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WEISER CENTER FOR EMERGING DEMOCRACIES

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

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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.

Svetlana Chitu, associate professor of curriculum design and monitoring, Free International University of Moldova, and associate professor of curriculum theory and methodology, University of European Political and Economic Studies, Moldova. "Curriculum Development in Higher Education: Bologna Process Perspective." U-M host: Lisa R. Lattuca, Education. September-October, 2015.

Irina Demetradze, assistant professor of archaeology, Ilia State University, Georgia. "Romans in Asiatic Iberia." U-M host: Christopher Ratté, Classical Studies/History of Art. March, 2015.

Irfan Hošić, assistant professor of art history, University of Bihać, Bosnia and Herzegovina. "Image of Crisis." U-M host: Christopher McNamara, Screen Arts & Cultures. September, 2015.

Violeta Kalnytska, lecturer in English, Kharkiv National Medical University, Ukraine. "Identity in Graham Greene's Postcolonial Novels." U-M host: E. J. Westlake, English/Music. September, 2015.

Bidzina Kapanadze, assistant professor of astronomy and astrophysics, Ilia State University, Georgia. "Study of Multiwavelength Flux Variability in Blazars." U-M host: Hugh Aller, Astronomy. March, 2015.

Vafa Kazdal, professor and dean of education, ADA University, Azerbaijan. "Azerbaijan Educational Leadership Initiative." U-M host: Stephen L. DesJardins, Education/Public Policy. March, 2015.

Dragi Kimovski, assistant professor of computer science, St. Paul the Apostle University of Information Science and Technology, Macedonia. "High Performance Computing Application for Modeling of the Metabolic Factors." U-M host: Kayvan Najarian, Computational Medicine & Bioinformatics. September, 2015.

Besnik Krasniqi, assistant professor of entrepreneurship and small business, University of Prishtina, Kosovo. "Institutional Quality and High Growth Entrepreneurship in Transition Economies." U-M host: John Branch, Business. September, 2015.

Tamar Lominadze, professor of information technology and learning systems, Georgian Technical University, Georgia. "Implementation of Modern Information and Communications Technology in Education." U-M host: Perry J. Samson; Atmospheric, Oceanic, & Space Sciences. September, 2015.

Oleksii Shestakovskiy, 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.

Michal Vašečka, associate professor of sociology, Masaryk University, Czech Republic, and associate professor of sociology, Comenius University, Slovak Republic. "The Role of Antisemitism in Processes of Modernization of Central Europe after 1989." U-M host: Geneviève Zubrzycki, Sociology. April, 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." **Svitlana 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."

Weiser Faculty

The following are significant accomplishments in 2014-15 reported by faculty affiliated with CES, CREES, ISP, and/or WCED.

Books & Recordings

Kevork Bardakjian, Near Eastern Studies. *The Armenian Apocalyptic Tradition: A Comparative Perspective*, co-ed. w/ S. La Porta (Brill, 2014). **John Branch**, Business. *Case-Based Learning in Higher Education*, co-ed. w/ C. Nygaard and P. Bartholomew (Libri Publishing, 2014). *Learning Space Design in Higher Education*, co-ed. w/ C. Nygaard et al. (Libri Publishing, 2014). *Technology-Enhanced Learning in Higher Education*, co-ed. w/ C. Nygaard and P. Bartholomew (Libri Publishing, 2015). **Juan Cole**, History. *The New Arabs: How the Millennial Generation is Changing the Middle East* (Simon & Schuster, 2014). **Geoff Eley**, History. *German Colonialism in a Global Age*, co-ed. w/ B. D. Naranch (Duke UP, 2014). **Fatma Müge Göçek**, Sociology/Women's Studies. *Denial of Violence: Ottoman Past, Turkish Present and Collective Violence against Armenians, 1789-2009* (Oxford UP, 2014). **Arthur Greene**, Piano. *Mykola Lysenko: Piano Music, Vol. 1* and *Mykola Lysenko: Complete Music for Violin and Piano*, w/ S. Soroka, CDs (Tocatta Classics, 2015). **Anna Grzymala-Busse**, Political Science. *Nations under God: How Churches Use Moral Authority to Influence Policy* (Princeton UP, 2015). **Juli Highfill**, Romance. *Modernism and Its Merchandise: The Spanish Avant-Garde and Material Culture, 1920-1930* (Pennsylvania State UP, 2014). **Valerie Kivelson**, History. *Desperate Magic: The Moral Economy of Witchcraft in Seventeenth-Century Russia* (Cornell UP, 2013). **Robert Mickey**, Political Science. *Paths Out of Dixie: The Democratization of Authoritarian Enclaves in America's Deep South, 1944-1972* (Princeton UP, 2015). **Ekaterina Mishina**, Political Science. *Long Shadows of the Soviet Past* (Liberal Mission Foundation, 2014). **Ewa Pasek**, Slavic. Zofia Natkowska, *The Romance of Teresa Hennert*, trans. from Polish w/ M. Thomas (Northern Illinois UP, 2014). **Ronald G. Suny**, History/Political Science. *"They Can Live in the Desert But Nowhere Else": A History of the Armenian Genocide* (Princeton UP, 2015). **Mark Tessler**, Political Science. *Islam and Politics in the Middle East: Explaining the Views of Ordinary Citizens* (Indiana UP, 2015). **Kiyoteru Tsutsui**, Sociology. *Corporate Social Responsibility in a Globalizing World*, co-ed. w/ A. Lim (Cambridge UP, 2015).

