



Transformation Group Newsletter

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PUBLICATIONS

William Miller's recent publications include 'Corruption and Corruptibility' *World Development*, February 2006 vol.34, no.2: pp. 371-380 and 'Perceptions, experience and lies: What measures corruption? And what do corruption measures measure? In Charles Sampford, Arthur Shacklock, Carmel Connors and Fredrik Galtung (eds) *Measuring Corruption* (London: Ashgate, 2006), pp. 163-185.

Stephen White is a joint author of *Politics in Europe*, which CQ Press will bring out in August. Chris Carman is another contributor. His study of 'Putin's Russia and the Enlarged Europe', with Roy Allison and Margot Light, will appear in the early autumn with Blackwell; it is the first of two book-length studies based on his ESRC project on the

implications of EU and NATO enlargement, which continues until next year.

Yulia Korosteleva's paper 'Maximising Seigniorage and Inflation Tax: The Case of Belarus', based on her PhD, has been recently accepted for publication in *Eastern European Economics*. She also published 'Belarus - Heading Towards State Capitalism?', in D. Lane and M.

Myant, (eds.) *Varieties of Capitalism* (London: Palgrave, November 2006), pp.309-334.

Sarah Oates's new book *Television, Democracy and Elections in Russia* has just appeared (Routledge). The photograph below is incorporated in the cover design.



The Transformation Group brings together members of the Department of whatever status who take a primary or at least substantial interest in the process of political change in Eastern Europe, the former USSR and China.



STUDY GROUPS

A UACES Study Group, organized at the initiative of Derek S. Hutcheson (University College Dublin, Ireland) and Elena A. Korosteleva (University of Aberystwyth, Wales), is to publish the outcome of its activities in 2006 forthcoming special issue of *Contemporary Poli-*

tics entitled *The New Europe and the 'Outsiders': Is There a Values Gap?*.

The contributions include: Anke Schmidt-Felzmann's article 'Lost in Translation? Political Elites and the Interpretative Values Gap in European

Neighborhood Policies' co-authored with Giselle Bosse and Galina Bogutcaia; Katsuto Furusawa's article 'Participation and protest in the European Union and the "outsider" states' and Stephen White & Yulia Korosteleva's joint article "'Feeling European': The View from

Belarus, Russia and Ukraine'" .

The special issue will be launched at the UACES Annual Conference in Limerick, Ireland, 31 August – 2 September 2006 at the panel entitled 'Political Values in the New Europe'.

CONFERENCES

Anke Schmidt-Felzmann gave the following presentations: 'Russia's "Self-Exclusion" from the EU's Neighbourhood Policy and Its Implications for the EU's Normative Agenda' presented at conference 'Inclusion and Exclusion – 7th Annual International Postgraduate Conference on Central and Eastern Europe', School of Slavonic & East European Studies, University College London, 16-18 February 2006; 'The EU as a Normative Agent - Do Values Really Matter in EU-Russia Relations?', presented at conference on International Relations in Eastern Europe, 16-18 March 2006, Humboldt University, Berlin; 'Is Bigger Better? Strengths and Weaknesses of the

Enlarged European Union in its Relations with the Russian Federation', presented at conference 'Reflecting on a Wider Europe and Beyond: Norms, Rights and Interests', Central and East European International Studies Association (CEEISA), 4th Convention, University of Tartu, 25-27 June 2006.

William Miller was one of four participants in a public "Scottish Conversation" (with Lewis Lapham of Harper's Magazine; Tod Gitlin of Columbia University; & Tom Devine of Edinburgh University) on "Is Patriotism History?", held on 4th April 2006 at New School, Greenwich Village, New York.

Valentina Feklyunina gave her first paper on the role of international image

in Russian foreign policy at a PSAI-PSA postgraduate conference at the Queen's University, Belfast in May 2006.

Anke Schmidt-Felzmann & Valentina Feklyunina also organised a panel "The EU and its Eastern Neighbourhood: Visions and Interests in Conflict?", UACES Annual Conference: 'Exchanging Ideas to Europe', University of Limerick, 31st August–2 September 2006, chaired by Sean Molloy. Papers to be presented at the panel include: 'Too Many Cooks Spoil the Borscht? – The Divergence of National Interests in EU Member States' Policies Towards Russia' (to be presented by Anke Schmidt-Felzmann) and 'Image of an Enemy or

Image of a Friend? International Images as a Factor in the EU-Russia Relations' (to be presented by Valentina Feklyunina & Sirke Mäkinen, University of Tampere).

Stephen White will be presenting a paper on Belarusian and Ukrainian foreign policy orientations at the AAASS in Washington DC in November. Ian McAllister of the ANU will be presenting their jointly authored paper on political parties and democratic consolidation at the International Political Science Association Congress in Fukuoka, Japan (Katsu's home town), in July. Stephen White will also be speaking at a conference in Kyiv in early October on strategic elites and European enlargement.

