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**WEISER CENTER FOR
EUROPE AND EURASIA**
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
**Winter Events
2026**

JAN 8, THU | 5–6:30 pm
555 Weiser Hall

WCEE LECTURE
**Ukraine's War in
Seven Lives: Writing
a People-Centered
History of the Present**



DANIELLE LEAVITT, WCEE Postdoctoral
Fellow, 2025–27
Co-sponsors: CREES, History

JAN 26, MON | 4–5 pm
555 Weiser Hall

WCEE LECTURE
**AI for National and
International Security:
Opportunities
Without Losing
Control**



DRIART ELSHANI, Weiser Professional
Development Fellow, Fall 2025

JAN 28, WED | 12–1:20 pm
555 Weiser Hall

CREES NOON LECTURE
**Poetic Voice from
a Russian Prison:
Zhenya Berkovich and
her Striking Protest**



ANNA NARINSKAYA, Russian journalist,
playwright, art curator, and activist
Co-sponsor: Institute for Research on Women &
Gender (IRWG)

FEB 10, TUE | 5–6:30 pm
State Theatre

WCEE FILM SERIES ON
UKRAINE
**Erase the Nation
(2023)**



Followed by Q&A
with film director and war journalist
TOMASZ GRZYWACZEWSKI. Moderator,
JOSEPH SYWENKYJ, Howard R. Marsh
Visiting Professor of Journalism, LSA,
Communication and Media, U-M

**WCEE CO-SPONSORED
FILM SCREENINGS**
CINEFORUM
ITALIAN CLASSICS
ON CAMPUS

7 pm | 2435 North Quad

February 10 ♦ *Ladri di biciclette*
March 17 ♦ *La strada*
April 7 ♦ *IL bell'Antonio*

Organized by the Department of
Romance Languages and Literatures

FEB 17, TUE | 5–6:30 pm
State Theatre

WCEE FILM SERIES ON UKRAINE
Soldiers of Song (2024)

Directed by Ryan Smith

FEB 18, WED | 12–1:20 pm
555 Weiser Hall

CREES NOON LECTURE
**Nonalignment
and Decolonial
Imagination: Yugoslav
Literary Encounters
with the Global South**



NATAŠA KOVAČEVIĆ, professor of
postcolonial literature, Eastern Michigan
University
Co-sponsors: Slavic Languages and Literatures,
Comparative Literature, History

FEB 23, Mon | 4–5:30 pm
Kalamazoo Room, Michigan League

WCEE CO-SPONSORED LECTURE
**Furious Harvests: Ukrainian Poetry
and Remembrance**

Reading by ALEX AVERBUCH, assistant
professor of Ukrainian Literature and
Culture, in conversation with BENJAMIN
PALOFF, professor of Slavic Languages
and Literatures and of Comparative
Literature, U-M

Sponsor: Slavic Languages and Literatures
Co-sponsors: Frankel Center for Judaic Studies,
CREES

FEB 24, TUE | 5–6:30 pm
1010 Weiser Hall

WCEE FILM SERIES ON UKRAINE
Lina (2024)

Directed by Mykola Nosok, Oleksiy
Oliyar. Panel discussion: Ambassador
CRAIG L. JOHNSTONE, Co-
Founder of The Humanity Funds;
DANIELLE LEAVITT, WCEE Postdoctoral
Fellow, 2025–27; and NATHANIEL
A. RAYMOND, Executive Director,
Humanitarian Research Lab, Yale School
of Public Health (YSPH)

FEB 26, TUE | 5–6:30 pm
555 Weiser Hall

CCPS LECTURE
**The Trauma of Serfdom: The
Psychological Legacy of Unfree
Labor in Poland**

KACPER POBŁOCKI, social
anthropologist, writer, and associate
professor, University of Warsaw
Co-sponsor: Taubman College, WCEE

**MAR 12, THU |
5:30–7 pm**
1010 Weiser Hall

WCEE
DISTINGUISHED
LECTURE
**Navigating
Fragmentation:
Great Power
Rivalry, Trade,
and Technology
in the 21st Century**



A Conversation with JON HUNTSMAN,
former U.S. Ambassador to Singapore
(1992–1993), China (2009–2011), and
Russia (2017–2019)
Co-sponsors: Ford School, Lieberthal-Rogel Center
for Chinese Studies, CREES



