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Weiser Center for Europe and Eurasia

The Weiser Center for Europe and Eurasia is dedicated to the advancement and dissemination of interdisciplinary knowledge about, and promotion of public engagement with, the institutions, cultures, and histories of Europe and Eurasia.

From the Director

2021–22 was an important year at the Weiser Center for Europe and Eurasia. We provided rich programming to our students, faculty and the global community, expanded partnerships, and created vital new initiatives. The crisis and then the war in Ukraine have occupied a large share of our programming in the second half of the year, and much of the summer will be devoted to preparing for the arrival of seven Ukrainian scholars participating in the newly created WCEE Scholars at Risk Fellowship.

Public Programming

Because of the pandemic, our public events were still primarily offered on digital platforms this year. While Zoom fatigue is certainly real, online events reached audiences far beyond the U–M campus and Ann Arbor, with hundreds of participants from the four corners of the globe attending virtually. Given the increased visibility of our center thanks to new technologies, we are planning the 2022–23 program in a hybrid format. While we plan to return to in–person events, we will also continue to provide live streaming for participants across the country and beyond.

We inaugurated the academic year by welcoming (in person) the President of Latvia Egils Levits, who discussed Latvia’s position in the EU, the migrant crisis at the Belarusian border, and the destabilizing influence of Russia on the region. Other lectures and roundtables examined in greater depth the several important challenges Europe faces today, from scenarios of a “Polexit” and the rise of nationalism in Hungary, to multiple refugee hotspots. At the beginning of February, we hosted a roundtable on the Ukraine–Russia crisis, analyzing the situation at the time with Ukrainian and American specialists. Whatever hopes our interlocutors harbored for a peaceful resolution were shattered on February 24, when Russia invaded Ukraine. We quickly organized a teach–in for our students and faculty, with brief lectures from several U–M professors, Ambassador Daniel Fried from the Atlantic Council, Russian journalist and former WCEE Distinguished Fellow Yevgenia Albats, and U–M alumna and Fulbright–Ukraine Director Jessica Zychowicz. The online event had more than 350 live participants and the videos have been watched over 3,000 times on our YouTube channel.

WCEE also worked with partner organizations to reach new audiences. We proudly co–organized a major international conference in Jewish studies with the Polin Museum of the History of Polish Jews in Warsaw. On campus, we collaborated with UMS on the occasion of their staging *Fiddler on the Roof* by organizing a roundtable on the Yiddish origins and cultural travels of *Fiddler*, and curating an exhibit of Polish posters of the musical at the Weiser Hall Gallery.

War in Ukraine and New Initiatives

The Russian invasion of Ukraine sent shock–waves around the world. We immediately set to work on the creation of an emergency program, the WCEE Scholars at Risk Fellowship. Thanks to a generous gift from Ron Weiser and other donors, we launched an initiative to bring three Ukrainian scholars to the University of Michigan. We made sure the application process was simple and could be completed on a smartphone, and received over 80 applications from scholars either still in Ukraine or taking refuge in neighboring countries. Given the need and the talent, we reached out to different units on campus to fund—in full or in part—additional fellows. The response was immediate and overwhelmingly positive. Thanks to partnerships with the Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies, the Ford School of Public Policy, the Department of History, the Frankel Center for Judaic Studies, the Copernicus Center for Polish Studies, and the Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning, we were able to offer fellowships to four additional fellows, for a total of seven arriving as soon as they receive their visas to the United States. Taking the WCEE Professional Development Fellowship as our model, fellows will be hosted in different departments and schools across campus, and mentored by designated faculty. The WCEE director and staff secured housing for the fellows and their families and registered their children in Ann Arbor schools. This summer we will be collecting winter clothing and toys to offer a warm welcome for our visitors.



Democracy Training Workshop

The global pandemic has presented unprecedented challenges for offering our biannual workshops in Slovakia and Poland over the past two years. We quickly pivoted to offer online training to NGO leaders and developed new ways to support NGOs in the region.

Within a week of Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the arrival of the first tens of thousands of refugees in Poland and Slovakia, WCEE issued \$10,000 grants to Slovak partner Hekima and Polish partner Education for Democracy Foundation (FED) to help NGOs train specialists able to coordinate the efforts of a massive number of ordinary citizens volunteering to assist Ukrainian refugees.

Weiser Professional Development Fellowship

We were extremely pleased to resume our signature Weiser Professional Development Program after a two-year hiatus. We hosted outstanding fellows this spring from Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, and Ukraine who were mentored by faculty in the Departments of Sociology (Geneviève Zubrzycki), Political Science (Pauline Jones), and Women's and Gender Studies (Anna Kirkland). Our Ukrainian fellow fled war-torn Ukraine to join us in early March, and will remain in Ann Arbor for the 2022-23 academic year as a WCEE Scholars at Risk Fellow. Five more fellows will arrive in Ann Arbor this fall from Kazakhstan, Belarus, and Uzbekistan, and will be hosted by faculty mentors in Business (John Branch), Architecture (Jonathan Levine), Mathematics (Robert Krasny and Anthony Bloch), and Public Policy (John Ciorciari).

WCEE Distinguished Fellow

While we did not host a Distinguished Fellow in 2021-22 because of the continued uncertainty of border crossings, we are delighted to announce that Professor Julián Casanova from the University of Zaragoza (Spain) and Central European University (Vienna) will be the 2022-23 WCEE Distinguished Fellow. A historian of Europe, Professor Casanova has published extensively on Spanish fascism, European populism, and the history of violence in the 20th century. He is also a frequent contributor to the Spanish daily *El País* and hosts a weekly radio show that he will broadcast from Ann Arbor. He's excited to join us in the fall and eager to engage with our students.

Student Fellowships and Internships

WCEE is committed to providing students with research opportunities and internships in the region. WCEE and its affiliated centers awarded more than \$50,000 in summer funding to 25 students who will travel to Albania, Belgium, Denmark, England, Finland, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Kosovo, Netherlands, Poland, Serbia, Spain, and Sweden. One applicant who planned to do research in Ukraine has shifted to a virtual project. Unfortunately, our popular summer internship program continues to be affected by the pandemic. We have maintained contact with partner organizations in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, France, Germany, Hungary, Kosovo, Poland, and Slovakia, and hope that the program will be back in full swing in summer 2023.

