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From the Director

The Weiser Centers have had a wonderful year. We celebrated a very substantial $25 million gift from Ambassador Ronald Weiser and Eileen Lappin Weiser to WCED. Thanks to their generosity, we will be able to expand our global programming, develop a post-doctoral program, and deepen and extend our collaborations across the world.

We began the year in September by welcoming the President of Albania, His Excellency Bujar Nishani. His visit included a public lecture, meetings with students, and a series of community events. This was followed by a collaboration with the Penny W. Stamps School of Art and Design to bring two members of the Russian punk collective Pussy Riot to campus, and a series of diverse and fascinating lectures on right-wing extremism, the bank default in Europe, the crisis in Ukraine, and the development of democracy worldwide.

WCED and WCEE capped off 2014-15 with a successful conference. Inspired by the events in Scotland, Ukraine, and Catalunya, “Sovereignty under Threat?” brought together scholars working on secession, self-determination, and the domestic underpinnings of sovereignty, as well as graduate students who presented their research.

WCED continues to support a new generation of researchers through the Weiser Emerging Democracy Fellowships and Emerging Democracies Graduate Workshop, where students engage directly with scholars and practitioners. Efforts continue to expand our undergraduate travel and research fellowship program. Thanks to a number of generous donors, this year we established the Albanian Community Summer Fellowships to support undergraduate experiences in Albania and neighboring countries. WCEE also develops scholarly and policy expertise through its Weiser Professional Development Program and Weiser Faculty Grants, as well through our association with the Robert B. Zajonc Institute for Social Studies at the University of Warsaw.

We look forward to developing and expanding all of these programs in the years to come, and to continuing our collaborations with CES and CREES, as well as our new partners in Polish and Islamic studies. We would also like to thank the many faculty, students, and colleagues both at the university and in the community for their participation and support.

Anna Grzymala-Busse
Ronald and Eileen Weiser Professor of European and Eurasian Studies
WCEE/WCED Director
Weiser Professional Development Program Fellows, 2015

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


Oleksii Shestakovskyy, lecturer in sociology, National Technical University of Ukraine Kyiv Polytechnic Institute, and research fellow, National Academy of Sciences, Ukraine. Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research. July-August, 2015.


Kabcenell New Europe Grants, 2015
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.

Ergest Isak, BA LSA (Albania); Kristina Ljucovic, BS Neuroscience (Albania); Alexandra Newton, BA Economics/International Studies (Romania).

Weiser Faculty Grants, 2014-15
Awarded to U-M faculty for projects addressing historical or current articulations of cultural, economic, political, and social life in Europe and Eurasia. Projects engaging WCED’s thematic concern for emerging democracies were especially welcomed.