Grants, Awards, & Promotions

A-F

William James Adams, Economics. Appointed Shorey Peterson Professor of Industrial Organizations and Corporate Finance, 2014-19. **Tatjana Aleksić**, Comparative Literature/Slavic. Elected president, North American Society for Serbian Studies. **Fernando Arenas**, Afroamerican & African Studies/Romance. Michigan Humanities Award, LSA/OVPR, U-M, 2014-15. **Natalie Bakopoulos**, English. Fulbright Scholar Award, Greece, to write *Take Water With You*, 2015. **Pamela Ballinger**, History. Fellow, Shelby Cullom Davis Center for Historical Studies, Princeton University, 2014-15. **Kevork Bardakjian**, Near Eastern Studies. Hakob Meghpart Medal for meritorious contributions to Armenian Studies, Mekhitarist Congregation of Venice and Ministry of the Diaspora of the Republic of Armenia, 2014. **John Branch**, Business. Digital Education and Innovation Grant, U-M, for exploration of the "Flipped Classroom," 2014. **Jeremiah Chamberlin**, English. Matthews Underclass Teaching Award for Dedication to Undergraduate Education, LSA, U-M, 2014. Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching Award, English Department Undergraduate Studies Program and the Undergraduate English Association, U-M, 2015. **Timothy Cheek**, Music. II Experiential Learning Fund Grant, U-M, to support participation by five U-M students in the Moravian Master Class in Náměšť nad Oslavou, Czech Republic, Aug 2014. **Rita Chin**, History. Appointed Hudson Professor, Department of History, 2014-15. **Joshua Cole**, History. Promoted to professor. Fellow, Frankel Institute for Advanced Judaic Studies, U-M, for the project "A Riot in France: Violence and Colonial Reform in Algeria, 1919-1940," 2014-15. **Geoff Eley**, History. Distinguished Visiting Scholar, Queen Mary University of London (Apr-May 2015) and University of Birmingham, UK (Jun-Jul 2015). **Krisztina Fehérváry**, Anthropology. William A. Douglass Prize in Europeanist Anthropology; Davis Center Book Prize in Political and Social Studies Honorable Mention, ASEES, *Politics in Color and Concrete: Socialist Materialities and the Middle Class in Hungary* (Indiana UP, 2013), 2014.

