy Innovation Reform Project and senior fellow and board member of the Center for the National Interest. Monica Sendor (BS Psychology/REES ’09) is an economic officer at the U.S. Embassy in Minsk, Belarus. Stephen Mitchell Tull (PhD Political Science ’95) is the United Nations resident coordinator in Chad. Erika Wolf (MA History of Art ’90, MA REES ’95, PhD History of Art ’99) is professor at the School of Advanced Studies at the University of Tyumen in Siberia. Jessica Zychowicz (PhD Slavic ’15) is a postdoctoral fellow at CUSP: Contemporary Ukraine Studies Program, University of Alberta.
The 2018-19 academic year was as busy as ever. In the Fall, feminist activist and politician Barbara Nowacka delivered the 2018 Annual Copernicus Lecture on the ongoing challenges to democracy in contemporary Poland, and we organized a special panel on the centennial of Polish independence. Another highlight was an exhibition on the Republic of Zakopane and Polish independence, organized in collaboration with the Tatra Museum and the Adam Mickiewicz Institute in Poland. Historian Maciej Krupa curated the exhibit and gave two lectures at U-M during his week-long stay in Ann Arbor. We also hosted Dr. Krzysztof Śmieszek, a legal scholar, human rights activist, and founder of the first LGBTQ rights NGO in Poland for a month while he was the inaugural WCEE Distinguished Fellow. Finally, we worked with Hillel and the Ann Arbor Jewish Community Center to bring two documentary films to our community: the first on the ongoing Jewish revival in Poland, the other on the Ringelblum archive documenting life in the Warsaw ghetto. Director Geneviève Zubrzycki participated in panels after each screening.

We continue to strengthen ties with partner institutions in Poland, sponsoring faculty and student initiatives with POLIN, the Adam Mickiewicz Institute, and the University of Warsaw. As always, we support the student community by awarding numerous fellowships to study the Polish language and to travel to Poland for research or internships.

**Copernicus Fellowship for Graduate Students in Polish Studies**
Awarded to an incoming doctoral or master’s level student expecting to focus graduate work on Polish studies who has been nominated by the student’s department.

*Han Xu, PhD History.*

**Copernicus Summer Grants**
Awarded to students for summer or semester-long research, study, or internships focused on Poland.

*Emily Learman, BA History; Catherine Szkop, BS Evolutionary Anthropology.*

**Amelia Kulesa Konepks Fellowship**

*Minh-Quan Nguyen, BSE Naval Architecture & Marine Engineering.*

**Excellence in Polish Language Award**
Awarded to the top undergraduate student studying Polish in the Department of Slavic Languages & Literatures.

*Christopher Keefe, BA Economics.*

**Copernicus Polish Language Scholarships**
Awarded to undergraduate students who successfully complete two semesters of Polish language courses at the University of Michigan.

*Paulina Buchta, BA LSA; Anthony Cichocki, BA History; Emily Lerner, BS International Studies; Shannon Maag, BA History; Minh-Quan Nguyen, BSE Naval Architecture & Marine Engineering; Hope O'Neill, BA Psychology; Ethan Paczkowski, BA LSA; Ewelina Papiez, BA LSA; Madeline Toper, BA Anthropology/Classical Archaeology; Emily Webber, BS Movement Science; Kami Ziolkowski, BA LSA.*

*Exhibitions from top left: Maciej Krupa, Ron Weiser; Barbara Nowacka and students; Marysia Ostafin; Zakopane exhibition “Poland’s Centennial” panelists.*
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Video recordings of programs organized by the Weiser Centers are available on our websites and YouTube.

SEPTEMBER


Sep 14 Lecture. "Facebook, Politics, and Participation in the Philippines." Aries Arugay, University of the Philippines Diliman; Aim Sinpeng, University of Sydney. Sponsors: CSEAS, WCEE.


Sep 24 Lecture. "LGBTQ Rights in Poland and the EU: Legal and Social Perspective." Krzysztof Smiszek, Sponsors: DHRC, CEE+, CPPS, WCEE, Women’s Studies Department.


Sep 27 Inaugural Lecture as the Ronald and Eileen Weiser Professor of Emerging Democracies. "Democracies Emerging and Submerging." Dan Slater, U-M. Sponsors: WCEE, II, LSA, PS.


Sep 29 WCEE Panel. "How Democracies Live and Die." Thomas Carethers, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; Didi Kuo, Stanford University; Steven Levitsky, Harvard University. Sponsor: WCEE.

OCTOBER


Oct 26 Lecture. "Decolonizing German History at the Museum." Katrin Sieg, Georgetown University. Sponsors: GLL, WCED.


Oct 26 Lecture. "Tying the Big Man’s Hands: From Personalized Rule to Institutionalized Regimes." Anne Meng, University of Virginia. Sponsors: PS, WCED.

