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Stockholm, Sweden. The EC received a preliminary report on the VIII World Congress and recommended that doctoral students as well as scholars from Central and Eastern Europe who will be giving papers be given the opportunity to apply for financial support. The EC received with satisfaction the list of the members of the Academic Programme Committee of the VIII World Congress and named G. Gill, S. Kirschbaum, and G. Mink as ICCEES representatives to serve on it.

In anticipation of the election of officers and members of the EC to take place at the VIII World Congress, the EC created a nominations subcommittee composed of J. Elsworth, S. Kirschbaum, and J. Millar.

The next meeting of the EC will take place on 30 May 2009 at a location yet to be determined.

Stanislav J. Kirschbaum, Secretary

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

27 June 2008

The Svenska institutet
Stockholm, Sweden

A meeting of the Executive Committee (EC) of the International Council for Central and East European Studies (ICCEES) took place on 27 June 2007 in the Svenska institutet,

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

28 June 2008
 The Sheraton Hotel
 Stockholm, Sweden

A meeting of the International Council for Central and East European Studies (ICCEES) took place on 28 June 2007 in the Sheraton Hotel, Stockholm, Sweden.

The IC received with great satisfaction the final list of publications from the VII World Congress, which is available on the ICCEES web page (www.iccees.org), and thanked Roger Kanet, the general editor of the series, for having done "an absolutely magnificent job," in the words of ICCEES President J. Elsworth.

An ICCEES regional conference was held in Berlin in July 2007; the council received a report on its scope and organisation. It was attended by 570 scholars from 26 countries. Another regional conference is planned for

2009 and will be organized by the British Association for Slavic and East European Studies (BASEES). The IC received with satisfaction a report on the preparations for the VIII World Congress in Stockholm in July 2010. It approved an allocation of funds to support partially doctoral students and scholars from Central and Eastern Europe who will give a paper at the world congress and who apply for support.

The application of the Chinese Association for Russian and East European and Central Asian Studies (CAREECAS) for membership was approved by the council. The membership of the Korean Institute for International Studies was deemed to have lapsed.

Finally, the council reiterated its desire to have greater and frequent contacts with other international scholarly organisations like the International Association of Slavists.

The next meeting of the IC will take place in Stockholm during the world congress in July 2010.

Stanislav J. Kirschbaum, Secretary

ICCEES VIII WORLD CONGRESS 2010

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VIII World Congress 2010
 Stockholm 26-31 July 2010
 Prospects for Wider Cooperation

Hosted by

Sällskapet

The VIII World Congress of the International Council for Central and East European Studies will take place in **Stockholm, Sweden**, on **26-31 July 2010**. The theme of the Congress is: "Eurasia: Prospects for Wider Cooperation". The academic hosts are Stockholm University, Södertörn University College and Stockholm School of Economics. The Congress will be held at **Stockholm City Conference Centre** located in the very centre of the

City. The local organiser of the Congress is the *Sällskapet för studier av Ryssland, Central- och Östeuropa samt Centralasien* (The Swedish Society for the Study of Russia, Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia). You are invited to attend the Congress, participate in its panels and roundtables and enjoy the abundant cultural program on offer in the city of Stockholm.

Hjärtligt välkomna!

Call for Proposals

The Swedish Society for the Study of Russia, Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia, the organizer of the VIII ICCEES World Congress, invites all interested scholars to submit proposals for panels, papers and round-table discussions.

These proposals should reflect the results of new research in the study of developments in the cultural, political, social and economic processes underway in Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.

Initially dedicated to the problems of studying the USSR and the Soviet bloc during the Cold War, ICCEES Congresses have since the fall of the Soviet Union become multidisciplinary scholarly forums to deepen and broaden understanding of the cultures and societies of this immense region. The VI and VII world congresses (in 2000 and 2005 respectively) focused upon questions of European integration and the post-Soviet transformation of Eastern and Central Europe. While acknowledging the ongoing European integration processes, the VIII World Congress is convened at a time when the international situation poses new security challenges, requiring the elaboration of new strategies. The Congress seeks to organize a wide scholarly discussion of these developments with the overriding theme

Eurasia: Prospects for Wider Cooperation.

2010 marks the 25th anniversary of Mikhail Gorbachev's appointment to the position of General Secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. The Congress therefore considers it to be an opportune time to revisit Gorbachev's policies of glasnost and perestroika, his attempt to establish a new global order on the basis of the principles of openness and democracy, and the dramatic events that caused a radical restructuring of the world. The congress recognizes the role of these events and ideas in opening up new possibilities for developing scholarly methods and finding new sources.

Of special interest for the Congress are the cultural transformations that occur at times of intense political and economic change. The processes of European integration and wider cooperation across Eurasia not only impact upon geographical spaces but also leave their mark upon cultural spaces. These processes make communication between languages, histories, religions, traditions, legacies and memories more complex. Humanities and social science scholars are therefore invited to reflect on how local cultural contexts react to, engage in, or resist globalization.

These are the general issues that should be kept in mind when proposals are prepared. This does not exclude any topic or field of research which traditionally has had its place at the ICCEES congresses.

We also invite book publishers and editorial boards of academic journals and cultural magazines to suggest topics for discussion at roundtables and panels.

Guidelines for Proposals

- All proposals have to be scholarly in nature.
- All proposals will have to be approved by the International Academic Committee. Only approved proposals will be included in the Congress programme.
- Proposals for panels normally include a chair, up to three speakers and a discussant.
- Panels must be international in composition. Panels with participants from only one country will not be accepted.
- The allotted time for a panel is 90 minutes. It is highly recommended that each speaker be allowed no more than 15 minutes for her or his presentation.
- The consent of all panel participants should be obtained before a panel is proposed. No one may be proposed without his or her knowledge and consent.
- Proposals for individual papers - not included in a proposal for a panel - may be included in the Congress programme by the decision of the International Academic Committee. Such papers may be presented

in special sessions or included in other panels.

- The International Academic Committee has the right to add papers to other panels. The chair will allow such contributors to speak from the floor for 5 minutes.
- The official Congress languages are English, Russian, German and French. All program activities must be carried out in one of these languages. The Congress organisation will not provide interpreting services (except for the opening and closing ceremonies where simultaneous interpretation between English and Russian will be available).
- The language of the Congress administration is English. All correspondence, proposals, abstracts, etc. have to be in English.

Procedures for Proposals

- Only proposals submitted electronically will be considered for inclusion in the Congress. Proposals must be submitted in English - irrespective of the language to be used by the panellists at the Congress. Proposals should be directed to: proposals@iccees2010.se.
- The deadline for proposals is **28 February 2009**. The International Academic Committee encourages proposals to be sent as early as possible.
- The International Academic Committee will meet in the spring 2009 to make a decision on the composition of the final Congress programme.
- The International Academic Committee will send all scholars whose proposals have been accepted, an official letter of invitation, which can be used to apply for funding and/or obtaining a visa, by 1 July 2009.
- Once a proposal for a panel/paper has been accepted, one half-page abstract in English should be submitted through an on-line abstract system at www.iccees2010.se, for each of the panel's papers, no later than 30 October 2009. A paper without an abstract will not be included in the program.