Transitions

Last but not least, on August 31 of 2021, Marysia Ostafin, who has for so many years expertly managed the Weiser Centers and served the University of Michigan with unwavering commitment to its mission, retired. We miss her dearly, but are grateful for her legacy in training an outstanding team of professionals possessed of the same energy, work ethic, and dedication that Marysia was known for. We have been fortunate to have Rachel Brichta provisionally step into Marysia's shoes this year while we seek a permanent replacement. Rachel has been a key member of the Weiser team since the centers' inception, acting as the Weiser Centers' dedicated communications specialist. She knows our programs, our students and faculty, and how we operate. We're thankful for her many contributions this year.

The WCEE team remains as committed as ever to offering robust programming to our growing community, often in response to quickly evolving situations; providing unique research and internship opportunities in the region for U-M students; encouraging the development of academic institutions in Eastern Europe and Eurasia by welcoming scholars at U-M; and supporting the development of NGOs in European societies where democracy is eroding. WCEE's work—both here at home and in Eastern Europe and Eurasia—is more crucial now, when peace is threatened across the region, than at any moment since the Center's creation in 2008. We are grateful to the Weiser family, LSA, and our other partners for their support, and are excited about the timely initiatives we put forth this year. We look forward to further expanding the reach and impact of WCEE in the year to come.

Geneviève Zubrzycki

Professor of Sociology
WCEE Director

Weiser Professional Development Program Fellows

Grants awarded to faculty and artists at institutions of higher education in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, North Macedonia, Moldova, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Turkmenistan, and Ukraine for short visits to Ann Arbor to promote research collaboration with U–M faculty.

Zarina Kakenova, assistant professor of regional studies, at L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University, Kazakhstan. “Security Issues and COVID–19: Expert Assessment Analysis.” U–M host: Pauline Jones, Political Science. Winter 2022.

Iryna Sikorska, associate professor of sociology, Donetsk State University of Management, Mariupol, Ukraine. “Examining Multiculturalism and Civic Development in Ukraine.” U–M host: Geneviève Zubrzycki, Sociology. Winter 2022.

Munajat Sultonova, assistant professor of foreign languages, Fergana State University, Uzbekistan. “Empowering Women’s Leadership in Higher Education of Uzbekistan: Challenges and Suggestions.” U–M host: Anna Kirkland, Women’s and Gender Studies. Winter 2022.

Summer Grants for Research and Internships in Europe & Eurasia

Awarded to students for summer research or internships across the region of Europe and Eurasia.

Devendra Hemant Dugad, MA Architecture (Urban Design) [Netherlands]; **Joel Greene**, BSE Electrical Engineering and Computer Science [Germany]; **Michael Loftus**, BSE Electrical Engineering and Computer Science [Germany]; **Amanda Picariello**, BA Communications and Organizational Studies [Denmark]; **Arianna Pollack**, BA Economics [England]; **Elif Sensoy**, BSE Computer Science [Germany]; **Audrey Yung**, BSE Materials Science and Engineering [Germany].

NGO Leadership Workshop

The NGO Leadership Workshop is an innovative program designed to strengthen civil society in the region by providing management training to non–governmental organizations (NGOs). The workshop is offered in partnership by WCEE and the William Davidson Institute at U–M.

– Within a week of Russia’s full–scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022 and the arrival of tens of thousands of refugees in Poland and Slovakia, WCEE issued \$10,000 grants to Slovak partner Hekima and Polish partner FED to help NGOs train specialists to coordinate the efforts of a massive number of ordinary citizens volunteering to assist Ukrainian refugees.

– **Bratislava, Slovakia.** 25 leaders from Czechia, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia, Moldova, and North Macedonia focused on democracy, environmental protection, human rights, inclusion and diversity, international development, and youth skill building. June 27–July 1, 2022.



Pictured from left to right: WCEE International Education Coordinator Birgitta Kohler, Weiser Professional Development Fellows Munajat Sultonova, Iryna Sikorska, Zarina Kakenova, and WCEE Director Geneviève Zubrzycki



NGO Leadership Workshop participants with trainers and organizers in Bratislava, Slovakia

WCEE Visiting Scholar

WCEE regularly collaborates with U–M units and external sponsors to host scholars who study Europe and Eurasia.

Ania Aizman, assistant professor of Slavic languages and literatures, and postdoctoral scholar at the Michigan Society of Fellows, U–M. WCEE Postdoctoral Scholar, 2021–22.

Chanelle Reinhardt, Fonds de recherche du Québec–Société et Culture postdoctoral scholar. WCEE Postdoctoral Scholar, 2020–22.

WCEE Faculty News

Books

The following books by faculty affiliated with WCEE were published in 2021–22.

Vincenzo Binetti, Romance Language and Literatures. *Scritture minori. Letteratura, linguaggio politico e pratiche di resistenza* (Verona: Ombre Corte, 2021).

Gottfried Hagen, Middle East Studies. *An Ottoman Cosmography: Translation of Cihannüma*. Edited by Gottfried Hagen and Robert Dankoff, translated by Gary Leiser, John Curry, Ferenc Csirkes. *Handbook of Oriental Studies / Handbuch der Orientalistik* vol. 142 (Leiden: Brill, 2021. xv, 694 pp).

John Jackson, Political Science. *Dynamic Partisanship: How and Why Vote Loyalties Change* (University of Chicago Press, 2021).

Grants, Awards, & Promotions

The following are significant accomplishments in 2021–22 reported by faculty affiliated with WCEE.

Ania Aizman, Slavic. Short-Term Publication Grant, American Association of University Women, 2021–22.

Michael Bastedo, Education. 2021 American Educational Research Association Fellow.

Giorgio Bertellini, Film, Television & Media/Romance. John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship, 2022.

John D. Branch, Business. Promoted to clinical associate professor.

Timothy Cheek, Performing Arts/Vocal Arts. Awarded the University of Michigan 2022 Provost's Teaching Innovation Prize.

Andrew H. Herscher, Architecture, Slavic, and History of Art. Promoted to professor.

Holly Jarman, Public Health. Promoted to associate professor.

Sofya Khagi, Slavic. Promoted to professor.

Valerie Kivelson, History. Awarded a John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship. *Witchcraft in Russia and Ukraine*, co-edited with Christine Worobec, was short-listed for the Marc Raeff Prize by the Eighteenth-Century Russian Studies Association and received an Honorable Mention for the Early Slavic Studies Association's Book Prize.