NOVEMBER

Nov 6 Lecture. "Marc Chagall, the Jewish Renaissance, and the Art of Painting." Sabine Koller, University of Regensburg. Sponsors: SLL, CREES.


Nov 9-11 25th Ann Arbor Polish Film Festival. Sponsors: Polish Cultural Fund - Ann Arbor, CPPS, others.

Nov 12 Film/Performance. The Yellow Ticket (Der Gelbe Schein). Victor Janson and Eugen Illés, directors (1918). Performed by Alicia Svigals, violin; Marilyn Lerner, piano. Sponsors: JCC, CPPS, FCJS, MT.


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JANUARY

Jan 15 WCED Roundtable. "Nigeria’s Elections: Democracy and Disillusionment." Omolade Adunbi, U-M; Adrienne LeBas, American University; Dan Slater, U-M. Sponsors: WCED, ASC.


**FEBRUARY**


**Feb 4-5** CPPS Exhibition. “100 Years of Polish Independence: Zakopane 1918.” Sponsors: CPPS, Adam Mickiewicz Institute, Tatra Museum.


**Feb 6** Panel Discussion. “Southeast Asia Practice and Scholarship Series: Perspectives on the State of Journalism.” Moderator: Allen Hicken, U-M. Presenters: Orlando de Guzman, video journalist; Arlyn Gajilan, Thompson Reuters; Tyrell Haberkorn, University of Wisconsin–Madison; Hkun Lat, documentary photographer. Sponsors: CSEAS, WCED.

**Feb 7-24** Film. Cold War (Zimna wojna). Pawel Pawlikowski, director (2018). Sponsors: MT, CPPS.

**Feb 15-16** 22nd Charles F. Fraker Graduate Conference. “Complex Spaces: Navigating Text and Territory.” Keynote: Robert Tally, Jr., Texas State University. Sponsors: RLL, CES, others.

**Feb 19** Conversations on Europe/CREES Lecture. “Making a New Europe: A Transnational Ethnography of Far-right Activism.” Anghieszka Pasieka, University of Vienna. Sponsors: CES, CREES, ANTH.


**Feb 24** Concert. Karol Szymanowski Masterworks for Violin and Piano. Blanka Bednarz, violin; Matthew Bengtson, piano, U-M. Sponsors: CPPS, SMTD.


**MARCH**

**Mar 9** Concert. Mongolian Melody. Sponsors: Mongolian Cultural Organization, CREES.

**Mar 12** WCED Panel. “What’s Up with Authoritarian Elections?” Moderator: Allen Hicken, U-M. Presenters: Erica Frantz, Michigan State University; Masaaki Higashijima, Tohoku University; Carl Henrik Knutsen, University of Oslo; Alberto Simpser, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México. Sponsors: WCED, CPS, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science.


**Mar 18 Conversations on Europe.** “Different Pathways, Common Destination? Public Policy and Institutional Changes in Greece, Italy, Portugal, and Spain during and after the Economic Crisis.” Dimitri A. Sotiropoulos, University of Athens, Harvard University, Tufts University. Sponsors: CES, CPS.


Mar 19 CREES Distinguished Lecture. "The Truth about Lies in International Relations: Reflections on the Media in Russia and Beyond." Jill Dougherty [BA Russian '78], journalist. Sponsors: CREES, SLL, WCEC.


Mar 27 CREES Noon Lecture. "They Treat Us Like Animals Here": Romani and Egyptian Belonging in Albania." Chelsi West Ohueri, University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School. Sponsors: CREES, ANTH, ASC, Center for Middle Eastern & North African Studies.

Mar 27 Film. Deouchuil. Leonore Kasper, director [2018]. Sponsors: AAF, WCEC.

Mar 28 Film. My Friend the Polish Girl. Ewa Banaszkiewicz, director [2018]. Sponsors: AAF, CPPS.

Mar 30 Film. My-Friend the Polish Girl. Ewa Banaszkiewicz, director [2018]. Sponsors: AAF, CPPS.


APRIL


Apr 6 Panel. "Which Revolution? Ukraine Five Years Later" Mark Dillen [BA REES '73], international media and communications consultant; Jessica Zychowicz [PhD Slavic '15], University of Alberta. Sponsors: SLL, CREES.


MAY

May 10-11 Conference. "Understanding Political and Social Change in Muslim States and Societies." Organizers: Pauline Jones, U-M; Melani Cammett, Harvard University. Sponsors: Digital Islamic Studies Curriculum, Institute for the Humanities, LSA, Rackham Graduate School, WCEC.

May 10-19 Cinetopia Film Festival. Sponsors: MT, CES, CREES, WCEC, others.


May 31-June 6 Film. The White Crow. Ralph Fiennes, director [2019]. Sponsors: MT, WCEC.

JULY

Jul 18 Concert. New Works for Carillon by Polish Women Composers. Anna Kasprzycka, carillonist. Sponsors: SMTD, CPPS.

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