- Please note that the abstracts will be published without editing. The authors therefore have to ensure that they are satisfied with their abstract.
- Each abstract must indicate the language in which the paper will be presented.
- Each abstract has to include contact details, at least an e-mail address.

Please note: All participants are expected to register. All participants will be expected to cover the following costs themselves: registration fee, travel expenses, accommodation and meals. The registration fees are listed below. The congress organiser will try to obtain a limited number of grants for doctoral students and participants from Eastern European as well as Central Asian countries. Those interested in applying for such grants should click the respective box in the electronic registration form when registering. Information about the availability of any such grants will only become available in late 2009.

Tours will be offered at a reasonable price for the days before and after the Congress. The Congress program will list these tours and their prices. The tours are not part of the Congress.

Registration Fees (preliminary)	
<u>Registration by 31 December 2009</u>	
Registration fee	290 €
Residents of Eastern European and Central Asian states	230 €
Students	125 €
<u>Registration after 1 January 2010</u>	
Registration fee	350 €
Residents of Eastern European and Central Asian states	290 €
Students	150 €
<u>On-Site Registration</u>	
Registration fee	375 €
Residents of Eastern European and Central Asian states	300 €
Students	160 €
One-Day Admission	55 €
One-Day Admission for Students	25 €

The registration fee (except for one-day admission) includes: admission; participation in all the panels, roundtables and lectures at the Congress (a limitation may be made for technical reasons, such as the capacity of lecture halls); and a conference bag containing conference material.

Please note: Participants should make certain that their payment covers their registration fees in the full amount of euros indicated, so as not to cause any additional banking costs for the Congress organisers.

Congress Information in Brief

Congress dates and location: 26-31 July 2010,
Stockholm, Sweden

Theme: "Eurasia: Prospects for Wider
Cooperation"

Deadline for proposals: 28 February 2009

Address for proposals:

proposals@iccees2010.se

Abstract submission:

1 March – 30 October 2009

Registration: Beginning 1 July 2009

Address for abstracts and registration:

www.iccees2010.se

Useful Congress Addresses

All questions regarding accommodation, registration and tours should be directed to the congress organisation agency:

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SE-102 39 Stockholm

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For questions regarding scholarly aspects of the congress, please contact:

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PUBLICATIONS ARISING FROM 7th ICCEES CONGRESS, BERLIN, 2005

I. ICCEES-Sponsored Publications

General editor: Roger E. Kanet, University of Miami (USA)

The Boundaries of EU Enlargement: Finding a Place for Neighbours, ed. by Joan DeBardeleben, Carleton University. Houndmills, UK: Palgrave Macmillan, 2007. xi, 242 pp. xiii, 283 pp. ISBN: 978-0-230-52124-7.

Central European History and the European Union: The Meaning of Europe, ed. by Stanislav Kirschbaum, York University. Houndmills, UK: Palgrave Macmillan, 2007. xxii, 258 pp. ISBN: 978-0-230-54937-1.

The CIS, the EU and Russia: Challenges of Integration, ed. by Katlijn Malfliet, Lien Verpoest, Evgeny Vinokurov, Catholic University of Leuven. Houndmills, UK: Palgrave Macmillan, 2007. xvii, 250 pp. ISBN: 978-0-230-52106-3.

Gender, Equality and Difference During and After State Socialism, ed. by Rebecca Kay, University of Glasgow. Houndmills, UK: Palgrave Macmillan, 2007. xiii, 237 pp. ISBN: 978-0-230-52383-2.

Globalization and the Regional in Post-Socialist Economies: Common Economic Spaces of Europe, ed. by John Pickles, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 14 Nov 2008.

Media, Culture and Society in Putin's Russia, ed. by Stephen White, University of Glasgow, Houndmills, UK: Palgrave Macmillan, 2008. xiii, 248 pp. ISBN: 978-0-230-52485-9.

Politics and the Ruling Group in Putin's Russia, ed. by Stephen White, University of Glasgow. Houndmills, UK: Palgrave Macmillan, 2008. xvi, 173 pp. ISBN 978-0-230-52483-5.

Politics in the Russian Regions, ed. by Graeme Gill, University of Sydney. Houndmills, UK: Palgrave Macmillan, 2007. xii, 219 pp. ISBN: 978-0-230-51686-1.

Religion and the Conceptual Boundary in Central and Eastern Europe: Encounters of Faiths, ed. by Thomas Bremer, University of Münster. Houndmills, UK: Palgrave Macmillan, 2008. ISBN: 978-0-230-55076-6.

Russia: Re-Emerging Great Power, ed. by Roger E. Kanet, University of Miami. Houndmills, UK: Palgrave Macmillan, 2007. xii, 229 pp. ISBN: 978-0-270-54304-1.

Russia and its Other(s) on Film: Screening Intercultural Dialogue, ed. by Stephen Hutchings, University of Sheffield. Houndmills, UK: Palgrave Macmillan, 2008. xiv, 242 pp. ISBN: 0-978-0-230-51736-3.

State and Society in Post-Socialist Economies, ed. by John Pickles, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Houndmills, UK: Palgrave Macmillan, 2008. xvi, 281 pp. ISBN: 978-0-230-52214-5.

Ukraine, the EU and Russia: History Culture and International Relations, ed. by Stephen Velychenko, University of Toronto. Houndmills, UK: Palgrave Macmillan, 2007. viii, 186 pp. ISBN: 978-0-230-51799-8.

II. Individual Volumes and Special Issues of Journals

Identities, Nations and Politics after Communism. ed. by Roger E. Kanet, London: Routledge Publishers, 2008, ix, 181 pp. ISBN: 978-0-415-46022-4

Identities, Nations and Politics after Communism. Roger E. Kanet, guest editor, Special issue of *Nationalities Papers*, vol. 35, no. 3 (July 2007), pp. 401-578.

Russia, Europe, and the Rule of Law. Law in Eastern Europe, ed. by Ferdinand Feld-

brugge, (William Simons, Gen. Ed.), No.56. Leiden-Boston: Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, 2006, 222 pp. ISSN 0075-823X, ISBN-13: 978-90-04-15533-6, ISBN-10: 90-04-15533-3

Russian Emigrants in East Asia, Europe and the United States: Papers Read at Two Panels at the International Congress of Eastern European Studies, Berlin, July 2005, ed. by Hartmut Walravens. Berlin: Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin, 2005. 84 pp. ISBN 3-88053-125-9.

