International Research workshop
“Rural Realities in the Post-socialist Space: Understanding Social, Cultural and Political Change in the Russian and Eastern European countryside”

Wolfson Medical School Building
Hugh Fraser Seminar Room 2
University of Glasgow

Friday 12 November 2010
09.00 – 09.15 Welcome and Introduction

09.15 – 10.45 Session I: Changing Meanings of Rurality
Olga Brednikova (Centre for Independent Social Research, St Petersburg, Russia):
“Faraway from Cities …” or Russian Village in Search of New Subjectivity
Oksana Zaporozhets (Samara State University, Russia):
The Political Economy of Performance in Rural Russia
Bernadett Csurgó (Institute for Political Sciences, Budapest, Hungary):
Restructuring the Rural. Gender Roles, Social Representation of Rurality and Everyday Life of Urban Families in Suburban Villages in Hungary

10.45 – 11.15 Coffee break

11.15 – 13.15 Session II: Negotiating Pasts, Presents and Futures: Changing Rural Times
Simona Niculae (Central European University, Budapest, Hungary)
Rural Life in Transylvania: What is it and What is Next?
Michal Ruzicka (University of Vienna, Austria)
Resistance to Social Change and Ethnicity: The Case of Roma/Gypsies under Post-Socialism
Agnieszka Pasieka (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle, Germany)
Dyed Foxes, Beloved Cows and Resurrected Pigs. Animal Farm or Nostalgia for Socialism in Rural Poland
Alexandr Alexeev/Ksenia Averkieva (Moscow State University, Russia)
Reforming the Russian Village: A Century of Shocks and an Unclear Future

13.15 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 16.00 Session III: Strategies for Developing Rural Communities
Elena Bodganova (Centre for Independent Social Research, St Petersburg, Russia):
Post-Socialist Transformation of the Rural Social Infrastructure in Russia
Katalin Kovács (Centre for Regional Studies, Budapest, Hungary)
Differentiation and Commodification in Rural Areas: Examples from Hungary
Olga Tkach (Centre for Independent Social Research, St Petersburg, Russia):
Rural Houses of Culture: Taking a Look at the Façade and Beyond
Judy Pallot (University of Oxford, UK)
‘Opening up secret places in the peripheries: the impact of local government reform on the relationship between penal institutions and community in rural Russia

16.00 – 16.30 Coffee break

16.30 – 18.00 Session IV: Changing Rural Lives - Everyday Practices and Identities
Anna Sznejder and Katarzyna Kosmala (University of the West of Scotland, Paisley, UK)
Gendering Rural Landscape: Empowering Women through Traditional Handcraft in Bobowa and Zalipie in Southern Poland
**Elen-Maarja Trell** (University of Groningen, The Netherlands):
*Constructing Citizenship Identity: The Role of Shared Spaces for Youth in Rural Estonia*

**Maria Nakhshina** (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle, Germany)
*Fish, bread and sand: Resources of Belonging in a Russian coastal Village*

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19.30  
**Dinner**

Saturday 13 November 2010

**09.00 - 11.00 Session V: Strategies for Coping with Rural Transformation**

**Ann-Mari Sätre** (Uppsala University, Sweden):
*Household Strategies for Survival in Rural Russia*

**Jouko Nikula** (University of Helsinki, Finland)
*Searching for the New Rural Middle Class: Small Enterprises in Post-Socialist Villages of Estonia and Russia*

**Leo Granberg** (University of Helsinki, Finland)
*Dimensions of Social Capital in Post-Soviet Rural Villages*

**Marja Ylönen** (University of Jyväskylä, Finland)
*Grey Economy as a Coping Strategy in Baltic Countries*

11.00 – 11.30  
**Coffee Break**

**11.30 - 13.00 Session VI: Rural People – Who Cares?**

**Rebecca Kay** (University of Glasgow, UK)
*Caring for the Elderly in Rural Altai: Emotional Support, Symbolic Security and Communities of Care.*

**Gyöngyi Schwarz** (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle, Germany)
*Ethnicity, Poverty and Social Security in Rural Hungary*

**Sergei Shubin** (University of Aberdeen, UK)
*Changing Spaces of Care in Rural Russia*

13.00 – 14.00  
**Lunch**

**14.00 - 15.30 Closing Discussion and Plans for Future Collaboration**

**Sergei Shubin** (University of Aberdeen, UK)

**Rebecca Kay** (University of Glasgow, UK)