3rd Annual CRCEES Research Forum

Gilmorehill Centre,
University of Glasgow

14 - 15 May, 2009

Provisional Programme
Thursday 14 May 2009.

9.30 Refreshments and Welcome.

Session 1: 10.00-11.30

A. Struggling for Communism

Katherine Lebow (University of Virginia)

Polish Republican Volunteers in the Spanish Civil War: Identity, ideology and Warfare in Two European Peripheries.

Nataliya Kibita (University of Glasgow)

The Sovnarkhoz Reform and its Impact on Relations Between Kiev and Moscow

Geoffrey Swain (University of Glasgow)

Tito and Khrushchev’s Second Reconciliation: Reforming Communism in the Early 1960s

B. Images of Central Europe

Katarzyna Kosmala (University of the West of Scotland)

Expanded Cities in Expanded Europe: Resisting Identities, Feminist Politics and their Utopias through Video Installations from the New EU States.

Vladimir Zorić (University of Nottingham)

Culture in Transparent Mirrors: Images of Central Europe in Two Short Stories by Danilo Kiš

C. The Discursive Approach to Identities in the Politics of Language

Chair: Lara Ryazanova-Clarke (University of Edinburgh)

Fraser Tew-Street (University of Edinburgh)

Reflections on the Kondopoga Incident in Official and Unofficial Media in the Republic of Karelia

Kristine Uzule (University of Edinburgh)
The Integration of Russian Speakers in Latvia: Linguistic and Psychological Theories
Ekaterina Popova (University of Edinburgh)

Discourse and Migration in Contemporary Russia

Session 2: 12.00-1.30

A. Modern Russian Material Culture

Siggy Frank (University of Nottingham)
Staging Memories: Russian Theatre in Exile
Rolf Hellebust (University of Nottingham)
The Tangible Sacred in Early Soviet Culture
Cynthia Marsh (University of Nottingham)
Polly McMichael (University of Nottingham)
Soviet “Tape-Recorder Albums”: Materials, Locations, Memories

B. Gender Issues

Jackie Kirkham (University of Glasgow)
Adolescent Sexuality in Romania and the Republic of Moldova: Perspectives and Portrayals.
Danica Minic (Central European University)
Covering Gender In/equality: Feminist Perspectives in Television Journalism in Serbia and Croatia

C. Energy: the European Union, Russia and Central Europe

Károly Grúber (University of Győr)
The European Union, Russia and Central Europe: Conflict and/or Co-operation
Jack Sharples (University of Glasgow)
Russia: Provider of, or Threat to, Energy Security in Central and Eastern Europe? A case study of Poland
Eamonn Butler (University of Glasgow)
Actors and Geopolitics in the Central European Energy Market: the case of MOL versus OMV

D. Round Table for Post-doctoral Students

Session 3: 2.30–4.00

A. Responses to Global Economic Crisis – a Verdict on “Transition”?  
Vlad Mykhnenko and Adam Swain (University of Nottingham)  
"Ukraine and the Global Economic Crisis: uneven development and regional trajectories"  
Richard Berry (University of Glasgow)  
The Verdict of Transition for Hungary  
Martin Myant (University of the West of Scotland)  
The Verdict of Transition for the Czech Republic

B. Diaspora and Minority Affairs

Rachel Le Noan (University of Aberdeen)  
The Case of Diasporas in International Relations: From Practice to Analysis of Russians in the Near Abroad  
Ivana Djuric (University of Nottingham)  
Assessing Refugee Repatriation in Croatia: Trends and Sustainability of the Post-War Return of the Serb Minority.  
Timofey Agarin (University of Aberdeen) and Ada-Charlotte Regelmann (University of Glasgow)  
Selective Decentralisations: The Impact of Concentrated Minority Settlement on the Reduction of Inter-ethnic Tensions in Slovakia and Lithuania

Session 4: 4.30–6.00

A. Language Policy and Language Rights

Louise Askew (University of Nottingham)  
Gavin Baptie (University of Glasgow)  
Rusyn Standardisation: Approaches and Issues Since the Collapse of Communism
Josep Soler Carbonell (University of Tartu)


Egor Fedotov (University of Aberdeen)

How International Actors Promoted Language Rights in Ukraine, Austria, and Romania: Why Different Outcomes?"