G-Z

Zvi Gitelman, Judaic Studies/Political Science. Fellow, Frankel Institute for Advanced Judaic Studies, U-M, for the project "Under and after Empire: Jewish Public Life after Communism," Winter 2015. **Andrew Herscher**, Architecture/History of Art/Slavic. U-M Press Book Award, *The Unreal Estate Guide to Detroit* (U of Michigan Press, 2012), 2014. **Sofya Khagi**, Slavic. Promoted to associate professor. **Valerie Kivelson**, History. *Historia Nova* Prize for the Best Book on Russian Intellectual and Cultural History; Wayne S. Vucinich Book Prize Honorable Mention, *ASEEES, Desperate Magic: The Moral Economy of Witchcraft in Seventeenth-Century Russia* (Cornell UP, 2013), 2014. **Alexander Knysh**, Near Eastern Studies. European Institutes for Advanced Study Senior Fellow, Helsinki Collegium for Advanced Studies, for the project "Sufism in Modern Time," 2014-15. **Mikhail Krutikov**, Judaic Studies/Slavic. Promoted to professor. Fellow, Frankel Institute for Advanced Judaic Studies, U-M, for the project "Spaces of Memory: Imagining a Soviet Past in Post-Soviet Russian Jewish Writing," 2014-15. **Janet Lawrence**, Education. Principal Investigator, U-M Office of the Provost grant, for the project "Examining the Effect of Study Abroad on Undergraduate Students," 2014-15. **Artemis Leontis**, Classical Studies. Promoted to professor. **Pauline Jones Luong**, Political Science. Appointed director, International Institute, 2014-17. **Douglas Northrop**, History/Near Eastern Studies. Promoted to professor. **Peter Sparling**, Dance. *The Snowy Owl*, accepted into the Short Film Corner of the 2015 Cannes Film Festival. **Ronald G. Suny**, History/Political Science. Title VIII Short-Term Scholarship, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Kennan Institute, for the project "The Armenian Genocide, 1915-1916," 2014. **Mark Tessler**, Political Science. Principal Investigator, Carnegie Corporation of New York grant to support U-M residencies for Arab social scientists, 2014. **Jindřich Toman**, Slavic. Fellow, Frankel Institute for Advanced Judaic Studies, U-M, for the project "Bohemia's Jews and their Decentered Empire," 2014-15. **Greta Uehling**, International & Comparative Studies. Fulbright Scholar Flex Award, Ukraine, for the project "Memory, History, and Coexistence in Crimea, Ukraine," 2015-17. **Derek W. Vaillant**, Communication Studies. Named Preservation Director, Radio Preservation Task Force, Library of Congress. **Jeffrey Veidlinger**, History/Judaic Studies. Fellow, Frankel Institute for Advanced Judaic Studies, U-M, for the project "Border Jew: Between Empires," 2014-15. **Johannes von Moltke**, German/Screen Arts & Cultures. Appointed chair, Department of Germanic Languages & Literatures, 2014-17.

President Bujar Nishani and Anna Grzymala-Busse, Nadezhda Tolokonnikova, Misha Friedman



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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

Sasha de Vogel, PhD Political Science. Middle-class politics in non-democratic states that have experienced rapid economic growth. **Karl Gaudyn**, PhD Comparative Literature. Polish modernist literature, Marxist literary and cultural theory. **Simeneh Gebremariam**, PhD Anthropology. Post-socialist Ethiopia and neighboring countries; representations of ideology, social change, nationalism, socialism/post-socialism, identity, migration, memory, and the politics of modernity in visual and performing arts. **Ignacio Huerta**, PhD Spanish. Ideological underpinnings of the mythical discourse in films produced during the Spanish Civil War. **Özge Korkmaz**, PhD Anthropology. Kurdish-Turkish bilingualism, nationalism and armed conflict, and the relationship between everyday mechanisms of bilingual discourse and socio-political context of language use. **Bomi Lee**, PhD Political Science. Formal modeling and network studies, interpersonal networks, theorizing how voters assess politicians in emerging democracies with limited press freedom. **Einar David Manki**, MA REES. Russian foreign policy, latent and unresolved conflicts in the former Soviet Union. **Györgyi Parditka**, PhD Anthropology. Emergence of political and economic hierarchies in Eastern Europe's Bronze Age, funerary traditions and material culture, societal construction of political inequalities, impact of trade and inequality on everyday life. **Eoin Power**, MA REES. Southeast Europe, role of the central bank in building trust and social capital in post-Dayton Bosnia. **Stephanie Skier**, PhD History. Gender and sexuality, migration and border policing, Prussian/German imperialism, nationalisms and internationalisms, "globalization," and long-distance trade networks in 19th- and early 20th-century Central and Eastern Europe, particularly Imperial Germany. **Kirill Zhirkov**, PhD Political Science. Popular support for political radicalism, advanced quantitative methods.