Brendan Nieubuurt, SEES Librarian, received the Slavic Library Institute Fellowship to attend the University of Illinois Slavic Library Institute, May 2022.

Benjamin B. Paloff, Slavic and Comparative Literature. Promoted to professor.

Paolo Pasquariello, Business. NTT Research Fellowship, 2021–2022.

Giulia Riccò, Romance Languages and Literatures. Young Investigators Award from ISSNAF (Italian Scientists and Scholars in North America Foundation), 2021.

Derek Vaillant, Communication & Media. LSA Michigan Humanities Award.

Geneviève Zubrzycki, Sociology. John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship, 2021 and the 2021 Bronisław Malinowski Award from the Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences of America for her “widely-recognized research contributions to the social sciences, particularly as they relate to Poland and East-Central Europe.”

Center for European Studies

Center for European Studies (CES) programming focuses on the past, present, and future of Europe and the European Union. CES offers an undergraduate minor in Modern European Studies and a graduate certificate in European and European Union Studies, and awards fellowships to students studying Europe. CES is proud to support established scholars and rising stars continuing the long tradition of European studies at U-M.

Modern European Studies Minor Graduates

Winter 2022 | Joseph G. Lobodzinski

CES Summer Research & Internship Grants

Awarded to students for summer research or internships to encourage study of Europe and European integration. Because of current travel restrictions, awards were limited to graduate students who can apply the funding to research through summer 2022.

Marshall Buchanan, PhD LSA / Classical Studies, “A Lexicographical Approach to the Roman Narratives of Decline” (Germany); **Gabe Condon**, PhD Music, Theatre & Dance / Jazz and Contemporary Improvisation, “Sinti Jazz Pedagogy Interviews and Observations, Internship at ERIAC” (Germany); **Sagarika Kaushik**, MA Environment & Sustainability / Environment and Sustainability, “Developing Outreach & Ecological Educational Tools for Eco-tourism in Naxos” (Greece); **Angelina Kossoff**, MA Environment & Sustainability / Ecosystem Science and Management (Conservation Ecology), “Quantifying the Impacts of the European Rabbit on Mediterranean Islands” (Greece); **Rachel Mallet**, MA Environment & Sustainability / Ecosystem Science and Management, “Identifying Endemic Species on the Island of Naxos” (Greece); **Yehia Sherif Mohamed Fakhry Mekawi**, PhD LSA / Political Science, “The State and Muslim Leadership in Belgium and the Netherlands” (Belgium/Netherlands); **Jasmyn Noel**, MA Environment & Sustainability / Sustainability and Development Track, “Uncovering the Cultural Riches on the Island of Naxos” (Greece); **Hannah Nossan**, MA Environment & Sustainability / Ecosystem Science & Management, “Implications of Terrace Abandonment on Naxos Biodiversity and Ecosystems” (Greece); **Megan Pounds**, PhD LSA / History of Art, “Intermedial Exchange and the Dada Event” (Germany); **Leela Riesz**, PhD LSA / Anthropology, “When They Don’t See Us: Black Activism and Cultural Production in Spain” (Spain); **Ian Slack**, MA Environment & Sustainability / Ecosystem Science and Management (Conservation Biology), “Human Habituation’s Affect on Podarcis erhardii’s Anti-predator Behavior” (Greece).



Julián Casanova (University of Zaragoza) delivered the Annual Distinguished Lecture on Europe over Zoom on November 5, 2021



Avi Astor (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona) presented a CES lecture “Reinventing Tradition: Innovation and Transgression in Barcelona’s Public Nativity Displays” over Zoom on February 7

Center for Russian, East European, & Eurasian Studies

The Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies (CREES) is dedicated to advancing and disseminating interdisciplinary knowledge about the peoples, nations, and cultures of Russia, Central and Eastern Europe, and Eurasia, past and present. Through its own academic programs and its support of area-focused training and scholarship across U-M's schools and colleges, CREES helps meet the nation's ongoing need for experts with deep contextual knowledge who are proficient in the region's languages. Through its public lectures, conferences, and other events, CREES serves as a local, state, Midwest, and national resource on the region.

From the Director

The 2021–2022 academic year began, like the year before, under the shadow of uncertainty, and it concluded in much the same way, albeit for different reasons. While we eagerly welcomed the return to in-person instruction and events in September, the ever-evolving COVID pandemic still demanded caution and continuous improvisation. Then, just as we felt we were getting back to some semblance of “normal,” the Russian Federation launched a brutal, unprovoked war against Ukraine in February. This has affected virtually everyone connected to Eastern European and Eurasian studies both personally and professionally, and it will for years to come.

It is important for us to acknowledge these challenges not only to contextualize the past year's efforts—this is, after all, a *report*—but to celebrate the extraordinary things we have accomplished under equally extraordinary circumstances.

We are especially proud of our recent REEES graduates. Our six new MAs—Aristea Kola, Amanda Hardy, Arthur Mengozzi, Alex Spofford, Anna Tanalski, and Arina Vlasova—completed their degrees entirely under pandemic conditions, fully embracing the adaptability and insight required to succeed in an increasingly dynamic world.

We also congratulate two undergraduate majors, Adam Gilmour and Samuel Vogler, on their recent graduation. And it is with the same mix of parting sadness and excitement about the future that we bid farewell to Ania Aizman, our CREES-affiliated postdoctoral fellow at the Weiser Center for Europe and Eurasia, as she leaves us to join the faculty at the University of Chicago. Professor Aizman's Flying Subtitles Collective, through which her students provided translations for new documentary films, is just one of the many ways that she has enriched the CREES community in recent years.

Other noteworthy initiatives supported by CREES this past year include “Developing Future Leaders in US–Russian Relations,” our ongoing partnership with the Ford School of Public Policy, which offered two professional development workshops (with Ambassador Marek Pekala in October and human rights specialist John A. Young in January) and four rounds of sponsorship competitions for student-conceived projects. Once again, we contributed to “Intersectionality in Focus,” a multi-university series of colloquia addressing structural inequities in the regions we study and the ways we study them.