GRANTS

Stephen White was awarded a £ 7,500 grant by the Nuffield Foundation, as a contribution to the costs of a post-election survey in Ukraine. Other contributions were obtained from the Department and the Faculty. Fieldwork has now been completed and the data will shortly be available for analysis. They will be available, within reason, to departmental colleagues. With Elena Korosteleva of Aberystwyth, Stephen has also com-

missioned a post-presidential survey in Belarus. Data will also be available for analysis in the near future. In collaboration with Elena and Christian Haerpfer of Aberdeen it is hoped to conduct a survey in Moldova in the autumn using the 2005-6 World Values Survey questionnaire, which will yield data that are comparable with those for a very large number of other countries.

Daniel Hammond obtained a £ 1860 travel grant from the Universities China Committee London (UCCL) to undertake his fieldwork in China in June 2006. His main purpose of the visit is to collect documents and to hold interviews regarding urban poverty alleviation policies in China. He will be primarily based in Tianjin at the Department of Social Work and Social Policy, Nankai University.

RESEARCH VISITS ABROAD

Stephen White was in Russia in the spring for ten days of library work and discussion with colleague Olga Kryshtanovskaya, who will be preparing interviews for a mid-September visit to Moscow by three members of the project team.

Thomas Johnson, having almost completed the first year of his PhD, is currently in China, conducting fieldwork into Chinese environmental NGOs and their impact on policy-making. He will examine NGOs involved in the sub-policy

areas of conservation, water resources, desertification, and urban environment. He is based at Nankai University in Tianjin and will stay there until September.

VISITORS TO THE DEPARTMENT

The Transformation Group was glad to welcome Christian Collina of Turin (until the end of July), and Grigori Ioffe of Radford University, as short-term visitors.

PERSONAL

CONGRATULATIONS to Jane Duckett on the arrival of Ruaridh, a 'smiley baby', and to Yulia Korosteleva on her appointment to a research assistantship at Sheffield University.

BEST WISHES to Chris Corrin on her departure for pastures new.

PRESENTATIONS

Stephen White gave a paper on turnout levels and their implications in Russia, Ukraine and Belarus at the BASEES conference in April, took part in a round table on 'Belarus between East and West', and chaired the Saturday evening symposium.

He also presented a paper at the University of Hull in March on 'Classifying communist systems', and spoke on 'Who is Mister Putin?' to the Scottish-Russian Forum in Edinburgh.

Over summer he will be presenting papers at

the Berlin ICCEES congress in late July, and at a conference on political parties in Washington DC in late August immediately before APSA.

Jane Duckett presented a paper, 'Explaining Welfare State Retrenchment in post-

Mao China: the Case of Health Provision', at the Institute for International Policy Analysis, University of Bath, on 18 March.

BREZHNEV CENTRAL COMMITTEE ARCHIVE

Some years ago Stephen White and Evan Mawdsley held a series of grants for the study of the CPSU Central Committee, one of which provided for the interviewing of as many as possible of its surviving members. In the end, working with Ol'ga Kryshchanovskaya and her colleagues in Moscow, we secured nearly a hundred interviews, some of considerable length. The tapes are still in Moscow, but we now have an electronic version of the entire archive, and will be preparing it for deposit in both hard and electronic form in GUL. In the meantime, any inquiries may be addressed to Stephen White.

POSTGRADUATE STUDENT NEWS

Wang Guohui returned from Shandong Province, China, in February. He had been doing field work for his dissertation on post-election village governance and observed the most recent round of elections in over 20 villages in the province.

Ayse Artun published a paper entitled 'Regional

Perceptions of Foreign Policy: Eastern Poland' in PERSPECTIVES ON EUROPEAN POLITICS AND SOCIETY, Volume 6, Issue 1, 2005.

Seongjin Kim (who took his PhD in the Department in 2000) has just published a paper in REGIONAL AND FEDERAL STUDIES, and Younhee Kang (who completed her

PhD in the Department, also in 2000) has secured a contract with Routledge to publish a book entitled BOLSHEVIZING THE SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY, which will be based on her thesis.

Atsushi Ogushi (who had his viva in January) published an article based on his thesis, dealing with the finances of the CPSU, in the JOURNAL OF COM-

MUNIST STUDIES AND TRANSITION POLITICS in June.

Yeongmi Yun (who took her PhD in 2001) published a second paper recently in SIBIRICA but is reportedly earning serious money as a talk show hostess!

PERSONAL

Tania Konn-Roberts, of the Library, was elected Chair of the Scotland-Russia Forum, and Stephen White became an honorary member of the British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies at its conference in April.