Russia's Oil and Natural Gas: Bonanza or Curse? ed. by Michael Ellman. London: Anthem Press, 2006. 350pp. ISBN: 1843312174

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

New Stability, Democracy and Nationalism in Contemporary Russia

26-27 September 2008

Basel, Switzerland

The workshop takes place within the framework of the research project "Discourses on Democracy and National Identity in Russia", funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation. The Project is aimed at explaining Russia's overall political stability and the increasing popular acceptance of the regime achieved in the period 2000-2008. Adopting the terminology developed by Ernesto Laclau and Chantal Mouffe, research will focus on the new discourses on democracy and national identity.

The workshop, conducted with a focused number of participants, aims at refining the key theoretical concepts (such as "dislocation", "populism") and providing additional impulses and points of reference for the project's empirical phase.

The seminar will be guided by the following central assumptions:

- Transitology and derivative approaches with underlying assumptions of democratizations are not helpful for explaining Russia's unique political configuration.

- A discursive theory of hegemony might, instead, provide the necessary tools to grasp the changes that have taken place since the end of the CPSU's reign.
- Russian transformation in the 1990s is thus primarily perceived here as a crisis of identity, which manifests itself especially a) on the level of the political system and b) on the level of national identity.
- Putins advent to power initiated a process of political stabilization and surmounting of state failure.
- This stability manifested itself in new political discourse(s): it addressed aforementioned uncertainties and alleviated them.
- Concepts like "Sovereign Democracy", for instance, underscored Russian autonomy and uniqueness, as well as its independence from Western interference, both regarding political practice and political ideas.
- Parties of power, especially *Edinaya Rossiya*, unite different demands and represent a new unity and consensus, playing the role of big tent / catch-all party.
- Finally, the president turned to play a pivotal role in Russian politics more than ever: as a player *supra partes*, as a guarantor of unity a position underscored by high rates of approval throughout Putin's terms.

According to Laclau and Mouffe's theory of discourse, however, no hegemony is complete or permanent. There are always counter-hegemonic interpretations, dissenting voices beneath the surface. This also applies to Russia. There, diverging positions, different interpretations and views of democracy are discernible, *inter alia*, in civil society.

Panels:

- Theorising dislocations as external events not representable in a discourse
- Theorising populism
- Glasnost and Perestroika: The collapse of the Soviet discourse
- Sources and levels of Russian dislocation in the 1990s
- Russia's new stability since 2000? Sources and levels of stability
- Fixing democracy's meaning: new discourses on democracy in Russia - Fixing the nation's meaning: new discourses on

national identity

Call for Papers:

Authors are invited to submit, by 25 July 2008, a 1500-character abstract including a title and a bibliography.

Schedule:

As of now, please declare your intention of submitting an abstract, which should reach the Workshop secretariat no later than 25 July 2008. Notifications of acceptance will be delivered to authors by 15 August 2008. Please to not hesitate to contact the Workshop secretariat for further information and a detailed draft programme:

ivo.mijnssen@stud.unibas.ch

"Social Integration and Cohesion in Post-Communist Europe"

17-18 October 2008

Centre for Russian, Central, and East European Studies (CRCEES)

University of Glasgow, Scotland

Numerous studies have analysed the relations between dominant and marginal (ised) ethnic groups in the countries of Eastern Europe. Focussing on state policies, social and cultural discrimination, minority empowerment, ethnic bargaining, and individual interaction at the local level, scholarship has pointed out the dynamics of conflictual and cooperative interactions on various levels of social and political research. This workshop aims at integrating existing approaches and addresses the question of reciprocal influence and interaction between processes of integration and cohesion on different levels of analysis, such as between the institutional realm, majorities and non-majorities as social groups, and individual interactions.

The 1.5-day conference is aimed at young researchers, advancing their scholarship or having recently completed their PhDs, providing for original contributions to the field, who are interested in interdisciplinary exchange.

Papers are invited that address theoretical or methodological aspects, or focus on the analysis of cases of integration processes in Eastern European countries. The contributions should address the following questions for

their own respective piece of work, though are not limited to these:

- What is meant by integration and cohesion from the perspective applied in the paper and which are the objects of study?
- Who are the actors in the process of integration and which strategies do they exert?
- How is cohesion established at the level of scrutiny in interaction with the other levels of social processes?
- Which factors impede or complicate integration in the given context?

Paper givers are encouraged to reflect particularly on the interaction between different levels. How do integration policies affect group interaction? Which impact can local level networking across ethnic boundaries have on the shifting of group boundaries? Can cohesion be steered by changing normative ideas from above or does it much more require the socio structural rapprochement of groups? What is the role of minority members in the process, which avenues do they take in interaction with the state and the majority group to integrate?

Procedure:

Potential paper givers should send an abstract of not more than 300 words and a brief academic CV, indicating their institutional affiliation, research foci, and full contact details for review by 1 August 2008 to the organisers. Applicants will be notified by 15 August. Accepted papers [of 6-8000 words] should be submitted to the organisers by 6 October 2008. Presentations should not exceed 20 min. Selected papers will have the chance to be published.

We will cover one night of accommodation for speakers and will contribute to travel expenses, though cannot guarantee to cover the costs in full. Applicants who depend on funding should provide the organisers with an estimate of the overall costs for their travel.

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Odessa National University Model United Nations

24-26 October 2008

Odessa, Ukraine

You are welcome to participate in international student conference Odessa National University Model United Nations 2008 (ONUMUN) on October 24-26, 2008. The conference will take place on the Black Sea coast, at Odessa city, Ukraine. This year we organize our conference in seventh time.

ONUMUN gives a unique and interactive opportunity for university students from all over the world to become familiar with international issues and to enhance students' understanding of the institutional and political in-workings of the UN organization. At this role-playing game participants assume roles of diplomats representing various member-states of the UN and simulate the debate happening in several bodies of the UN and one regional organization, following the corresponding rules of procedure.

We have a great traditional support from the General Consulates accredited in Odessa and Representation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine in Odessa.

During the conference the work will be in the following committees:

- Security Council - The Problem of Kosovo;
- Human Rights Council - The Problem of Women Rights in Muslim States;
- Black Sea Economic Cooperation - The Diversification of the Energy Transport Routes;
- World Bank - The Investment Climate in the Post-soviet States.

The deadline for application is – 5th of October, 2008.

The registration is online at

www.onumun.org.ua

For any additional information, please, visit our web-site www.onumun.org.ua. Or feel free to ask ONUMUN team via e-mail

onumun@ukr.net

Romanian Identity in the Wider European Context

21-23 November 2008

Babes-Bolyai University

Cluj-Napoca, Romania

Identity is a contemporary problematic approached almost everywhere in the world as post-modernism, regional integration, and globalization bring new challenges to national identities. We speak more and more about the identity crisis at various levels and multiple explanations, causes and implications were identified.