CREES hosted twelve public talks in 2021–2022 and cosponsored many more events across the university. Many of these were held in a hybrid format, with some audience members present in-person and others tuning in over Zoom, a pandemic-necessitated innovation that has proven so successful in expanding the reach and accessibility of our programming that we intend to keep it for the foreseeable future. Highlights of the year's programming include the September visit to campus of Egils Levits, current President of Latvia; our daylong, highly informative March teach-in on the war in Ukraine; Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and historian Anne Applebaum's talk on “Democracy in Crisis;” and acclaimed Uzbek journalist and novelist Hamid Ismailov's lecture on “Central Asia in World Literature.”

Of course, none of this would be possible without the exceptional talent and dedication of our administrative staff: Liz Malinkin, who runs our day-to-day operations; Rachel Brichta, who manages the Weiser Centers; Birgitta Kohler, the Centers' coordinator for international education; and our dedicated team of specialists who support and advise our students and faculty in too many ways to be represented in any job description. The director of CREES is a position that rotates among faculty for fixed terms, and it is a privilege for those faculty to help set the Center's annual agenda for a diverse and diffuse community. But it is our staff, who represent years of regional expertise and institutional knowledge, who sustain our efforts in good times and bad. Together, we are already laying the groundwork for the next year of research, study, and programming.

Benjamin Paloff

Professor of Slavic Languages & Literatures and Comparative Literature
CREES Director



CREES Graduates

Summer 2021 | REES MA: **Elizabeth Compton, Arakel Minassian**

Winter 2022 | REES MA: **Amanda Hardy, Aristeia Kola, Arthur Mengozzi, Alexandria Spofford, Anna Tanalski, Arina Vlasova** | REES BA: **Adam Gilmour, Samuel Vogler**

Graduate Academic Year Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowships

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.

Albert Cavallaro, PhD History (Uzbek); **Asher Dvir-Djerassi**, PhD Public Policy/Sociology (Serbian); **Samantha Farmer**, PhD Slavic (Serbian); **Alexandria Spofford**, MIRS-REEES (Czech); **Reynolds Hahamovitch**, PhD History (Russian); **Ryan Hoaglund**, PhD Slavic (Bosnian); **Aristea Kola**, MIRS-REEES (Russian); **Max Shpilband**, MIRS-REEES (Russian); **Anna Tanalski**, MIRS-REEES (Russian).

Undergraduate Academic Year Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowships

Awarded to U-M undergraduate students for study of modern languages and related area studies with support from the U.S. Department of Education.

Patrick Pullis, BA Political Science/Polish (Polish)

Summer Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowships

Awarded to U-M undergraduate and graduate students for intensive language study, or to students from other universities for summer language study at U-M with support from the U.S. Department of Education.

Summer 2022 Undergraduate Fellowships

Samuel Vogler, BA International Studies (Russian)

Summer 2022 Graduate Fellowships

Asher Dvir-Djerassi, PhD Sociology (Bulgarian)
Tanya Silverman, PhD Slavic Languages and Literatures (Czech)

Graduate Student Instructors, REEES 395 & 397

*Awarded for teaching positions in REEES undergraduate courses: REEES 395, *Russia and the Soviet Union: Reform, Revolution, and the Socialist Experiment* (fall); REEES 397: *Communism and Capitalism in Eastern Europe* (winter).*

Bridget Kelly-Vincz, PhD Anthropology, REEES 397; **Arthur Mengozzi**, MIRS-REEES, REEES 395;
Mark Rucci, JD Law, REEES 397; **Arina Vlasova**, MIRS-REEES, REEES 395.

Alfred G. Meyer Prize

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.

Ziqian Zheng, BA History, “Reimagining the Communist World: China and the 1956 Polish-Hungarian Crises.”

CREES Research, Internship, & Fellowship Awards

Awarded to students in REEES-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.

Marjorie and Maxwell Reade Graduate Fellowship

Zhaneta Gjyshja, PhD Anthropology [Albania]; Lediona Shahollari, PhD History [Albania]; Iride Tomažič, PhD Anthropology [Serbia].

Ukrainian Research Grant

Awarded to students to support summer or semester-long research projects focused on Ukraine with support from Branch 50 UNWLA in honor of Vera Andrushkiw.

Oksana Fedorak, MPH Health Behavior and Health Education [Ukraine].



Top: WCEE staff Malgorzata Kowalczyk and Liz Malinkin at U-M's Major/Minor Expo

Bottom: WCEE Team



CREES Director Benjamin Paloff introducing guest speaker, Misha Friedman, on September 29

CREES Visiting Scholars

CREES regularly collaborates with U-M units and external sponsors to host visiting scholars from Russia, Eastern Europe, and Eurasia.

Ania Aizman, assistant professor of Slavic languages and literatures, and Michigan Society of Fellows and WCEE postdoctoral scholar. 2021–22.

CREES Alumni

Graduates from CREES and other U-M academic programs have gone on to distinguished careers—here are some updates from the past year. Alumni are encouraged to send news of their achievements to crees@umich.edu.

Alena Aniskiewicz (PhD Slavic '19) is assistant professor, Center for Integrative Studies in the Arts and Humanities, Michigan State University. (5/22)

Nora Dolliver (MSI Information Science '18/ MA REES '19) began working as a research librarian in NYPL's Dorot Jewish Division. (7/21)

Helen Faller (PhD Anthropology '03) has a forthcoming book, *Love Feasts: A Memoir of Dumplings and Divorce on the Silk Road*. (7/22)

Robert F. Goeckel (A.B. '73/M.P.P. '74/PhD '82) was awarded the Horst Dahn Prize 2021, Berlin Institute for Comparative Church-State Research. (5/22)

John-Paul Himka (PhD '77) published *Ukrainian Nationalists and the Holocaust* (ibidem-Verlag, 2021).