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).

(clockwise from top left) **Pepper Culpepper**; **Yaroslav Hrytsak**; **Anna Grzymala-Busse**, **President Bujar Nishani**, and **Ambassador Ronald Weiser**; Sovereignty under Threat? conference participants (photo by Alex Mandrila); **Larry Diamond**

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 Vašečka**, 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 (Medellin, Guayaquil and Santa Cruz 1990-2010)."





CENTER FOR EUROPEAN STUDIES

From the Director

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!

Karla Mallette
CES Director

CENTER FOR EUROPEAN STUDIES

CES Graduates, 2014-15

Fall 2014 | Modern European Studies Minor: **Aldan Brown**.

Winter 2015 | Modern European Studies Minor: **Joshua Hurlburt, Benjamin Newman**.

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.

Randeep Hothi, PhD Asian Languages & Cultures, "Recognition Will Be Televised: Religion-Making among British Sikhs." **Albana Shehaj**, PhD Political Science, "Constructing a Collective Identity on a Platform of Diversity: How Does the Internal Historical and Institutional Context Influence the Outcomes?" **Adrian Shin**, PhD Political Science, "One Union, Many Policies: Economic Integration and Divergent Immigration Policies within the European Union." **Alice Sullivan**, PhD History of Art, "The Painted Fortified Monastic Churches of Moldavia: Bastions of Orthodoxy in a Post-Byzantine World." **Alon Yakter**, PhD Political Science, "Ethnic Diversity and Redistribution in the European Union."

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 Health 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.

Daria Popova, PhD Social & Political Sciences. Current research: comparative social policy, social and economic inequality, poverty and social exclusion, family, and demographic behavior of households. Course taught: Political Science 497 - European Social Policy. U-M host department: Political Science. Fall 2014.

CES Visiting Scholar, 2014-15

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

Juan Pablo Gatica Soriano, lecturer and researcher, Faculty of Political Science & Sociology, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona. Foreign policy analysis, international security, EU foreign and security policy, and Euro-Latin American relations. U-M host: Karla Mallette. Feb 1-Apr 30, 2015.

(clockwise from top left) **Jean Boutier**; **Marisa Xheka**; **Christopher MacEvitt**, **Asma Afsaruddin**, and **Stuart A. Wright**; **Robert Crawford**





CENTER FOR RUSSIAN, EAST EUROPEAN, & EURASIAN STUDIES

From the Director

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

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REES Graduates, 2014-15

Summer 2014 | REES MA/JD: **Colleen Fitzharris**.

Winter 2015 | REES MA: **Andrew McIntyre, Eoin Power, Pietro Shakarian, Bo Zhang**. REES MA/MPH: **Anna Sadovnikova**. REES MA/MPP: **Paula Osborn, Benjamin Sweeney**. REES Graduate Certificate: **Jessica Zychowicz**. REES BA: **Lauren Beck, Alexandra Jason**. East European Studies Minor: **Mackenzie Seaman**. Russian Studies Minor: **Eric Huebner, Yunchen Tian**.

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).

Eli Feiman, PhD Political Science, REEES 395. **Jeremy Johnson**, MA REES/PhD Anthropology & History, REEES 395. **Laurentia Karamaniola**, PhD Anthropology, REEES 396/397.

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 (Ukraine); **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.

Katheryn Johnson, BA History/Russian. "No Poppies Grow: The Formation of a Group Identity and Fighting Myth of the 339th American Regiment in Archangel, Russia 1918-1919."

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.