Irina Aristarkhova, Art & Design/Art History/Women’s Studies, for the symposium “Art and the State.” Michelle J. Bellino, Education, for the project “Education, Democracy, and Transitional Justice: Truth Commissions and Legacies of Reform.” Geoff Eley, History, for the project “Conservative Revolution in British Perception, 1918-1930.” Johannes Foufopoulos, Natural Resources & Environment, for the project “Evaluation of EU Subsidies on the Sustainability of Livestock Management Practices in Mediterranean Europe.” Fatma Müge Göçek, Sociology/Women’s Studies, to complete the Turkish translation of her book Denial of Violence: Ottoman Past, Turkish Present and Collective Violence against Armenians, 1789-2009. Scott Greer, Public Health, for the project “Federalism in Good Times and Bad.” Christiane Gruber, History of Art, for the project “Geza Graffiti: Resistance and Visual Culture in Contemporary Turkey.” Daniel Halberstam, Law, for the project “EU Accession to the European Convention on Human Rights after Opinion 2/13.” Allen Hicken, Political Science, for the project “Democracy or Strong Leaders.” Elizabeth King, Public Health, for the project “Linkage to HIV Services for Vulnerable Women in Russia.” Gergana Kodjebacheva, U-M Flint School of Health Professions & Studies, for a project promoting the use of eyeglasses among Romani children in Bulgaria. Mikhail Krutikov, Judaic Studies/Slavic, for the project “Reading Jewish Space in Russian and Yiddish Literature.” Shaun McRae, Economics, and Robyn Meeks, Natural Resources & Environment, for the project “Household Responses to Energy Price Reforms in Kyrgyzstan.” Robert Mickey, Political Science, for the project “Trouble in the Fields: Political-Economic Obstacles to Nation Building in Iraq, the American South, and Beyond.” Brian Min, Political Science, to support the conference “Accountability and Development.” Farina Mir, History, for the project “Producing Modern Muslims.” Benjamin Paloff, Comparative Literature/Slavic, for the project “Worlds Apart: Real-Life Fictions of Concentration Camps, Ghettos, and Besieged Cities.” Endi Poskovic, Art & Design, for the project “Futures in the Present: Polish Graphic Sensibility and the Kraków International Print Triennial.” Svittlana Rogovyk, Slavic, to establish internships for U-M students in Ukraine. Cindy A. Schipani, Business, for the project “Institutions, Corporate Governance, and Society: The Role of the Firm in the U.S. and Italy.” Magdalena J. Zaborowska, Afroamerican & African Studies/American Culture, for the project “A Tale of Two Museums: Exhibiting Race, or Blackness and Jewishness from the U.S. to Poland.”
The following are significant accomplishments in 2014–15 reported by faculty affiliated with CES, CREES, ISP, and/or WCED.

Books & Recordings


Grants, Awards, & Promotions

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WEISER CENTER FOR EMERGING DEMOCRACIES

WCED Student Fellows, 2014-15
Awarded to students at U-M who focus their work around the theme of “emerging democracies past or present.”

Graduate Academic Year Fellows


Summer Fellows

David Beck, BA History (Poland); Linda Camaj, BS Biomolecular Science/Spanish (Albania); Xi Chen, MS Natural Resources & Environment (Switzerland); Adrian Deoanca, PhD Anthropology (Romania); Polina Fradkin, BA International Studies/Judaic Studies/Russian (Cuba); Dustin Gamza, PhD Political Science (Kyrgyzstan/Tajikistan); Taylor Gunderson, BA International Studies/Political Science (Belgium); Linh-Yen Hoang, BFA Art & Design (Portugal); Ian Holtz, BA German/International Studies (Germany); Marie Keith, BS Cellular & Molecular Biology (Germany); Amber Krupp, BA Political Science (Belgium); Amanda Ujkashi, BA LSA (Albania); Nadia Vandergriff, MS Natural Resources & Environment (Switzerland); Louise Wang, BS Environment (Albania); Peixin Yang, BA LSA (Albania).
Emerging Democracies Graduate Workshop, 2014-15
An interdisciplinary, not-for-credit forum convened for graduate students working on issues related to emerging democracies.

Faculty convener: Anna Grzymala-Busse, WCED/Political Science.

Participants: Cristian Capotescu, PhD History; Adrian Deoanca, PhD Anthropology; Sasha de Vogel, PhD Political Science; Dustin Gamza, PhD Political Science; Karl Gaudyn, PhD Comparative Literature; Simeneh Gebremariam, PhD Anthropology; Ignacio Huerta, PhD Spanish; Özge Korkmaz, PhD Anthropology; Bomi Lee, PhD Political Science; Einar David Manki, MA REES; Györgyi Parditka, PhD Anthropology; Eoin Power, MA REES; Stephanie Skier, PhD History; Kirill Zhirkov, PhD Political Science.

Presenters: Daria Popova, European University Institute Visiting Fellow, U-M; Michal Vaščka, associate professor of sociology, Masaryk University and Comenius University.

WCED Research Fellows, 2014-15
WCED Research Fellows are specialists or practitioners of emerging democracies who teach or hold non-teaching positions at U-M.