In this context, the Centre for Political Analysis launches a debate regarding the issue of Romanian identity in the European context, trying to answer questions like: Who are we, the Romanians? What is the substance of our national identity? What brings us together and what differentiates us from the rest of the EU and Europe? What can Europe provide and what can we provide? Do Romania and Europe face an identity crisis?

Given the topic, we choose a multi and interdisciplinary approach that results in eight broader topics that supplement two plenary sessions with lectures given by known researchers and activists in the field of (Romanian) identity. The workshops will allow participants to present their own works, to receive and provide comments, and to create networks with peers from other universities/departments.

We encourage graduate students and researchers to apply for one of the following topics:

- Historical roots and contemporary components of Romanian identity
- Identity and religion in the Romanian space
- Romanian collective identity and social imagery
- Romanian identity as reflected in art and literature
- Forms of representing the Romanian identity in everyday life
- Romanian self-perception and the perception of others
- The influence of minorities on the Romanian identity

- Romanian identity in an encompassing Europe

The application dead-line is August 1, 2008. The selection decision will be communicated by August 15. Late applications are not considered.

The application form is available here, it should be filled and send to

cpaconf08@yahoo.com.

The languages of the conference are English and Romanian.

The organizers provide housing and board for the days of the conference. There is no participation fee.

Australasian Association for Communist and Post-Communist Studies (AACaPS) Ninth Biennial Conference

29-30 January 2009

University of Sydney

Sydney, Australia

Conference fees:

Paid up members of AACaPS	Free
Non-members of AACaPS	AUS\$40.00
Non-member students	AUS\$20.00

All paper proposals (no later than 1 October 2008) and enquiries to:

Professor Graeme Gill,
Department of Government and International Relations,
The University of Sydney,
Sydney,
NSW 2006,
Australia.

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- Annual membership dues are AUS\$25 for full members and \$10 for students. Dues can be paid through internet banking or by deposit at any branch of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (please indicate your name in the description of the transaction). The account name is "Australasian Association for Communist and Post-Communist Studies. The account number 06 2303 10440275.
- Questions in regard to membership should be directed to the AACaPS treasurer, Anna Taitlin:

Anna.Taitlin@canberra.edu.au

1989-2009: The East European revolutions in perspective

16 -17 October 2009

London, England

Organized by *Debatte: Journal of Contemporary Central and Eastern Europe*

Rationale

Debatte is marking the twentieth anniversary of the revolutionary upheavals of 1989 by inviting scholars and students of Central and Eastern Europe to reflect upon the events of that year, their causes and processes, and the ensuing transformation of the region.

In line with *Debatte's* credo, the conference encourages critical and inter-disciplinary contributions. Especially welcome are papers that:

- examine the part played by social movements in overthrowing regimes and bringing about democratic change;
- explore the power relations involved in the post-1989 restructuring of Central and Eastern Europe;
- look afresh at the seminal contributions and debates in this area of research;
- investigate ways in which research on 1989 and the transition has affirmed, deconstructed or challenged dominant ideological conventions.

Topics for inquiry

Promising areas for papers include:

- The dissolution of the Soviet system. The roles played by relative economic decline, military competition, social and cultural change, the Western media. Comparison with the trajectory of 'communism' elsewhere: China, North Korea, Cuba etc.
- Revolution and social change. The question of the 'revolutionary' nature of the events of 1989. Comparative revolutions and pseudo-revolutions. The contribution of social movement theories to analysing processes of mobilisation etc. in 1989. The history of dissident, resistance and reform movements.
- Post-1989 transitions:
 - Geopolitical: Russia and the West; E.U. enlargement;
 - Geo-economic: Central and Eastern Europe's changing location within the

global division of labour; labour migration.

- Geo-ideological: what has become of the Cold War mentality?; the repositioning ('othering'?) of Central/Eastern Europe within Western discourse.
- Economic: neoliberal reform; 'shock therapy'; comparative economic policy.
- 'Bringing labour back in': working-class recomposition and industrial relations.
- Political and social: expansion and privatisation of the public sphere; the restructuring of social power; elite continuities and discontinuities; democratisation and 'managed democracy'; the evolution of Communist parties and of pre-1989 currents of dissidence and resistance; changing gender roles and relations; old and new nationalisms (including the break-up of Yugoslavia); the environment, transport and climate change.
- Anthropological: cultures of everyday life; the ethnography of societies in 'transition'; new forms of division and exclusion;
- Cultural: new freedom, new censorship; the changing role of the artist; developments in cinema, literature, art and music; the creation of collective memories and narratives of the pre-1989 era.
- Historiography of post-1989 Central and Eastern Europe: assessing the debates and breakthroughs; identifying gaps and silences in the scholarly literature.

Submission of a panel proposal:

The proposal should be no longer than 500 words, and should include the panel convenor's full name, title, institutional affiliation and mail and e-mail addresses, as well names, institutional affiliations and e-mail addresses of at least two other panel participants.

Submission of abstracts:

The deadline for submission of abstracts is 30 March 2009.

To be considered for inclusion in the conference volume, abstracts must be submitted by 30 September 2008 and papers of 6-9000 words by 16 November 2008.

Contacts:

For updates (on speakers, venue, etc.) go to www.tandf.co.uk/journals/titles/0965156X.asp Questions, as well as submissions of panel proposals and abstracts, should be directed to:

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BASEES Annual Conference

*28-30 March 2009
Fitzwilliam College,
Cambridge, England*

Proposals are invited for panels and papers for the 2009 Annual Conference of the British Association of Slavonic and East European Studies (BASEES). We are particularly keen to receive proposals for complete panels but we are also happy to receive paper proposals that the organising committee will try to put together into panels. At its post-conference meeting the BASEES committee established a conference organising group for 2009 with separate panel streams on:

- culture/literature/media/gender studies;
- languages/linguistics;
- politics/international relations;
- history;
- economics/political economy/industrial
- relations/regional policy;
- sociology/social anthropology/
- geography/social policy.

Within the usual wide range of topics we would hope to cover, it is worth noting that 2009 marks the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin wall and associated socio-political revolutions across central and eastern Europe, and the high point of the perestroika reforms in the Soviet Union. As such, we would welcome suggestions relating to a critical assessment, evaluation and interpretation of these events in connection with the various panel streams. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with the subject organisers with your ideas on these and any other topics and to propose panels and papers using the appropriate form, downloadable from the BASEES website.

To propose a panel or a paper you will need to fill in a proposal form, available from this

page. There are separate forms for panels and papers and each is in .rtf format. You should download the appropriate form and fill it in electronically, and send it electronically to the appropriate subject stream organiser AND to the conference email address

(basees.conference@lbs.gla.ac.uk).