Louis Albertini (BA REES/International Studies '13) is a 2015-16 Princeton in Asia Fellow in Almaty, Kazakhstan. **George Breslauer** (BA Political Science '66, MA Political Science/Russian Studies Graduate Certificate '68, PhD Political Science '73), professor emeritus of political science at UC-Berkeley, was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. **Mary Cavender** (PhD History '97) and **Karen Petrone** (PhD History '94) co-edited *Everyday Life in Russia Past and Present* (Indiana UP, 2015) w/ C. Chatterjee and D. Ransel. **Krista Goff** (PhD History '14), assistant professor of history at the University of Miami, was a 2014-15 postdoctoral fellow at the Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies at Harvard University. **Kathryn Graber** (MA Anthropology '06, MA REES '08, PhD Anthropology '12) is assistant professor of anthropology and Central Eurasian studies at Indiana University. **Ksenya Gurshtein** (PhD History of Art '11), lecturer in the University of Virginia's McIntire Department of Art, is a 2014 National Endowment for the Humanities Fellow. **Kari Johnstone** (BA Political Science '92) received the 2014 U-M LSA Humanitarian Service Award. **Laura Kennedy** (PhD Musicology '09) is assistant professor of musicology at Furman University. **Padraic Kenney** (PhD History '92) is vice-president/president-elect of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies. **Corina Kesler** (PhD Comparative Literature '11) is a research fellow in the Michigan-Mellon Project on Egalitarianism and the Metropolis, a joint program of the U-M Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning and LSA. **Diane Koenker** (MA History '71, PhD History '76) received the 2014 Outstanding Achievement Award from the Association for Women in Slavic Studies. **Maria Kontak** (PhD Slavic '81) is vice president for communications at the American Russian Cultural Cooperation Foundation. **David Kostelancik** (REES/Political Science MA '88) became Senior State Department Advisor to the U.S. Congressional Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe in August 2014. **Morgan Y. Liu** (PhD Anthropology '02) received the 2014 Central Eurasian Studies Society Book Award in the Social Sciences for *Under Solomon's Throne: Uzbek Visions of Renewal in Osh* (Pittsburgh UP, 2012). **Kelly McMann** (PhD Political Science '00) is the author of *Corruption as a Last Resort: Adapting to the Market in Central Asia* (Cornell UP, 2014). **Kelly Miller** (PhD Slavic '02) is associate dean for learning and research services at the University of Miami Libraries. **Michael Pifer** (PhD Comparative Literature '14) received a 2014 ProQuest Distinguished Dissertation Award. **Brendan Reardon** (MA REES/MPP Public Policy '13) received a one-year fellowship from the Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration that will support work on non-proliferation issues in the former Soviet Union. **Jessica Robbins-Ruszkowski** (PhD Anthropology/Graduate Certificate REES '13) is assistant professor at the Institute of Gerontology and Department of Anthropology at Wayne State University. **Maria Smith** (MA REES/MPP Public Policy '12) became a Presidential Management Fellow at the U.S. Department of State in October 2014. **Tara Zahra** (PhD History '05), professor of East European history at the University of Chicago, was named a 2014 MacArthur Fellow.

Krisztina Fehérváry; 2015 REES graduates: **Eoin Power**, **Bo Zhang**, **Andrew McIntrye**, **Geneviève Zubrzycki**, and **Alexandra Jason**
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COPERNICUS PROGRAM IN POLISH STUDIES

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.

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Ahyoung Cho, BA International Studies/BMus Music.

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 Prysycz**, 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**



ISLAMIC STUDIES PROGRAM

From the Director

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 PROGRAM

Islamic Studies Minor Graduates, 2014-15

Fall 2014 | Islamic Studies Minor: **Alhan Beydoun**.

Winter 2015 | Islamic Studies Minor: **Ali Khalid, Rebekah Ross**.

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 3 Workshop. *"A Bridge Between Cultures: A Workshop in Arabic and Chinese Calligraphy."* **Haji Noor Deen**, calligrapher. Sponsors: Arabic Club at U-M, ISP.

Sep 4 ISP Lecture. *"Arabic and Chinese Calligraphy: A Short Introduction."* **Haji Noor Deen**, calligrapher. Sponsors: ISP, CMENAS, Department of Asian Languages & Cultures, II, Lieberthal-Rogel Center for Chinese Studies, NES.

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 18 Penny Stamps/WCED Lecture. *"Punk Prayer."* **Nadezhda Tolokonnikova** and **Maria Alyokhina**, Pussy Riot/Zona Prava. Sponsors: STAMPS, WCED, CREES, Institute for Research on Women & Gender.

Sep 21 Film. *The Light Thief (Svet-Ake)*. **Aktan Arym Kubat**, director (2010). Sponsors: ISP, CREES.