Joanna Jasińska and Maria Pacuska, Robert B. Zajonc Institute for Social Studies, University of Warsaw, Poland, to attend U-M’s Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research 2015 Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research. Veronica Silva, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Mexico, for research related to her doctoral thesis, “Decentralization and Participatory Democracy in Subnational Power Structures [Medellín, Guayaquil and Santa Cruz 1990-2010].”
This year, CES hosted a roster of events on issues of pressing interest to Europe. Following the Scottish Referendum, poet Robert Crawford gave a series of talks exploring the political and literary landscape of Scotland before and after the vote. At the symposium “Crusade, Jihad, and the Multi-Sectarian State,” scholars discussed the history of religious violence and sectarian conflict in contemporary Europe. We invited experts to discuss the current state of scholarship and teaching in Western European languages at the first of a series of conversations on the topic, “National Languages in the Globalized University.” Our signature Conversations on Europe series continued with talks about the European shores of the Mediterranean, European response to immigration, and governance and crime in the EU. Jean Boutier of the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales gave our annual distinguished lecture on the training of elite nobles in early modern Europe. CES also co-hosted a roundtable, “Free Speech on the Front Lines,” in response to current events challenging traditional legal and cultural interpretations of freedom of the press. In the fall semester we welcomed our annual European University Institute visiting scholar, Daria Popova. Our undergraduate minor, graduate certificate, Jean Monnet Fellowships, and CES Summer Research and Internship Grants remain strong and continue to attract students studying Europe. This year we received a record number of applications for funding from students traveling to Europe over the summer—and we hope to see them at CES events next fall!
CES Graduates, 2014-15
Fall 2014 | Modern European Studies Minor: Aldan Brown.

Jean Monnet Graduate Fellows, 2015
Fellowships awarded to U-M graduate students for research on European integration with support from CES, Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies, and WCED.


CES Summer Research & Internship Grants, 2015
Awarded to U-M students for summer research or internships to encourage study of Europe and European integration.

Susan Abraham, PhD Spanish (Spain); Jim Carter, PhD Italian (Italy); Michael Fortunato, MPH Health Management & Policy (Belgium); Matthew Henry, BS Neuroscience (Germany); Maria Joachim, PhD Heath Service Organization & Policy (Cyprus/Malta/Portugal); Erica Liao, BA Political Science (Germany); Cosmo Pappas, BA Comparative Literature (France/Italy); Shanae Pruitt, BA English (England); Jeffrey Samuels, PhD Classical Art & Architecture (Italy); Leigh Saris, PhD Anthropology (Greece/Turkey); Samuel Shuman, PhD Anthropology (Belgium); Hanna Wetters, BA Philosophy, Politics, & Economics (France); Jifang Zhou, MPH Health Management & Policy (Denmark/France).

EUI Visiting Fellow, 2014-15
The Postdoctoral Fellowship for European University Institute (EUI) PhDs was introduced in 2011 to foster teaching and research on European integration. While in residence in Ann Arbor, EUI Postdoctoral Fellows teach one undergraduate course and pursue their research.

CES Visiting Scholar, 2014-15

CES regularly collaborates with U-M units and external sponsors to host visiting scholars working on European topics.

This has been an especially rich and stimulating year at CREES. We ran a lecture mini-series on “Material Culture and Social Change in Russia, Eastern Europe, and Eurasia,” and devoted attention to the conflict in Ukraine, the relationship between art and the state, Russian literature, and the globalization of knowledge, all while covering over a dozen countries from the region. The Copernicus Program in Polish Studies is as vibrant as ever, focusing this year on Polish jazz and contemporary Polish-Jewish relations. As always, we remain grateful to our partners within WCEE and beyond, especially the Frankel Center for Judaic Studies, Stamps School of Art & Design, and Michigan Theater.

In addition to our public events, we continue to support the student community by awarding numerous fellowships to study our region at U-M and in the field. Students are drawn to CREES for the wealth of expertise of our faculty, and new faculty who specialize in our region are attracted to U-M in part because of the community of experts we create.

All of these activities testify to the vitality of the center and the significance of Russian, East European, and Eurasian studies in academia and beyond.

Geneviève Zubrzycki
CREES/CPPS Director
CENTER FOR RUSSIAN, EAST EUROPEAN, 
& EURASIAN STUDIES

**REES Graduates, 2014-15**
Summer 2014 | REES MA/JD: Colleen Fitzharris.

**Graduate Academic Year Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowships, 2014-15**
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.