Luke Howard (PhD Musicology '97) is Associate Director, Brigham Young University School of Music. (5/22)

David Kostelancik (MA REES/Political Science '88) completed his two-year assignment as Director of the Office of South Central Europe (Balkans) at the Department of State in July 2021. He was selected by General Milley to serve as his foreign policy advisor, whom he assists and accompanies on all U.S. and foreign engagements, with special attention in 2022 to Ukraine and Russia. He accompanied him to meetings with his Russian counterpart, General Gerasimov, as well as with all NATO eastern flank country counterparts, including the Baltics, Poland, Slovakia and Romania. With global responsibilities, he also advises on Indopacific issues, including China and DPRK, Middle East, including Iran and Syria, and the Americas. (5/22)

Jonathan Larson (PhD Anthropology '07) is beginning a tenure-track position in August 2022 as assistant professor of education, Grinnell College. (5/22)

Kelly McMann (PhD Political Science '00) is professor of political science, Case Western Reserve University. (5/22)

Patrick Moran (MA REES '06) is Vice President, College Enrollment, Study Abroad, Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE). (5/22)

Robert C. Morgan (BA REES '82/MA Library Science '84) is celebrating thirteen years as Head of the East Central Europe Section, Library of Congress. (5/22)

Colleen O'Shea (BA REES '07), Associate Objects Conservator, Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, is the project leader for U.S. Ambassadors Fund for Cultural Preservation (AFCP) grant project titled, "Conserving and Preserving Mongolia's Endangered Textile Traditions and Collections," a U.S.-Mongolia initiative, May 2022–December 2023.

Eoin Power (REES MA '15) is completing his second year in the University of Texas at Austin's political science doctoral program. (5/22)

Joel Samuels (JD '99/MA '01) was named Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of South Carolina. (5/22)

Copernicus Center for Polish Studies

The Copernicus Center for Polish Studies (CCPS) supports lectures, symposia, mini-courses, Polish language instruction, undergraduate and graduate student fellowships, study abroad opportunities, and an annual newsletter (Kopernikana). CCPS has developed close collaborations with numerous educational and cultural institutions in Poland, including universities in Gdańsk, Kraków, and Warsaw, as well as POLIN: The Museum of the History of Polish Jews and the Adam Mickiewicz Institute. With these resources and an outstanding faculty whose primary focus is Poland, U-M attracts some of the best students from Poland and the U.S. who are preparing for careers in academia, government, law, business, and environmental protection.

Excellence in Polish Language Award

Awarded to the top undergraduate student studying Polish in the Department of Slavic Languages & Literatures.

Michele Jennings, BA English; **Emma Peplinski**, BA Astronomy & Astrophysics.

Copernicus Polish Language Scholarships

Awarded to undergraduate students who successfully complete two semesters of Polish language courses at the University of Michigan.

Jack Chycinski, BA LSA; **Caroline Freel**, BA Creative Writing-Literature; **Jakub Hann**, BA LSA; **Michele Jennings**, BA English; **Olivia Milosevich**, BA LSA; **Kendal Nelson**, BA LSA; **Emma Peplinski**, BA Astronomy & Astrophysics; **Kate Rozanski**, BSE Biomedical Engineering; **Dominika Urbaniak**, BA LSA; **Peyton Wadley**, BA LSA; **Maxwell Zarzycki**, BA LSA.

2021-2022 Copernicus Master's Fellowships

Arina Vlasova, MIRS-REEES; **Christopher Chorzepa**, Law School.

2022 Summer Internships in Poland

Ekaterina Olson Shipyatsky, PhD Political Science, Jewish Historical Institute and POLIN: The Museum of the History of Polish Jews; **Lucjan Rostkowski**, Graduate Student Architecture, Summer Research Project: Safely Visible: An Investigation into Polish Queer Space, Warsaw.

2022 Amelia Kulesa-Konopka Fellowship

Jakub Hann, BA LSA



Lucjan Rostkowski



Jakub Hann

WCEE 2021-22 EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

Sep 7 II Roundtable on Afghanistan. Speakers: **Javed Ali**, **Juan Cole**, **Antonio Giustozzi**, Ambassador **Susan D. Page**; Moderator: **Pauline Jones**. Sponsors: CMENAS, WCED, GISC, CSAS, CREES.

Sep 13 Film and Discussion. “*Documenting the Prague Spring: A Film Screening & Discussion of Oratorio for Prague.*” **Ania Aizman**, assistant professor of Slavic languages and literatures, U–M; **Jindrich Toman**, professor of Slavic languages and literatures, U–M. Sponsors: CREES, SLL.

Sep 20. “*The Road Ahead for U.S.–Russia Relations.*” **Stephen Biegun**, former Deputy Secretary of State, and **Alina Polyakova**, President of the Center for European Policy Analysis. Sponsors: Ford School, CREES, Weiser Diplomacy Center, WCED.

Sep 22 CCPS Lecture. “*Translating Pan Tadeusz: A Conversation with Bill Johnston.*” **Bill Johnston**, professor of comparative literature, Indiana University. Sponsors: CCPS, CES, CREES.



Daniel Halberstam, Egils Levits, and Geneviève Zubrzycki



Misha Friedman presenting on September 29

Sep 23 WCEE Event. “*Latvia, Europe, and the Road Ahead: A Conversation with the President of Latvia, Egils Levits.*” **Egils Levits**, President of Latvia; **Daniel Halberstam**, Eric Stein Collegiate Professor of Law, U–M; **Geneviève Zubrzycki**, professor of sociology and WCEE Director, U–M. Sponsors: WCEE, CES, CREES, Law School.

Sep 28 WCED Lecture. “*Institutions, Property Rights, and Growth: Theory and Evidence from the End of East European Serfdom.*” **Brendan McElroy**, WCED postdoctoral fellow, U–M. Sponsors: WCED, CREES.

Sep 29 CREES Noon Lecture. “*Views from Belarus: The Insecurity State.*” **Misha Friedman**, photographer. Sponsors: CREES.

OCTOBER

Oct 3–7 POLIN online conference. “*What’s New, What’s Next? Innovative Methods, New Sources, and Paradigm Shifts in Jewish Studies.*” Sponsors: WCEE, CCPS.

Oct 11 U.S.–Russia Future Leaders Professional Development Workshop. “*Russian Strategic Stability Dialogue.*” **Mark Pekala** (BA Political Science ’81), former U.S. Ambassador to Latvia. Sponsors: Ford School, CREES, International Policy Center.

Oct 12. “*Learn About International Subtitling and Dubbing.*” **Andrea Raianu**, VP, Iyuno–SDI. Sponsors: Flying Subtitles Collective, CREES.

Oct 13 CREES Noon Lecture. “Does Culture Matter? Complexity, Creativity, and Social Change in the Kyrgyz Republic.” **Noor Borbieva**, professor of anthropology, Purdue University Fort Wayne. Sponsors: CREES, Department of Anthropology.