We are particularly keen to hear from post-graduate students. Postgraduate members of BASEES who present papers are eligible to apply for financial support towards their conference costs. All enquiries regarding membership should be addressed to the membership secretary, Dr Jenny Mathers. The application procedure is described on the website. The deadline for all your suggestions is 15 September 2008 but it will greatly assist us if you can send us your views in the nearest future.

<http://www.basees.org.uk/conference.shtml>

Conference on Baltic studies in Europe 2009: The Baltics as an intersection of civilizational identities

*11-14 June 2009
Vytautas Magnus University
Kaunas, Lithuania*

The Baltic region with its immensely rich and historically formed traditions of multi-ethnic, multireligious, and multi-cultural cities, and also with the trajectories of consciousness that link this region to Northern, Western, Eastern, and Central Europe, has always been, and continues to be, the place of the intersection of civilizational identities. This region has been home for Jewish, Christian, Muslim, and modern Western cultures. The Baltics, unthinkable without and inseparable from its German, Scandinavian, Russian, Jewish, and Polish legacies, is a perfect place to analyze diversity in small countries at the beginning of the twenty-first century. Last but not least, the conference will take place in 2009, the year that marks the millennium of the first mention of Lithuania in European historical annals.

The conference aims at bringing together representatives of academic communities who share an interest in exploring the Baltic region

from multiple perspectives. Baltic region studies are considered as a particular historical, political, linguistic, social, cultural and ideological contact zone where the meanings of identities, languages, and relationships are renegotiated.

The conference will feature panels in the following disciplinary and interdisciplinary areas:

- Political Science, International Relations and Law
- History, Memory and Identities
- Sociology, Demography, Gender Studies
- Economics and Environment
- Media Communication and Technologies
- Linguistics and Literature
- Ethnology, Folklore and Religion
- Philosophy, Culture and Arts
- Advancing Baltic Studies

Paper proposals should include:

- Abstract of 500 words
- Registration form

The conference programme will consist of invited plenary lectures, paper presentations, round table discussions, and social events.

Abstracts should be submitted by the 1st of February 2009.

Notification deadline: the 31st of March 2009.

For more information see:

www.vdu.lt

**Russia's Role in Human Mobility:
Historical and Contemporary Perspectives**

18-20 June 2009

Illinois, USA

Interested parties should submit paper proposals addressing one or more of our conference themes no later than August 18, 2008. Please include a brief (500 word) summary of the proposed work, as well as a cv or resume describing your experience and research interests. These documents should be submitted by e-mail to the project's co-organizer, Professor John Randolph, at

jwr@uiuc.edu.

(A surface mail address is appended below for those who wish to use it). We welcome your questions at this address as well.

Description of Project and its Objectives:

Our conference aims to stimulate new thinking about Russia's role in human mobility. It will feature a keynote speaker (delivering a public plenary address), as well as a two-day scholarly workshop. Six key themes surrounding Russia's role in human mobility will be discussed, on the basis of pre-circulated papers submitted by panel participants:

- Russia and the Governance of Mobility;
- Russia, Mobility, and Migration;
- Russia, Mobility, and Citizenship;
- Modes of Mobility in Imperial Russia and the Soviet Union;
- Mobility and Everyday Life in Imperial Russia and the Soviet Union;
- Russia's Place in Global Mobility Systems

Each of these panels will involve at least one guest scholar from Russia or the Former Soviet Union, as well as one scholar specializing in contemporary issues. It is thus hoped that each panel, as well as the conference as a whole, will spark international as well as interdisciplinary dialog. We want our discussions to constantly move forward across time and space, building the basis for a deeper connection and mutual interaction between historical scholarship and work on contemporary issues. We therefore invite scholars from a range of disciplines working on contemporary topics to apply.

Professor John Randolph, Professor Eugene M. Avrutin (Co-Organizers)

Department of History

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

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Conference Website:

https://netfiles.uiuc.edu/jwr/www/mobility2009/index.html

PUBLICATIONS

Revue d'études comparatives Est-Ouest (RECEO), 2008; 39 (2)
Le système présidentiel en Russie, Ukraine et Europe centrale (Juillet 2008)

The Revue d'etudes comparatives Est-Ouest is a multidisciplinary quarterly specialized in Central and Eastern Europe. RECEO publishes articles on the ex-socialist countries, like URSS, China, Vietnam, Central and Eastern Europe, considering law, sociology, politics, economics, demography and history of these countries. RECEO has the ambition to play a central role in the field of this kind of research, bringing scholars from East and West together.

- **François Frison-Roche:** Les pouvoirs “périphériques” des présidents d'Europe post-communiste: symboles ou pouvoirs réels? (p. 9-48).
- **Michel Perottino:** Les évolutions de la fonction présidentielle tchèque (p. 49-72)
- **Anne Grazier:** Le président de la Fédération de Russie et l'instauration d'une “verticale executive” (p. 73-92).
- **Yaroslav Startsev:** L'institutionnalisation des compétences implicites du Président russe et leur rôle dans le fonctionnement du pouvoir présidentiel (p. 93-116).
- **Sophie Lambroschini:** Genèse, apogée et métamorphoses du présidentielisme clientéliste en Ukraine (p. 117-148).
- **Sébastien Peyrouse:** Logiques et acteurs du présidentielisme au Kazakhstan. La “Famille”, les technocrates et les oligarques (p. 149-172).
- **Bernard Massiera/Simona Ionescu/Sorina Cernaianu:** Étude comparative des pratiques et représentations du sport en Roumanie et en France: les conséquences d'un héritage politique différent (p. 173-200).
- **Julien Lefilleur:** Déterminants des investissements directs étrangers en Europe centrale et orientale. Un bilan de la transition (p. 201-238).

Bernd Rechel: *The Long Way Back to Europe. Minority Protection in Bulgaria.*

(Series on Soviet and Post-Soviet Politics & Society, Vol. 79, edited by Andreas Umland) Stuttgart: Ibidem 2008. 362 p. ISBN: 978-3-89821-863-4.

The protection of minorities in Bulgaria presents a paradox. Although minority protection played a prominent role in the accession of the country to the European Union, hardly any positive minority rights were adopted in post-communist Bulgaria. Apart from the reversal of communist assimilation campaigns, only limited progress has been made in the area of minority protection. Positive minority rights have remained very restricted, some minorities, notably Pomaks and Macedonians, have been denied recognition, and the formal adoption of legislation or policy documents has often not been followed by implementation. By charting minority rights policies in Bulgaria in the period between 1989 and 2004, this study clarifies the main reasons for the limited progress in the post-communist period. While, in contrast to some other countries in Central and Eastern Europe, minority “kin-states” did not play a major role in post-communist Bulgaria, the European Union and the Council of Europe were instrumental in putting minority questions on the agenda of Bulgarian governments. However, their impact was smaller than much of the literature on enlargement and conditionality would suggest. Domestic factors were crucial in shaping minority rights policies in post-communist Bulgaria. Of particular importance was the communist legacy, which acted as a brake on the development of minority rights.