- Andrew McIntyre, MA REES (Uzbek); Bradley Novreske, MA REES/JD Law (Russian); Anna Sadovnikova, MA REES/MPH Public Health (Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian); Stephanie Skier, PhD History (Polish); Marian Smith, PhD Near Eastern Studies (Uzbek).

**Graduate Summer Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowships, 2015**
Awarded to U-M graduate and professional school students for intensive language study with support from the U.S. Department of Education.

- Golriz Farshi, PhD Near Eastern Studies (Russian); Bradley Goerne, PhD Slavic (Czech); Michelle Jackson, MSI Information Science (Russian); Einar David Manki, MA REES (Russian); Ryan McCulloch, MA REES/PhD Music Theory (Russian); Justin Zemaitis, MA REES (Russian).

**Undergraduate Academic Year Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowships, 2014-15**
Awarded to U-M undergraduate students for study of modern languages and related area studies with support from the U.S. Department of Education.

- Melissa Kucemba, BA History/Polish/Psychology (Polish); Erica Lignell, BA REES (Russian).

**Undergraduate Summer Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowships, 2015**
Awarded to U-M undergraduate students for intensive language study with support from the U.S. Department of Education.

- Victoria Chochla, BS Polish (Polish); Michael Dembicki, BSE Industrial & Operations Engineering (Polish); Claudia Lahr, BA REES (Russian).
Graduate Student Instructors, REEES 395 & 396/397, 2014-15
Awarded for teaching positions in REEES undergraduate courses: REEES 395, Survey of Russia: The Russian Empire, the Soviet Union, and the Successor States (fall); REEES 396/397: Communism and Capitalism in Eastern Europe (winter).


CREES Research, Internship, & Fellowship Awards, 2015
Awarded to students in REES-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.

Tessa Adzemovic, MD Medicine (Bosnia and Herzegovina); Maja Babic, PhD Architecture (Bosnia and Herzegovina/Croatia/Serbia); Ariana Bancu, PhD Linguistics (Romania); Cristian Capotescu, PhD History (Hungary); Vedran Catovic, PhD Comparative Literature (Bosnia and Herzegovina/Croatia/Serbia); Anne Desiderio, MA Higher Education/Middle Eastern & North African Studies (Georgia); Christopher Fort, PhD Slavic (Uzbekistan); Natalie McCauley, PhD Slavic (Russia); Jamie Parsons, PhD Slavic (Ukrainian); Spenser Pawlik, BSE Mechanical Engineering (Kazakhstan); Helena Ratte, BA German/History (Bosnia and Herzegovina); Kimberly Swisher, PhD Anthropology (Hungary).

Ukrainian Research Grants, 2015
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.

Nadiya Kostyuk, PhD Public Policy & Political Science.

Alfred G. Meyer Prize, 2014-15
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.


Undergraduate Language Prizes, 2014-15
CREES annually awards prizes to the top undergraduate students studying several languages in the Department of Slavic Languages & Literatures.

Katerina Chekhovskiy, BS Biomolecular Science/French (Ukrainian); Ava Margaret Tavrazich, BA International Studies/Spanish (Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian).
CREES Alumni

Please send news on your activities since graduation to crees@umich.edu.


Krisztina Fehérváry; 2015 REES graduates: Eoin Power, Bo Zhang, Andrew McIntrye, Geneviève Zubrzycki, and Alexandra Jason (photo by Alex Mandrila)
Copernicus Summer Grants, 2015
Awarded to students for summer or semester-long research, study, or internships focused on Poland.

Alena Aniskiewicz, PhD Slavic; Joanna Mazurkiewicz, PhD Slavic; Marta Sadowska, BA International Studies.

Amelia Kulesa Konopka Fellowship, 2015
Natalie Greifer, BA LSA.

Marjorie and Maxwell Reade Graduate Fellowship, 2015
Mary Kathleen Wroblewski, PhD History.