Oct 14 II Conference. “Gender and Health in Global, Transnational, and Historical Perspectives.” **Various speakers.** Sponsors: Center for Armenian Studies, Center for Japanese Studies, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Center for Middle Eastern and North African Studies, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Center for South Asian Studies, Center for Global Health Equity, Donia Human Rights Center, Lieberthal-Rogel Center for Chinese Studies, Nam Center for Korean Studies, Program in International and Comparative Studies, School of Nursing, Global Islamic Studies Center, African Studies Center, Center for European Studies, Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Health Behavior and Health Education, School of Public Health, Sociology, History, Economics.

Oct 15–18. “2021 Liszt Society Festival.” **Various performers.** Sponsors: CREES, School of Music, Theater & Dance.

Oct 15–17. “Victor Pelevin: Post-Soviet, Postmodern, Global Conference.” **Various speakers.** Sponsors: CREES, SLL, English Language and Literatures, Comparative Literature.

Oct 27 CCPS Lecture. “The Carpathians: Discovering the Highlands of Poland and Ukraine.” **Patrice Dabrowski**, associate, Harvard University Research Institute. Sponsors: WCEE, CREES, CCPS.

Oct 29. “Imperial Pasts in the Present: Affect, Indigeneity, and Memory.” Part of the series “Intersectionality in Focus: From Critical Pedagogies to Research Practice and Public Engagement in Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies.” Moderator: **Aslı Iğsız**, associate professor of Middle Eastern and Islamic studies, New York University. Presenters: **Hakem Al-Rustom**, Alex Manoogian Professor of Modern Armenian History and assistant professor of anthropology, U-M; **Vladislav Beronja**, assistant professor of Slavic and Eurasian studies, University of Texas at Austin. Sponsor: CREES.

Oct 30 Concert-Edgifest. “Steve Swell’s *If Trains Could Speak*.” **Steve Swell**, trombonist. Sponsor: CCPS.

NOVEMBER

Nov 5 CES Annual Distinguished Lecture on Europe. “Indomitable Violence: A History of Twentieth-Century Europe.” **Julián Casanova**, professor of contemporary history, University of Zaragoza; visiting professor, Central European University. Sponsor: WCEE.

Nov 5–7 28th Ann Arbor Polish Film Festival. Sponsor: CCPS.

Nov 10 CREES Noon Lecture. “The Image is the Frame: Revolution, Aesthetics, and Gender in 21st Century Ukraine.” **Jessica Zychowicz** (PhD Slavic ’15), director of Fulbright Program in Ukraine and Institute of International Education Kyiv Office. Sponsors: CREES, SLL.

Nov 11 Zell Visiting Writers Series. “Reading and Q&A with Andrea Lee.” **Andrea Lee**, author. Sponsors: Residential College, Afroamerican and African Studies, English languages and literature, UMMA, MFA Program in Creative Writing, CREES, Hellen Zell Writers’ Program.

Nov 16 WCED Roundtable. “Democratic Ceilings.” **Aram Hur**, assistant professor of political science, University of Missouri; **Gerardo L. Munck**, professor of political science and international relations, University of Southern California; **Grigore Pop-Eleches**, professor of politics and international affairs, Princeton University; **Daniel Treisman**, professor of political science, UCLA. Respondent: **Ricarda Hammer**, WCED postdoctoral fellow. Moderator: **Dan Slater**, WCED Director. Sponsors: WCED, Nam Center, CREES, LACS.

Nov 17 WCEE Roundtable. “Is a Poxexit on the Horizon? Poland’s Domestic Politics, Law, and the EU.” **Marcin Menkes**, associate professor, Warsaw School of Economics, and visiting professor of law, U-M; **Sławomir Sierakowski**, political analyst and co-founder, Krytyka Polityczna; **Jarosław Szczepański**, assistant professor of political science and international relations, University of Warsaw, and Academy of Justice, Institute of Law (Warsaw); **Genevieve Zubrzycki**, professor of sociology and CCPS/WCEE Director, U-M. Sponsors: WCEE, CES, CCPS, CREES, Center for Political Studies, Law School.

DECEMBER

Dec 1 CREES Noon Lecture. “*Neo-nationalism and De-democratization in Hungary: Anti-Gender policies and the Politics of Resentment.*” **Margit Feischmidt**, Hungarian Academy of Sciences Centre of Excellence; **Violetta Zentai**, Central European University. Moderator: **Krisztina Fehervary**, U-M. Sponsors: CREES, CES, Anthropology.

Dec 8 WCEE Book Series/CREES Noon Lecture. “*In the Midst of Civilized Europe: The Pogroms of 1918-1921 and the Onset of the Holocaust.*” **Jeffrey Veidlinger**, Joseph Brodsky Collegiate Professor of History and Judaic Studies. Sponsors: WCEE, CREES, Judaic Studies.

JANUARY

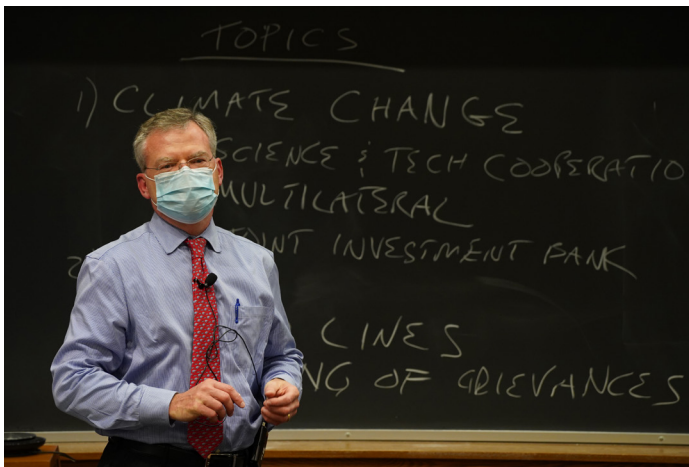
Jan 13 WCED Panel. “*Flashpoint: Kazakhstan.*” **Pauline Jones**, professor of political science and director of the Digital Islamic Studies Curriculum (DISC), U-M; **Nurseit Niyazbekov**, assistant professor of international relations, KIMEP University; **Edward Schatz**, professor of political science, University of Toronto; **Regina Smyth**, professor of political science, Indiana University Bloomington. Moderator: **Adam Casey**, WCED postdoctoral fellow. Sponsors: WCED, CREES, WCEE.

Jan 21 Q&A Discussion. “*An Artist and a Foreign Agent.*” **Darya Apakhonchich**, Russian artist. Sponsors: Flying Subtles Collective, CREES.