Sep 23 WCED Lecture. *"Local Shocks: The Far Right in the 2014 European Elections."* **Cas Mudde**, University of Georgia. Sponsors: WCED, CES.

Sep 24 CREES Noon Lecture. *"Natural Materials and the Matter of Nation in Hungarian Home Decorating."* **Krisztina Fehérváry**, U-M. Sponsor: CREES.

Sep 29 WCED Lecture. *"Albania: Emerging Democracy towards the European Union."* **Bujar Nishani**, President of Albania. Sponsors: WCED, CES, CREES.

OCTOBER

Oct 7 WCED Lecture. *"Bank Bailouts and Structural Power in the UK and US."* **Pepper Culpepper**, European University Institute. Sponsors: WCED, CES.

Oct 7 Lecture. *"Italy and the European Union: A Love/Hate Story in Three Acts."* **Dario Gaggio**, U-M. Sponsors: RLL; CES; School of Music, Theatre & Dance.

Oct 8 CREES Noon Lecture. *"Enlightened Memory? On Remembering the Jewish Past in Contemporary Germany and Poland."* **Michael Meng**, Clemson University. Sponsors: CREES, CES, CPPS, FCJS.

(clockwise from top left) **President Bujar Nishani** and audience; **Ronald G. Suny** and **Geneviève Zubrzycki**; Albanian Student Association members; **Nadezhda Tolokonnikova**, **Christina Hamilton**, **Pyotr Verzilov**, and **Maria Alyokhina**; ISP audience; WCEE Summer Grants panelists

Oct 19 Film. *Tulpan*. **Sergei Dvortsevov**, director (2008). Sponsors: ISP, CREES.

Oct 20 Workshop. “*Doing Religious Studies*.” **William A. Christian, Jr.**, independent scholar. Sponsors: RLL, CES, others.

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 21 Concert. **Grażyna Auguścik**, jazz vocalist. Sponsors: CPPS, CWPS, Kerrytown Concert House.

Oct 22 Lecture. “*Jewish Poland: A Materialized Settlement and a Metaphysical Landscape in Jewish Legends*.” **Haya Bar-Itzhak**, University of Haifa. Sponsors: FCJS, CPPS.

Oct 27 Lecture. “*Was T. S. Eliot Ever Young?*” **Robert Crawford**, University of St Andrews. Sponsors: CES, Department of English.

Oct 28 Conversations on Europe. “*Rewriting Scotland and the United Kingdom*.” **Robert Crawford**, University of St Andrews. Sponsors: CES, Department of History, 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.

Oct 29 CREES Noon Lecture. “*Between the Ethnos and the ‘Soviet People’: Ethnic Mixing in Kazakhstan*.” **Adrienne Edgar**, University of California, Santa Barbara. Sponsor: CREES.

Oct 29 Film and Discussion. *The Last Klezmer: Leopold Kozłowski, His Life and His Music*. **Yale Strom**, director (1994). Sponsors: FCJS, CPPS.

Oct 30 International Law Workshop/Conversations on Europe. “*Anti-Terrorism Efforts and the Rule of Law—A European Perspective*.” **Hon. Allan Rosas**, Court of Justice of the European Union. Sponsors: CICL, CES.

Oct 30 Human Rights Initiative Distinguished Lecture. “*Human Rights and the Challenge of Authoritarian Capitalism*.” **Michael Ignatieff**, Harvard University. Sponsors: II, Law School, Program in International & Comparative Studies, WCED.

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 (Vāgens Ānde).* **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 11 WCED Lecture. “*Empire Strikes Back: The Dissolution of the USSR and the Russian Invasion of Ukraine.*” **Serhii Plokhii**, Harvard University. Sponsors: WCED, CREES.

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 12 Concert. The Wactlaw Zimpel - Krzysztof Dys Duo. Sponsors: CPPS, CWPS, Kerrytown Concert House.

Nov 13 CES Workshop. “*Toward a Comparative History of the Modern Mediterranean.*” **Edmund Burke III**, University of California, Santa Cruz. Sponsors: CES, CMENAS, ISP, Mediterranean Topographies Interdisciplinary Workshop.