B. Managing Economies in the Post-socialist Space

Sándor Gallai (Corvinus University, Budapest)

Healthcare Management in Post-Communist Hungary

Timofey Agarin (University of Aberdeen) and Nora Mzavanadze (Central European University)

One Missing Link too Many? Why Baltic Policies for Sustainable Development are Ineffective

Nina Ivashinenko (Nizhnyi Novgorod State University)

Transformation of Consumption of Financial Services, 1987-2009

C. Recent Trends in Literature and Literary History in Croatia and Serbia

Mirna Šolić (University of Glasgow)

“Young Croatian Prose” after the War

David Norris (University of Nottingham)

Literature Wars: Serbian Narratives of the 1990s

Aleksandar Pavković (University of Nottingham)

Contested Epics: Narratives of Nationhood in Jovan Deretic’s History of Serbian Literature

D. Round Table for the Formation of a Ukrainian Studies Group

Adam Swain and Vlad Mykhnenko (University of Nottingham)


Session 5: 9.00-10.30

A. 1989 in Retrospect
Andy Walters (University of the West of Scotland)

The Politico-economic Transformation in Poland: What happened to the original ideals of Solidarity?

John Anderson (University of St Andrews)

Religion and the Collapse of Communism: Reflections Twenty Years On

Zoltán Csipke (University of Liverpool)

The Changing Significance of the 1956 Revolution in Post-Communist Hungary

B. Commodification of “the Dearest”: Between Money and Morality

Olga Brednikova (Centre for Independent Social Research, St Petersburg)

“Money for a Child?”: Commodification of the Pregnant Body by the Institute of Reproductive Medicine.

Nadya Nartova (Centre for Independent Social Research, St Petersburg)

Children, Money and Morality: Donorship of Sperm and Surrogate Motherhood in Everyday Discourse in Russia.

Yana Krupets (Samara State University)

Selling Sex: Redefining the Borders Between Job, Pleasure, and Violence

Elena Omelchenko (Ul’yanovsk State University)

“Boys” and “Girls” in Women’s Prisons: Love or Sexual Exchange?

Natalya Goncharova (Ul’yanovsk State University)

Shocking Bodily in Contemporary Russian Advertisements

C. Round Table: “Minority” Languages – How Best to Make a “Majority” Cultural Impact? The Cases of Russian, Hungarian, Portuguese and Catalan – Learning From and with Each Other

Zsuzsana Varga (University of Glasgow), Luis Gomes (University of Glasgow), Esther Tallada (University of Glasgow) and Margaret Tejerizo (University of Glasgow)

Session 6: 11.00-12.30

A. The Foreign Initiatives of the New EU States

Adam Novak (University of Nottingham)

East-East Aid in the Post-socialist Region: an Exploration of the Aid activities of the New EU Member States
Katja Mirwaldt (University of Strathclyde)

Poles Apart: Can the Small Projects Fund Mend the Polish-German Border Region?

Beatrix Futák-Campbell (University of St Andrews)

The European Neighbourhood Policy, Discursive Psychology and What it Means to be European.

B. Crime and Punishment

Liam O’Shea (University of St Andrews)

Discipline and Punish: Security Sector Reform in the Former Soviet States.

Roman David (Newcastle University)

Does Transitional Justice Change the Perception of Former Adversaries? Evidence form the Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland.

C. Language Practice and Linguistic Attitudes

Chair: Ekaterina Popova (University of Edinburgh)

Varvara Christie (University of Edinburgh)


Samantha Sherry (University of Edinburgh)

Censorship in Translation in the Soviet Union: the Manipulative Rewriting of Haward Fast’s Novel The Passion of Sacco and Vanzetti

Gesine Strenge (University of Edinburgh)

Twenty Years of Loanword Reception: a Comparison of Two Newspapers.

D. Round Table – “Ideas that never meet”: Interrogating knowledge production, exchange and communication across disciplinary, academic-practitioner and East-West boundaries.

Francesca Stella, Elwira Grossman, Jack Sharples (University of Glasgow); Rachel Clements (University of Newcastle); Ella Chmielewska (University of Edinburgh); Yana Krupets (Samara State University)

Session 7: 1.30-3.00

Plenary Session – speaker to be confirmed.