John J. Świderski Fellowship, 2015

Copernicus Polish Language Awards, 2014-15
Awarded to the top undergraduate students studying Polish in the Department of Slavic Languages & Literatures.

Theresa Dowker, BA Polish; Lauren Pryszcz, BS Cellular & Molecular Biology/Polish minor.

(clockwise from top left) Tomasz Stańko and Piotr Michałowski, Barbara Rylko-Bauer with U-M Polish Student Association members, Francine Zuckerman and Geneviève Zubrzycki
At ISP we aim to represent the history and contemporary state of global Islamic culture and Muslim societies worldwide. Public programs this year included lectures on Arabic and Chinese calligraphy, the history of Muslim Detroit, the arts of uprising in contemporary Turkey, and medieval Islamic musical traditions, as well as a year-long series of recent films from the Muslim regions of Central Asia. Graduate students in Islamic studies are active—this year the Interdisciplinary Islamic Studies Seminar hosted eight scholars who presented their work on a diverse range of topics from ISIS to Islamic charity in Egypt. The Islamic studies undergraduate minor is growing, and we provide grants to support Muslim student groups on campus. This year, for the first time, we awarded summer travel and internship grants to students. One of our key initiatives, the Islamic Studies Virtual Curriculum, directed by Pauline Jones Luong and funded by the Mellon Foundation, launched its operations in 2014-15 and will begin offering distance-learning courses in collaboration with partner universities next fall. Through our affiliation with the Weiser Center, ISP will continue to enhance global Islamic studies at U-M and strengthen its role as a strategic partner for students and faculty.

Karla Mallette
ISP Director

(clockwise from top left) ISP audience members, Haji Noor Deen, Christiane Gruber and audience
Islamic Studies Minor Graduates, 2014-15
Fall 2014 | Islamic Studies Minor: Alhan Beydoun.

ISP Summer Fellowships, 2015
Awarded to undergraduate students for summer projects in the U.S. or abroad in the field of Islamic studies.

Mohamad Bazzi, BA LSA (California/Texas); Muhammad Amier Zaryff Razali, BA Economics/History (Malaysia); Luqman Harith Saifuddin, BS Economics/Actuarial Mathematics (England).

Interdisciplinary Islamic Studies Seminar
The Interdisciplinary Islamic Studies Seminar (IISS) engages students and faculty who are interested in the study of Islam and Muslim societies in an interdisciplinary and cross-regional conversation.

Student coordinators: Farida Begum, PhD History; Emma Nolan-Thomas, PhD Anthropology & History.

Presenters: Ismail Fajrie Alatas, PhD candidate in Anthropology & History, U-M; Gabeba Baderoon, assistant professor of women’s studies/African studies, Pennsylvania State University, and extraordinary professor of English at Stellenbosch University; Hussein Fancy, assistant professor of history, U-M; Amira Mittermaier, associate professor of religion/Near & Middle Eastern civilizations, University of Toronto; Arzoo Osanloo, associate professor of law, societies, & justice, University of Washington; Joshua Roose, research fellow, Institute for Religion and Society, Australian Catholic University; Mahua Sarkar, associate professor of sociology/Asian & Asian-American studies, Binghamton University; Rudolph (Butch) Ware, associate professor of history, U-M.

ISP Undergraduate Co-sponsorship Awards, 2014-15
Awarded to undergraduate student organizations to support events that engage part of the Islamic world with a broader thematic focus on Islam and Muslim communities on the U-M campus

Albanian American Student Organization, The Ann Arbor Palestinian Film Festival, Indonesian Student Association (PERMIAS), International Policy Students Association (IPSA), Malaysian Students Association (MiMSA), Muslim Students’ Association, Students Allied for Freedom and Equality (SAFE).
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Video recordings of programs organized by WCEE affiliates are available on our websites and YouTube.

SEPTEMBER


Sep 8-Dec 8 Films. “Martin Scorsese Presents: Masterpieces of Polish Cinema.” Sponsors: CPPS, MT.