Jan 25 WCED Roundtable. “*Lobbying the Autocrat.*” **Sasha de Vogel**, postdoctoral fellow, New York University’s Jordan Center for the Advanced Study of Russia; **Manfred Elfstrom**, assistant professor of economics, philosophy, and political science, University of British Columbia, Okanagan; **Max Grömping**, lecturer at the School of Government and International Relations, Griffith University; **David Szakonyi**, assistant professor of political science, George Washington University; **Jessica C. Teets**, associate professor, Middlebury College. Moderator: **Dan Slater**, WCED Director. Sponsors: WCED, LRCCS, CREES, WCEE.

Jan 28 CCPS Lecture. “*Cuts: An Oral History of Transformation.*” **Aleksandra Leyk**, researcher, The Educational Research Institute (IBE), Warsaw; **Joanna Wawrzyniak**, associate professor of sociology, University of Warsaw. Sponsors: CCPS, CREES.

Jan 31 U.S.-Russia Future Leaders Professional Development Workshop. “*Refugee Protection Issues in Central Europe and the Balkans.*” **John A. Young**, head of the Protection Learning Unit in Budapest, UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency. Sponsors: CREES, Ford School, International Policy Center.



Ambassador Mark Pekala presenting on October 11



CCPS Exhibition “Fiddler on the Roof: A Story Told on Polish Posters”

FEBRUARY

Feb 1–Apr 29 CCPS Exhibition. “*Fiddler on the Roof: A Story Told on Polish Posters.*” Sponsors: CCPS, CREES, University Musical Society, Judaic Studies.

Feb 4 WCEE Roundtable. “*Ukraine–Russia: The Crisis and Stakes.*” **Volodymyr Dubovyk**, associate professor of international relations and director of the Center for International Studies, Odessa I. I. Mechnikov National University (Ukraine); **Andrian Prokip**, director of the Energy Program at the Ukrainian Institute for the Future and Senior Associate at the Kennan Institute; **Yuri Zhukov**, associate professor of political science and research associate professor with the Center for Political Studies, U–M; **Jessica Zychowicz**, director of Fulbright Ukraine & IIE: Institute of International Education, Kyiv Office. Moderator: **Geneviève Zubrzycki**, WCEE Director. Sponsors: WCEE, CREES, WCED.

Feb 7 Conversations on Europe. “*Reinventing Tradition: Innovation and Transgression in Barcelona’s Public Nativity Displays.*” **Avi Astor**, associate professor of sociology, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona. Sponsor: CES.

Feb 7 SLL Lecture. “*The Wayland Rudd Collection: Exploring Racial Imaginaries in Soviet Visual Culture.*” **Yevgeniy Fiks**, artist. Sponsors: SLL, CREES.

Feb 16 WCEE Roundtable. “*From There to Here: The Yiddish Origins and Cultural Travels of Fiddler on the Roof.*” **Mikhail Krutikov**, professor of Slavic languages and literatures, Preston R. Tisch Professor of Judaic Studies, U–M; **Anita Norich**, Tikva Frymer–Kensky Collegiate Professor Emerita of English and Judaic Studies, U–M; **Karolina Szymbaniak**, assistant professor in the Department of Jewish Studies, University of Wrocław. Sponsors: CCPS, CREES, University Musical Society, Judaic Studies.

Feb 18 WCEE Lecture. “*Refugee Crises in Contemporary Europe, From the English Channel to the Polish–Belarusian Border.*” **John A. Young**, head of the Protection Learning Unit in Budapest, UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency; **Geneviève Zubrzycki**, professor of sociology, WCEE director, U–M. Sponsors: CES, CCPS, CREES, University Musical Society, Judaic Studies.

Feb 22 WCED Lecture. “*Fair Enough? Fairness Reasoning and Demand for Redistribution.*” **Charlotte Cavallé**, assistant professor of public policy, U–M. Sponsors: WCED, CES.

Feb 23 CREES Noon Lecture. “*Narratives of Transnational Solidarity in the Archives of Yugoslav Newsreels.*” **Mila Turajlic**, award-winning director. Sponsor: CREES.

MARCH

Mar 7 Annual Copernicus Lecture. “*Art, Museums, and Politics in Poland: A Conversation with Anda Rottenberg.*” **Anda Rottenberg**, art historian, critic, writer, and curator. Sponsors: CCPS, CREES, Institute for the Humanities, Museum Studies Program.

Mar 11 WCEE Teach-In on Ukraine. **Ronald G. Suny**, William H. Sewell, Jr. Distinguished University Professor of History and professor of political science, U–M, “*Lessons from History: Ukraine and Russia;*” **Ambassador Daniel Fried**, Weiser Family Distinguished Fellow, Atlantic Council, “*Stuck in the Middle: Ukraine and U.S. Diplomacy in Eastern Europe before Putin’s War;*” **Yevgenia Albats**, Russian journalist, political scientist, author, radio host, and former visiting professor, U–M, “*Killing the Messenger: The War in Ukraine and Putin’s Repression of Russian Media;*” **Yuri Zhukov**, associate professor of political science and research associate professor with the Center for Political Studies, U–M, “*Russian Military Scenarios and Strategies;*” **Brian Porter–Szűcs**, Arthur F. Thurnau Professor of History, U–M, “*A New Refugee Crisis: Poles Respond;*” **Jessica Zychowicz (PhD Slavic ‘15)**, director of the Fulbright Program in Ukraine and Institute of International Education Kyiv Office, “*Academic Leaders in Wartime: The Past and Future of Fulbright Ukraine;*” **Mikhail Krutikov**, professor and chair of the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures (SLL) and Preston R. Tisch Professor of Judaic Studies, U–M; **Benjamin Paloff**, professor of SLL and of comparative literature, and CREES director, U–M; and **Svitlana Rogovyk**, Lecturer IV, Slavic language program director and advisor of the minor in Ukrainian language, literature, and culture, U–M, “*Conclusions.*” Moderator: **Geneviève Zubrzycki**, professor of sociology and WCEE Director, U–M. Sponsors: CES, CREES, CCPS, Political Science, SLL.