Maruska Svasek (ed.): *Postsocialism. Politics and emotions in Central and Eastern Europe.*

New York: Berghahn Books 2008. 244 p. ISBN: 978-1-84545-534-7.

In many parts of post-socialist Europe the tumultuous political and economic developments have generated strong emotions, ranging from hope and euphoria to disappointment, envy, disillusionment, sorrow, loneliness, and hatred. Yet these aspects have been largely neglected in analyses of the profound

transformations that have taken place in Central and Eastern Europe since 1990. Based on a wide variety of ethnographic case studies focusing on Russian, Siberian, Romanian, Bulgarian, Slovenian, Croatian, Czech, Polish, and Latvian communities, this volume proves the significance of emotions to post-socialist political processes as an inherent part of the transformations and sheds new light on the impact of local, national, and transnational political forces that have given rise to the resurgence of nationalist sentiments, increasing poverty and marginalization, conflicts arising from the restitution of state property, constitutional changes, and economic deprivation.

Jerzy Borzecki: *The Soviet Polish peace of 1921 and the creation of interwar Europe.*
New Haven: Yale University Press 2008. 418 p. ISBN: 978-0-300-12121-6.

The Soviet-Polish peace treaty of 1921, also known as the "Riga peace," ended the war of 1919–1920 and may be considered the most important Eastern European treaty of the interwar period. This deeply researched book offers the first post-Soviet account of how Bolshevik Russia and Poland came to sign the treaty—a pact that established the central part of the Soviet western border and provided Eastern Europe with a measure of stability that lasted until 1939.

Jerzy Borzecki draws on a wealth of untapped materials in Russian and Polish archives to recreate the negotiations and behind-the-scenes maneuvers leading to and surrounding the treaty. He examines the significance of the agreement not only to its signatories but also to Ukraine, Belarus, Lithuania, and Latvia. The Riga peace represented an authentic compromise between Poland and Bolshevik Russia, Borzecki shows, and he offers new interpretations of other crucial aspects of the negotiations as well.

John Gordon Garrard/Carol Garrard: *Russian Orthodoxy resurgent. Faith and power in the new Russia.*
Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press 2008. 348 p. ISBN: 978-0-691-12573-2.

Russian Orthodoxy Resurgent is the first book to fully explore the expansive and ill-understood role that Russia's ancient Christian faith has played in the fall of Soviet Communism and in the rise of Russian nationalism today. John and Carol Garrard tell the story of how the Orthodox Church's moral weight helped defeat the 1991 coup against Gorbachev launched by Communist Party hardliners. The Soviet Union disintegrated, leaving Russians searching for a usable past. The Garrards reveal how Patriarch Aleksy II - a former KGB officer and the man behind the church's successful defeat of the coup - is reconstituting a new national idea in the church's own image. In the new Russia, the former KGB who run the country - Vladimir Putin among them - proclaim the cross, not the hammer and sickle. Meanwhile, a majority of Russians now embrace the Orthodox faith with unprecedented fervor. The Garrards trace how Aleksy orchestrated this transformation, positioning his church to inherit power once held by the Communist Party and to become the dominant ethos of the military and government. They show how the revived church under Aleksy prevented mass violence during the post-Soviet turmoil, and how Aleksy astutely linked the church with the army and melded Russian patriotism and faith. *Russian Orthodoxy Resurgent* argues that the West must come to grips with this complex and contradictory resurgence of the Orthodox faith, because it is the hidden force behind Russia's domestic and foreign policies today.

Gallagher, Tom: *Modern Romania. The end of communism, the failure of democratic reform, and the theft of a nation.*

New York: New York University Press 2008. 432 p. ISBN: 978-0814732014.

Since the 1989 fall of Communism in Eastern Europe, Romania, arguably the most regimented of states in the Soviet bloc, has struggled with the transition from totalitarian state to democratic nation. In this insightful examination of modern Romania, Tom Gallagher provides an overview of Romania's unique political and social history, focusing on both

its national identity as well as the legacy of Soviet rule. Gallagher provides an in-depth look at Romania since 1989, focusing on the government's attempts at economic reform, engagement with democracy, problems with corruption among the ruling elite, as well as the weakness of civil society and the resilience of implacable expressions of nationalism. Ultimately, Gallagher argues that thus far democracy has essentially failed in Romania. In fact, he warns that Romania is on its way to becoming one of the most unequal states in Europe and quite possibly a future trouble-spot unless efforts to resume much-needed reforms are undertaken.

Richard C. M. Mole: *The Baltic States. From Soviet Union to European Union*

(Bases/Routledge Series on Russian and East European Studies) London: Routledge 2008. 224 p. ISBN: 978-0415394970.

The Baltic States provides an informative and interesting overview of developments in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, as they made the transition from Soviet domination to membership of the European Union. Uniquely analyzing the entire transition, this book:

- focuses on the concepts of identity, sovereignty and power in the domestic and international politics of the Baltic states
- charts the development of the identities of these states during the twentieth century, going on to examine how this changed with the end of Soviet rule
- considers the implications for domestic political, economic and social life, and also for foreign policy
- assesses the shift in identity that culminated in these states joining the EU, and the ceding of sovereignty that this entailed.

With the politics of the European Union being a highly topical topic, this book constitutes an impressive account of a critical phase in the history of the Baltic states, and represents an important contribution to wider theoretical debates concerning the nature of identity, power, sovereignty and nationalism.

FELLOWSHIPS, PRIZES & GRANTS

Fulbright Scholar Program for Faculty and Professionals

Deadline: August 1, 2008

The Fulbright Scholar Program for Faculty and Professionals offers grants to conduct research or lecture in Poland and other countries in Central and Eastern Europe and Eurasia. The program offers a variety of opportunities for both area and non-area specialists. Members of the association may wish to bring these grants to the attention of their colleagues in other fields. The traditional Fulbright Scholar Program offers awards that range from 2 to 10 months. Scholars may conduct research independently or in collaboration with host country colleagues. Applications are welcome from scholars in a broad range of disciplines in the arts, humanities, social sciences and sciences. Opportunities also exist for professionals in such fields as law, public administration, conflict resolution, journalism, library science, and education.

While many awards specify project and host institution, there are a number of open "All Discipline" awards that allow candidates to propose their own projects and determine their host institution affiliation. Foreign language skills may be required for certain research projects, but lecturing awards are in English. For additional information about the Polish program, please contact Muriel Joffe, Ph.D., Assistant Director at the Council for International Exchange of Scholars,

mjoffe@cies.iie.org

or

202-686-6249.