Sep 15 ISP Lecture. “Arab Influences on European Musical Traditions during the Era of the Crusades.” Dwight Reynolds, University of California, Santa Barbara. Sponsors: ISP, Medieval & Early Modern Studies, NES, RLL.


Sep 21 Film. The Light Thief [Svet-Ake]. Aktan Arym Kubat, director [2010]. Sponsors: ISP, CREEES.


OCTOBER


Oct 21 Lecture. “Law’s Preoccupation with the Muslim Psyche.” Sherene Razack, University of Toronto. Sponsors: Arab & Muslim American Studies, ISP, others.

Oct 21 CREES Lecture. “An Anthropology of Romania’s Secret Police.” Katherine Verdery, CUNY Graduate Center. Sponsors: CREES, CES, Department of Anthropology, WCED.


Oct 29 Poetry Reading. “From Simonides to Body Bags: Poetry, the Classics, and the Contemporary.” Robert Crawford, University of St Andrews. Sponsors: CES, Department of Comparative Literature, Global Scholars Program, Helen Zell Writers’ Program.


NOVEMBER

Nov 4 Film. Photographer from Riga. Maud Nycander, director (2009). Sponsors: STAMPS, CREES, WCED.

Nov 5 WCEE Student Presentations on Summer Research and Internships. Polina Fradkin, CRIF, BA International Studies/Russian; Mark Kluk, CES summer grant, MD/MPH Health Management & Policy; Benjamin Newman, Kabcenell New Europe Grant, BA German/History; Benjamin Pearson, Jean Monnet Fellowship, PhD Communication Studies; Marisa Xheka, CES summer grant, BA History/Political Science. Sponsors: CES, CREES, WCED.
Nov 6 Penny Stamps Distinguished Speaker Series. “People I Know.” Inta Ruka, photographer. Sponsors: STAMPS, CREES, WCED.

Nov 6 Film. Road’s End—A Story from Latvia [Vägens Ände]. Maud Nycander, director (2013). Sponsors: STAMPS, CREES, WCED.

Nov 7-9 21st Ann Arbor Polish Film Festival. Sponsors: Polish Cultural Fund-Ann Arbor, CPPS, others.


Nov 12 CREES Noon Lecture. “From Gentry Estates to Urban Apartments: Temporality and Domesticity at Russia’s Fin de Siècle.” Rebecca Friedman, Florida International University. Sponsor: CREES.


Nov 14 CSAS Scholarly Lecture Series. “Urdu Cinema during the 1940s and 50s.” Iftikhar Dadi, Cornell University. Sponsors: Center for South Asian Studies, Department of History of Art, Department of Screen Arts & Cultures, ISP.


Nov 17 CES Symposium. “Crusade, Jihad, and the Multi-sectarian State.” Convener: Karla Mallette, U-M. Speakers: Asma Afsaruddin, Indiana University; Christopher MacEvitt, Dartmouth College; Stuart A. Wright, Lamar University. Sponsors: CES, CMENAS, ISP, WCED.


Nov 25 WCED Lecture. “Ukraine after Ukrainian Winter and Russian Spring: The Issue of Regionalism Reconsidered.” Yaroslav Hrytsak, Ukrainian Catholic University and Lviv National University. Sponsors: WCED, CREES.
DECEMBER


JANUARY

Jan 5 Conference. “Prophetic Poetics.” Convener: Rudolph (Butch) Ware, U-M. Sponsors: Islamic Knowledge, Histories & Languages, Arts & Sciences Initiative; II; ISP; WCED; others.


FEBRUARY

Feb 4 Annual Copernicus Lecture. “Interview with Tomasz Stańko.” Tomasz Stańko, jazz trumpeter; interviewed by Piotr Michatowski, U-M. Sponsors: U-M’s CPPS, CREES, CWPS, UMS; IAM.


Feb 5 Concert. Balladyna. Tomasz Stańko, trumpet. Sponsors: U-M’s UMS, CPPS, CWPS; IAM.


Feb 19 Russian Law Workshop. “A Good Restaurant is No Longer Enough: Moscow’s Middle Class Opposition.” Sasha de Vogel, U-M. Sponsor: CREES.