Nov 13 Russian Law Workshop. “*Nationalism and Human Rights in Contemporary Russia.*” **Boris Bruk**, Institute of Modern Russia; **Ekaterina Mishina**, Higher School of Economics and U-M. Sponsors: CREES, International Law Society.

Nov 14 CMENAS Lecture. “*The Ethnographic State: France and the Invention of Moroccan Islam.*” **Edmund Burke III**, University of California, Santa Cruz. Sponsors: CMENAS, CES, ISP.

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 16 Film. *Angel on the Right (Farishtai kitfi rost).* **Djamshed Usmonov**, director (2002). Sponsors: ISP, CREES.

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 20 Hajja Razia Sharif Sheikh Lecture in Islamic Studies. “*Is Science Part of Islam?*” **Robert Morrison**, Bowdoin College. Sponsors: NES, ISP.

Nov 20 19th Annual DeVries-Vanderkooy Memorial Lecture. “*From Amsterdam to New Amsterdam.*” **Russell Shorto**, author. Sponsors: DeVries-Vanderkooy Endowment, CES, others.

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

Dec 3 CREES Noon Lecture. “*Pluralism from Below: Negotiating Religious Diversity in Catholic Poland.*” **Agnieszka Pasięka**, Polish Academy of Sciences. Sponsors: CREES, CPPS, WCED.

Dec 9 Film. *The Guide (Povodyr)*. **Oles Sanin**, director (2014). Sponsors: WCED, CREES, SLL.

JANUARY

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

Jan 14 CREES Noon Lecture. “*Denial of Violence: Ottoman Past, Turkish Present, and Collective Violence against the Armenians, 1789-2009.*” **Fatma Müge Göçek**, U-M. Sponsors: CREES, Armenian Studies Program, CES.

Jan 22 WCED Lecture. “*Learning to Love Oil: Right-Sizing the Resource Curse.*” **Benjamin Smith**, University of Florida. Sponsor: WCED.

Jan 25 Film. *Student*. **Darezhan Omirbayev**, director (2012). Sponsors: ISP, CREES.

Jan 28 CREES Noon Lecture. “*Women, Vulnerability, and HIV in Eastern Europe and Central Asia.*” **Elizabeth King**, U-M. Sponsors: CREES, CES.

FEBRUARY

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

Feb 5 International Institute Round Table. “*Free Speech on the Front Lines.*” Moderator: **Karla Mallette**, U-M. Speakers: **Juan Cole, Daniel Herbert, Don Herzog, Steven Ratner**, U-M. Sponsors: II, CES, ISP, others.

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

Feb 10 WCED Lecture. “*Informed Storytelling: Beyond the Facts.*” **Misha Friedman**, photographer. Sponsors: WCED, CREES, STAMPS.

Feb 11 CREES Noon Lecture. “*The Political Imagination of Russian Orthodoxy: National Identity and Imperial Heritage.*” **Jeanne Kormina**, Higher School of Economics, St. Petersburg. Sponsor: CREES.

Feb 18 ISP Lecture. “*Old Islam in Detroit: Rediscovering the Muslim American Past.*” **Sally Howell**, U-M Dearborn. Sponsor: ISP.

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 21-Aug 29 Exhibit. *Hana Hamplová: Meditations on Paper*. Sponsors: Herbert W. and Susan L. Johe Endowment at U-M Museum of Art, CES, CREES, WCED.

Feb 22 Film. *Song from the Southern Seas (Pesn' Juzhnykh Morej).* **Marat Sarulu**, director (2008). Sponsors: ISP, CREES.

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

Feb 24 WCED Lecture. "Is Democracy in Decline?" **Larry Diamond**, Stanford University. Sponsors: WCED, Rodger Young.

Feb 24 Film. *Seeking Truth in the Balkans.* **June Vutrano** and **Erin Lovall**, directors (2014). Sponsors: Human Rights Advocates, CREES, CICL.

Feb 25 CREES Noon Lecture. "Globalizing Knowledge with Michigan, Polish, Kosovar, and Ukrainian Accents." **Michael D. Kennedy**, Brown University. Sponsors: CREES, CES, CPPS.

MARCH

Mar 9 Eurasia Collective Workshop. "Uneven Modernity and the Eurasian City: The Case of Tbilisi." **Harsha Ram**, University of California, Berkeley. Sponsors: Eurasia Collective, CREES, others.