The application deadline for 2009-10 is August 1, 2008. For general information about application requirements and staff contacts, visit the CIES Web site at

www.cies.org

2008 Zirin Award

Deadline: November 1, 2008

The Association for Women in Slavic Studies announces its annual competition for the Zirin prize. This prize of \$500 is named for Mary

Zirin, the founder of Women East-West. Working as an independent scholar, Zirin produced and encouraged many of the fundamental works in Slavic Women's Studies. The Zirin Prize aims to recognize the achievements of independent scholars and to encourage their continued scholarship and service in work that is pertinent to the field of Slavic Women's studies.

The Zirin Prize Committee will accept nominations, including self-nominations, for the award until November 1, 2008. Nominations should include a two-page, double-spaced narrative outlining the nominee's achievements and the nominee's CV. Describe the nominee's past and present contributions and relevant work in progress.

The committee urges the nomination of candidates at all career stages. For the purpose of this award, an independent scholar is defined as a scholar (1) who is not employed at an institution of higher learning, or (2) who may be employed by a university or college but who is not eligible to compete for institutional support for research (for example, those teaching under short-term contracts or working in administrative posts). We urge nominations of worthy scholars from the CIS and from Central and Eastern Europe.

Nominations should be sent to

Martha Kuchar

kuchar@roanoke.edu,

or via mail to

Martha Kuchar, Dept. of English, Roanoke College, 221 College Lane, Salem, VA 24153
(phone: 540-375-2320).

Post-Doctoral Fellowships in Armenian Studies, University of Michigan

Deadline: February 28, 2009

The Armenian Studies Program at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, is pleased to announce a limited number of Manoogian Simone Foundation Post-doctoral Fellowships for the academic year 2009/2010.

These Post-doctoral Fellowships will be awarded for one semester or the full academic year to graduates who have completed their dissertations in the social sciences or humanities within the last two years and whose dissertations are closely related to Armenian studies.

The purpose of the post-doctoral fellowships is to provide an opportunity to recent graduates to undertake research and writing aimed at the publication of a book or articles relevant to Armenian studies. Post-doctoral fellows would also be asked to teach one course per semester and participate in the activities of the Armenian Studies Program during their tenure.

Applications (CV, copy of dissertation, statement regarding proposed research, and proposals for the course or courses the applicant will be asked to teach) should be forwarded directly to:

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Applications must be received by February 28, 2009. Applicants will be notified in early April.

Questions can be addressed to Ms. Gloria Caudill, Armenian Studies Program Administrator, by email (*gcaudill@umich.edu*) or telephone (734) 763-0622.

Competition for short-term grants in the humanities in Belarus, Russia, and Ukraine Academic year 2008-2009

The American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) announces a competition for short-term grants in the humanities for academic year 2008-2009. Grants will be awarded on the basis of peer-review of written proposals by an independent commission of distinguished scholars from the region and from western countries. Grants will identify outstanding scholarly work that stimulates and enables the work of others. The long-term objective of this program is to assure the continued development of humanities scholarship in Belarus, Russia, and Ukraine.

Eligibility: applicants

- must hold "kandidatskaia" degree, or show evidence of equivalent professional experience
- must be a citizen of, and a resident of,

- Belarus, Russia, or Ukraine
- fluency in English is NOT required
- funds must be used in the region, not for residence or travel outside the region
- recipients of previous ACLS grants are not eligible

Eligibility: fields of study

All disciplines and topics within the humanities are eligible including history, literature, languages and linguistics, philosophy, cultural studies, religious studies, studies of visual and performing arts, and gender studies. Applications in social sciences such as political science, sociology, economics, international relations, and psychology, are NOT eligible unless they are based on study of history or culture and use qualitative methods.

Eligibility: projects

- archival or field research intended for presentation in a book-length monograph, collections of source materials, or other substantial scholarly products
- work on archival or museum collections making them more useful for specific research projects
- collaborative projects are encouraged (individuals should apply on behalf of teams, under conditions specified on the application form)

To receive an application form, please contact ACLS at

hp@acl.org

any time before September 1, 2008. You may use English, Belarusian, Russian, or Ukrainian. In your e-mail, please provide:

- your first and last name (in Cyrillic and Latin letters)
- the name of the institution where you work
- the country and city where you live
- the postal address you prefer for regular mail and your e-mail address
- the year of defense of your “kandidatskaia”
- descriptive title of your project (10-15 word limit), specialization of your project

Please indicate whether you want to receive the application form via Airmail or electronically (Microsoft Word file and PDF file). The application must be written in Belarusian, Russian, or Ukrainian with an English lan-

guage translation. Please indicate which Slavic language you will use.

An application form will be sent to you in September 2008. Completed applications must be returned to ACLS by the deadline, November 17, 2008. Actual amounts of grants will vary depending on available funds, but we expect them to be approximately \$4,000. Formal notification to applicants who receive awards, and to those who do not, will be sent via Airmail in May 2009.

For general information about the program, see our website:

<http://www.acls.org/programs/hp>

MISCELLANEOUS

CFP Journal: Anthropology of East Europe Review

Submit your work for publication in Anthropology of East Europe Review. The journal is published twice annually and highlights the latest research on the anthropology of Eastern Europe and Eurasia.

We invite you to submit articles on current research projects for the "Open Forum" section of the journal. We are also accepting proposals for the guest-edited "Symposium" section--a forum for publishing collections of papers on a theme. We are also seeking submissions of syllabi or essays on teaching related to the anthropology of Eastern Europe and Eurasia. Individual papers should be no more than 7,000 words (including endnotes and references).

Please send your electronic submissions as a Microsoft Word .doc file to:

anthroeasteuropereview@gmail.com

WEBSITE:

<http://condor.depaul.edu/~rrotenbe/aeer/>

Cfp: Journal: SEEU Review, South East European University, Macedonia Issue with emphasis on human rights

Application deadline: August 31, 2008

We encourage all those who are researching in the human rights in any field e.g. right to

life, right to education, right to freedom of expression, media, right to property, freedom from torture, right to a fair trial etc. Also very welcome will be the papers regarding to the practical issues such as education in human rights, embedding human rights in the curriculum in all subjects. SEEU Review will accept the following types of articles for consideration: research, position papers, white papers, and reviews.

SEEU Review seeks to publish original work that demonstrates currency and relevance to the field of study. Submitted manuscripts must not be currently under consideration for publication elsewhere, and authors must assign copyright to South East European University if the manuscript is selected for publication.

Please read the guidelines before submitting an article. Authors who have submitted papers that have not been accepted for publication in previous issues are encouraged to submit their papers again using the new guidelines. The submitted article has to be written in English language, and all authors must provide translation of the abstract in both Albanian and Macedonian languages.

More information

E-mail: review@seeu.edu.mk

CFP: Studies in East European Thought

Following its demise of Marxism-Leninism throughout the former Soviet empire and its satellites, scholars in these lands were faced with the task of 'reconstructing' the conceptual foundations, research programs, institutional settings, as well as the very ethos of intellectual practices, in particular in the humanities studies and social science.