Feb 22 Film. *Song from the Southern Seas (Pesn’ Juzhnykh Morej).* **Marat Sarulu,** director [2008]. Sponsors: ISP, CREEES.

Feb 23 CES Workshop. “Riot at a Railway Station: Space, Race, and the Politics of Infrastructure in France.” **Julie Kleinman,** Oberlin College. Sponsor: CES.


**MARCH**


**Mar 10 Lecture.** “U.S.-Russia Relations since the Ukraine Crisis.” **David Kostelancik** (REES MA ’88), U.S. Department of State. Sponsors: Eastern Michigan University’s Department of Political Science, International Affairs Program; CREEES.


**Mar 13-19 Film.** *Red Army.* **Gabe Polsky,** director [2014]. Sponsors: MT, WCEE.

**Mar 16 CES Symposium.** “National Languages in the Globalized University.” Convener: **Karla Mallette,** U-M. Sponsors: CES, Department of Germanic Languages & Literatures, RLL.

**Mar 18 CREES Noon Lecture.** “The Other Stories in Anna Karenina: A Translator’s Perspective.” **Rosamund Bartlett,** writer, scholar, and translator. Sponsor: CREEES.

**Mar 20-21 Conference.** “Federalism in Good Times and Bad: An International Conference on Decentralization and the Welfare State.” Convener: **Scott L. Greer,** U-M. Sponsors: Social Sciences Annual Institute, Department of Health Management & Policy, WCED.


Mar 25 CPPS Film and Discussion. We Are Here. Francine Zuckerman, director (2013). Sponsors: CPPS, FCJS.

Mar 26-Apr 21 ISP Exhibit. Illustration/Graphic Novel Contest. Sponsor: ISP.

Mar 27 Films. Wojciech Bąkowski: Retrospective. Sponsors: Ann Arbor Film Festival, CPPS.

Mar 29 Film. Maidan. Sergei Loznitsa, director (2014). Sponsors: Ann Arbor Film Festival, CREES.


Mar 30 Polish Student Association Lecture. “A Polish Doctor in the Nazi Camps: Reflections on Writing Story and History.” Barbara Rylko-Bauer (BS ’71), author. Sponsors: Polish Student Association, CPPS.

APRIL


Apr 2 ISP Lecture. “They Are Among Us’: Gezi Martyrs, Affective Incarnation, and Resistance in Contemporary Turkey.” Christiane J. Gruber, U-M. Sponsor: ISP.


Apr 7 WCED Lecture. “Redefining the State: Center-Right Party Outreach toward Ethnic Minorities in Western Europe.” Jennifer Miller-Gonzalez (PhD political science ’13), WCED Research Fellow, U-M. Sponsors: WCED, CES.


Apr 24 Conference. “Accountability and Development.” Conveners: Brian Min and Nahomi Ichino, U-M. Sponsors: PS, II, WCED.

MAY


May 9-Jun 20 WCED Exhibit. Photo 51: Is Corruption in Russia’s DNA? Misha Friedman, photographer. Commissioned by the Institute of Modern Russia. Sponsors: WCED, CREES, STAMPS.

JUNE

Jun 5-14 Cinetopia International Film Festival. Sponsors: MT, WCEE, others.

Acronym Key:

AGIG - Avant Garde Interest Group; CES - Center for European Studies; CICL - Center for International & Comparative Law; CMENAS - Center for Middle Eastern & North African Studies; CPPS - Copernicus Program in Polish Studies; CREES - Center for Russian, East European, & Eurasian Studies; CWPS - Center for World Performance Studies; FCJS - Frankel Center for Judaic Studies; IAM - Adam Mickiewicz Institute; II - International Institute; ISP - Islamic Studies Program; MT - Michigan Theater; NES - Department of Near Eastern Studies; PS - Department of Political Science; RLL - Department of Romance Languages & Literatures; SLL - Department of Slavic Languages & Literatures; STAMPS - Penny W. Stamps School of Art & Design; UMS - University Musical Society; WCED - Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies; WCEE - Weiser Center for Europe & Eurasia.
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