Mar 9 AGIG Workshop. "Decadent Nationalism/Peripheral Modernism: The Georgian Literary Manifesto." **Harsha Ram**, University of California, Berkeley. Sponsors: AGIG, CREES, others.

Mar 10 Annual Distinguished Lecture on Europe. "Noble Academies as a European Model of Aristocratic Education." **Jean Boutier**, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales. Sponsor: CES.

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; CREES.

Mar 13-14 20th Annual Charles F. Fraker Conference. "What Do Social Movements Do?" Keynote speakers: **Joan Copjec**, Brown University; **John Holloway**, Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla. Sponsors: RLL, CES, others.

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: CREES.

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 21 Conference. *"Economics in Motion: A Simulation of GLOBAL Negotiations."* Sponsors: MEconomics, WCEE, others.

Mar 22 Film. *Luna Papa.* **Bakhtyar Khudojnazarov**, director (2000). Sponsors: ISP, CREES.

Mar 24 WCED Lecture. *"Trading Hard Hats for Combat Helmets: The Economics of Rebellion in East Ukraine."* **Yuri Zhukov**, U-M. Sponsors: WCED, CREES.

Mar 24 Symposium. *"Art and the State."* Organizers: **Irina Aristarkhova** and **Tatjana Aleksić**, U-M. Sponsors: CREES, AGIG, STAMPS, WCED.

Mar 25 AGIG Lecture. *"Meayrade: Examples, Arguments, Definitions, Distinctions."* **Sreten Ugričić**, philosopher, librarian, and author. Sponsors: AGIG, CREES.

Mar 25 Lecture. *"Joseph Brodsky, Poetry and Power."* **Mikhail Ryklin**, University of Cologne and Russian Academy of Sciences. Sponsors: CREES, AGIG, SLL, STAMPS, 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 Conversations on Europe. *"The Role of the European Union in the Global Governance of Transnational Crime."* **Juan Pablo Soriano**, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona. Sponsor: CES.

Mar 30 Lecture. *"Is Genocide Unfolding in Myanmar?"* **Habib Siddiqui**, activist and author; **John Ciorciari**, U-M. Sponsors: International Policy Center, CSEAS, International Policy Students Association, ISP.

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 1 CREES Noon Lecture. *"The Foreign Queen and the Ultrnationalist Legionaries: Early 20th-Century Appropriations and Manipulations of the Romanian Peasant Dress."* **Corina Kesler** (PhD comparative literature '11), U-M. Sponsors: CREES, CES.

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 2 Lecture. *"Explaining Mussolini: Hypocrisy, Impotence, and Rhetoric."* **Carlo Celli**, Bowling Green State University. Sponsors: RLL, CES.

Apr 2 Russian Law Workshop. “Structuring Venture Capital and Private Equity Funds and Investments under Russian Law.” **Robert E. Langer** (BA REES ’82), K&L Gates. Sponsor: CREES.

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 9 CMENAS Graduate Student Symposium. “Evolving Perspectives on the Middle East and North Africa.” Sponsors: CMENAS, ISP, others.

Apr 20 Copernicus/Frankel Lecture. “POLIN: The New Museum of the History of Polish Jews.” **Dariusz Stola**, Polish Academy of Sciences and POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews. Sponsors: CPPS, FCJS, CES, CREES, WCED.

Apr 21 Copernicus/Frankel Lecture. “A Country with No Exit? Migrations from Poland 1949-89.” **Dariusz Stola**, Polish Academy of Sciences and POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews. Sponsors: CPPS, FCJS, CES, CREES, WCED.

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

MAY

May 8-9 WCED Conference. “Sovereignty under Threat?” Conveners: **Anna Grzymala-Busse** and **Pauline Jones Luong**, U-M. Participants: **Ariel Ahram, Kristin Bakke, Laia Balcells, Allen Carlson, Erin Jenne, Ellen Lust, Harris Mylonas, Wendy Pearlman, Graeme Robertson, Oxana Shevel, Paul Staniland, Milada Vachudova, Lucan Way, Erik Wibbels, Daniel Ziblatt.** Sponsors: WCED, PS.

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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