Today, nearly two decades after Gorbachev implemented the perestroika and New Thinking, it is time to begin to review the path and current state of this 'reconstruction'. Questions to ask include: What is the state of 'theory' and 'method' in the human and social sciences? Have these disciplines construed discourses and 'ontological commitments' in the investigation of social being, culture, political processes, etc. that are remote from the former worldview? Do theory and method in

these disciplines harmonize today with the traditions and perspectives of mainstream Western social scientific and humanities discourses, or are they orthogonal to the salient issues in the latter? How have the changes in question occurred?; what kinds of conceptual resources have been implemented?; to what effects at the institutional level (e.g. in teaching curricula, research projects, including national programs, publications, including translations, etc.)? Are 'scientific communities' (communities of discourse) thriving throughout the formerly communist world? Who are the leading voices?

Submit your contributions to:

Edward.Swidorski@unifr.ch

Contributors are asked to submit written proposals for papers (in English preferably; however, German contributions will be considered) - of not more than one page - to the editor: *Edward.Swidorski@unifr.ch*.

CFP: Virtual Power: Russian Politics and the Internet (Russian Cyberspace)

Is the Internet in Russia a political factor of 'real' significance? Or do the countless websites, journals and blogs simulate rather than stimulate political activity and decision making? The objective of this special issue is to examine the relationship between Russian politics and new media, especially the Internet. Russian Cyberspace seeks contributions that explore this complex relationship in a historical perspective, reflect on the representation of major political events of 2007-08 on the web, examine the discourse of power from the aesthetic point of view, investigate the role of grassroots media in voicing independent views and the reaction of the state to the developments in Russian cyberspace.

Academic entries in English, German or Russian and/or submissions in other genres, styles and form, reflecting the nature of the medium, by scholars, politicians, artists and cultural practitioners are welcome and will be considered for publication.

For text-based contributions, please follow the guidelines

http://www.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/russ-cyb/project/en/Russian_Cyberspace_

Style_Guide.pdf

Visual and audio contributions should be submitted as RealPlayer, MP3 and Quicktime formats; they should be submitted ready-compressed at the desired quality, suitable for streaming at broadband speeds. Smaller files can be sent via email. Larger file sizes need to be provided on CD-ROMs or as downloads from a web/ftp server. If your compressed media file exceeds 20Mbs, or if you wish to include a different file format, please contact the editors. Images should be submitted as JPGs, 72dpi resolution, at 1000+ pixels width/height (whichever is bigger).

When submitting your work, please include the following information: a biographical statement of no more than 150 words and a short abstract/description of the submission (or the first paragraph of the essay if appropriate).

The contributors are responsible for obtaining and securing copyright permission for any submitted material. Russian Cyberspace is not responsible for any materials submitted without copyright permission.

The deadline for submissions is 15 August 2008.

For submissions and further inquiries, please write to the Russian

Cyberspace editors:

Russian.cyberspace@yahoo.com

Editorial team: Ellen Rutten (Cambridge)

CfP Journal: Gender Relations in the Private Sphere: Post-Communist Transformations

The journal wishes to foster interdisciplinary and international debate on the findings of fieldwork-based research.

(See <http://www.cisr.ru/laboratorium.en.html> for more detail on the journal, and below for submission guidelines.) One of the first issues of *Laboratorium* will be devoted to gender relations in the private sphere in post-communist countries. Unlike such topics as the women's movement, political participation and representation, or discrimination on the labor market, the private dimensions of gen-

der remain understudied.

The editors are especially interested in studying the transformation of gender hierarchies in private life under the influence of state demographic and family policies, the changing ideological context and the challenges of globalization; in identifying traditional and novel agents of gender control and practices of resistance to such control; and in tracking changes in forms of family organization. We welcome papers on topics such as caregiving, domestic labor, sexuality and reproductive behavior in a gendered perspective, contraception and abortion, gender aspects of inter-generational relations in the family, new practices of motherhood and fatherhood, the impact of the dialectics of power in the private sphere on gender identities, new types of family relations, and subcultural differences in sexual practices.

Papers should be based on empirical work; purely theoretical texts and essays, even on the topics outlined above, are strongly discouraged.

The deadline for submissions is 17 October 2008. All submitted papers are subject to editorial screening and, if eligible, double-blind peer review. Authors should expect to be asked to revise their first drafts, and plan accordingly. All submissions should be e-mailed, in MS Word or RTF format, to Anastasia Tsygankova, managing editor, at n.tsygankova@mail.ru. Questions about this issue may be addressed to Irina Tartakovskaya I_Tartakovskaya@mail.ru; questions about the journal as a whole may be sent to Anastasia Tsygankova or the editor-in-chief, Mischa Gabowitsch

mgabowit@princeton.edu.

For formatting guidelines see:

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NEWS AND VIEWS

Slavonica journal celebrates 25 years of publication

06 May 2008, Leeds, UK

Slavonica, one of the leading journals in Slavonic and Russian studies, marks its 25th anniversary in 2008 with an Editorial looking back over some of the journal's highlights.

The first issue, then titled Scottish Slavonic Review, was published in March 1983 as a combined effort of Slavists living and working in Scotland who recognized the need for a journal reflecting the cultural ties between the Scots and the Slavs, and the long tradition of Slavonic/Russian studies in Scotland. The first issues of the journal were printed from camera-ready copy and were produced on typewriters in 14 different languages.

Slavonica has been published by Maney since Volume 9. The Editor, Jekaterina Young, University of Manchester, UK, has seen Slavonica become "a truly international journal, attracting contributions by leading and up-and-coming scholars the world over. As it enters its second quarter-century, Slavonica continues both to reflect and to shape the changing landscape of research in Russian, Slavonic and East European Studies."

The Editorial for Volume 14, number 1 is available to download free at

www.ingentaconnect.com/content/maney/sla

Contents include:

- The Work of the Russian Liberation Committee in London, 1919-1924, Charlotte Alston
- Early Chekhov: The Making of a Totalitarian Consensus 1928-59, and some Current Questions, Patrick Miles
- 'The World Will Be Saved By Beauty': The Revival of Romantic Theories of the Symbol in Pavel Florenskii's Works, Clemena Antonova
- International Textbook Initiatives in Southeast Europe: A Sceptical Inquiry, Mark Glover

Slavonica is a leading international journal publishing work in the fields of Russian, Central and East European Studies: literature, language, linguistics, history, politics, social

issues, religion, music, culture and the arts; Russian/East European cultural links; original, or previously unpublished documents, illustrations, poetry and short prose; translations of poetry and shorter prose fiction (with commentary); feature articles of appropriate interest; reports and announcements on conferences, exhibitions and events; and anniversary tributes and obituaries. Each issue contains around thirty specialist book reviews commissioned from experts the world over on a wide range of topics: economics, history, politics, drama, arts, and music.

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