Mar 11 Celebrating Forty Years of Armenian Studies | Armenian Transformations, 1981–2021: How Forty Years of Michigan Armenian Studies Looked at Imperial Collapse, Ethnic War, and the Rebirth of Independence. “A Republic, If You Can Keep It,” **Gerard Libaridian**, Professor Emeritus; former Alex Manoogian Professor in Modern Armenian History (2001–12), U–M; “*The Making of Modern Armenia: From Soviet Republic to Precarious Present*,” **Ronald Grigor Suny**, William H. Sewell Jr. Distinguished University Professor of History, former Alex Manoogian Professor in Modern Armenian History (1981–97), U–M; “*Living in the Future of the Armenian Catastrophe*,” **Hakem Al-Rustom**, Alex Manoogian Professor of Modern Armenian History, U–M. Sponsors: Center for Armenian Studies, *Perspectives Ensemble* and the *Jarvis & Constance Family Foundation’s Danièle Doctorow Prize*, CREES, WCEE.

Mar 12 Conference. “A Hit Parade of Historical Turns: From A Russian Perspective.” Sponsors: CAS, LSA, Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies, CREES, WCEE, U–M Office of Research, History, Political Science, SLL.

Mar 15 II Roundtable. “*The Global Implications of the Russian Invasion of Ukraine*.” **John D. Ciorciari**, associate professor of public policy and director, International Policy Center and Weiser Diplomacy Center, U–M; **Pauline Jones**, professor of political science and director of the Digital Islamic Studies Curriculum, U–M; **Maria Popova**, Jean Monnet Chair and associate professor of political science, McGill University; **Daniel Russel**, vice president of international security and diplomacy, Asia Society Policy Institute; Moderator: **Mary Gallagher**, International Institute Director. Sponsors: LRCCS, CREES, WCED, Ford School, WCEE, Political Science, SLL.

Mar 16 CCPS Lecture. “How to Write History from Below and Why it Matters: A Conversation with Adam Leszczynski about his *People’s History of Poland*.” **Adam Leszczynski**, journalist, sociologist, and historian. Sponsors: CCPS, CREES, SLL, History.

Mar 18 Mellon Sawyer Seminar: Sites of Translation in the Multilingual Midwest. “*Building Bridges over Walls: Midwestern Translation Networks and Eastern European Literatures*.” Visiting speakers: **Clare Cavanagh** (Northwestern); **Yakov Klots** (Hunter College); **Joanna Trzeciak** (Kent State); **Russell Scott Valentino** (Indiana). Local speakers: **Herb Eagle**, professor of Slavic languages and literatures, U–M; **Jindřich Toman**, professor of Slavic languages and literatures, U–M; **Piotr Westwalewicz**, lecturer in Slavic languages and literatures, U–M. Sponsors: Comparative Literature, CREES, SLL.



Kamila Kuc presenting CREES lecture on March 23



Joanna Trzeciak presenting at the Mellon Sawyer Seminar on March 18

Mar 22 WCED Lecture. “Foreign Support and Authoritarian Rule.” **Adam E. Casey**, WCED postdoctoral fellow. Sponsors: WCED, CREES.

Mar 23 CREES Noon Lecture. “What We Shared: Emotions as Documents of Historical Significance.” **Kamila Kuc**, film director. Sponsors: CREES.

Mar 24 Symposium. “*Imaginative Activism of Digital Citizens*.” Sponsors: Digital Studies, University Library, CREES, Penny W. Stamps School of Art & Design, SLL.

Mar 27 Film. “What We Shared.” Sponsors: CREES.

Mar 29 Lecture. “*Micro-Institutional Foundations of Capitalism: Sectoral Pathways to Globalization in China, India, and Russia*.” **Roselyn Hsueh**, associate professor of political science, Temple University. Sponsors: LRCCS, CREES, CSAS, Asian Languages and Cultures.

APRIL

Apr 4 Ford School Lecture. “*Democracy in Crisis: The Twilight of Democracy.*” **Anne Applebaum**, Pulitzer Prize winning historian, journalist, and commentator. Sponsors: Ford School, Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library, CES, WCED, CREES, CCPS, WCEE, Wallace House.

Apr 10 CCPS Film. “*The Wedding Day.*” Sponsors: CCPS, CREES.

Apr 13 CREES Noon Lecture. “*Central Asia in World Literature: A Conversation with Hamid Ismailov.*” **Hamid Ismailov**, journalist and writer. Sponsors: CREES.

Apr 18 Symposium. “*Wallace House Presents the Eisendrath Symposium with Elena Milashina, Simon Ostrovsky and Ronald Suny.*” **Elena Milashina**, senior investigative reporter for *Novaya Gazeta*; **Simon Ostrovsky**, video journalist and filmmaker for PBS and NYT; **Ronald G. Suny**, William H. Sewell, Jr. Distinguished University Professor of History and professor of political science, U-M. Sponsors: Wallace House, CREES, WCEE.

Apr 18 Lecture. “*Putin’s Russia: Imperial Past, Imperial Future?*” **Kirill Rogov**, senior research fellow, Gaidar Institute for Economic Policy, member of the Council on Foreign and Defense Policy, and of the supervisory board of the Liberal Mission Foundation (Moscow). Sponsors: SLL, CREES.

Apr 19 WCED Book Talk. “*The Revolutionary City: Urbanization and the Global Transformation of Rebellion.*” **Mark R. Beissinger**, Henry W. Putnam Professor, Department of Politics, Princeton University. Sponsors: WCED, CREES, WCEE.

Apr 22 Conversation. “*Transatlantic Relations and the Challenges the E.U. is Facing Right Now.*” Student conversation with the Delegation of the Ambassador of Belgium to the U.S. **Jean-Arthur Régibeau**, the Belgian Ambassador to the U.S.; **Frank Geerkens**, Belgium Consul General. Moderators: **John D. Ciorciari**, associate professor of public policy and director, International Policy Center and Weiser Diplomacy Center, U-M; **Geneviève Zubrzycki**, professor of sociology and WCEE Director, U-M. Sponsors: Weiser Diplomacy Center, Ford School, WCEE, International Policy Center.

Apr 27 Lecture. “*Jewish Issues in Wartime Ukraine.*” **Vitaly Chernovianenko**, senior research fellow, Judaica Department, Vernadsky National Library, Ukraine. Sponsors: Judaic Studies, WCEE, SLL.

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GISC - Global Islamic Studies Curriculum
II - International Institute
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LRCCS - Lieberthal-Rogel Center for Chinese Studies
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