MAR 19, THU | 4:30–6 pm
Rackham Amphitheatre

WALLACE HOUSE PRESENTS A WCEE PANEL
AND EISENDRATH SYMPOSIUM EVENT
**Reporting on the Migration Crisis
in Europe**

ISMAIL EINASHE, JĘDRZEJ
SŁODKOWSKI & SARAH SOULI,
international journalists and Knight-
Wallace Fellows 2025-26 in conversation
with DOUGLAS NORTHROP, WCEE
Acting Director, U-M. Welcome and
introduction: LYNETTE CLEMETSON,
Charles R. Eisendrath Director of Wallace
House

Co-sponsor: CCPS

MAR 25, WED | 12–1:20 pm
555 Weiser Hall

CREES NOON LECTURE
**A Global Perspective
on Campaigns for
Reproductive Rights:
Insights from Soviet
and Contemporary Russia**



MICHELE RIVKIN-FISH, professor of
anthropology, University of North
Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Co-sponsors: IRWG, Health Behavior & Health
Equity (HBHE), Department of Women's and
Gender Studies, Anthropology

MAR 30, MON | 5–6:30 pm
1010 Weiser Hall

CCPS LECTURE
Poland's Socialist Globalization

MAX CEGIELSKI, journalist, writer and
curator

Co-sponsors: Taubman College, WCEE

APR 1, WED | 12–1:20 pm
555 Weiser Hall

CREES NOON LECTURE
**The Information Age Behind the
Iron Curtain: Bulgarian Computers
and the Society They Tried to Build**

VICTOR PETROV, associate professor of
history, University of Tennessee

Co-sponsor: History

APR 13, MON | 5–6:30 pm
555 Weiser Hall

CCPS LECTURE
**East of the Atlantic.
Black and White (But
Not Quite)**



OLIWIA BOSOMTWE,
author

Co-sponsors: African Studies Center, Taubman
College, WCEE

APR 15, WED | 12–1:20 pm
555 Weiser Hall

CREES NOON LECTURE
The Last Soviet Artist



VICTORIA LOMASKO,
artist and writer

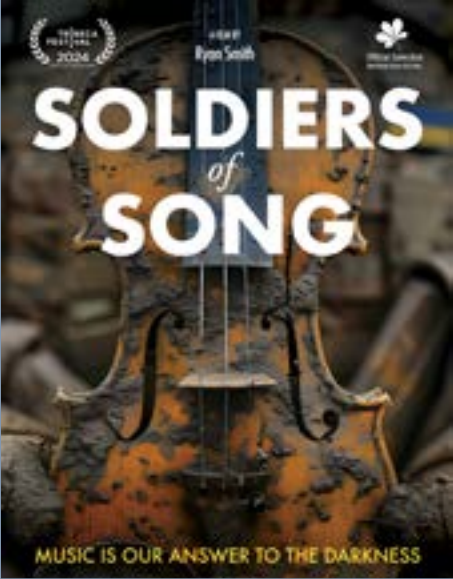
Co-sponsor: IRWG, Slavic
Languages and Literatures

WCEE **Film Series** on **Ukraine**

FEBRUARY 2026



FEB 10, TUE | 5–6:30 pm | State Theatre



FEB 17, TUE | 5–6:30 pm | State Theatre



FEB 24, TUE | 5–6:30 pm | 1010 Weiser Hall

Commemorating four years since Russia’s full-scale invasion of Ukraine, WCEE presents a documentary film series highlighting the experiences of this conflict — through stories of resilience, strength, grit, and spirit. These films about survival amid destruction, and new kinds of cooperation and solidarity, even artistic creativity and cultural preservation in the face of military conflict and occupation, offer a powerful portrait of hope and determination.

See calendar for complete details.

Co-sponsors: Humanity Funds;
Film, Television, and Media; CREES



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WINTEREVENTS2026

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CCPS Lecture Series

SOUTHEAST

The lecture series *Southeast* examines Poland’s encounters with Africa and Asia during the twentieth century and their lasting consequences. Speakers include the social scientist **Kacper Pobłocki**, who will discuss Poland’s ambiguous position in the history of European colonialism; the journalist, writer, and curator **Max Cegielski**, who will explore Poland’s “socialist globalization;” and the Polish-Ghanaian author **Oliwia Bosomtwe**, who will share stories of Poles of African descent.

See calendar for complete details.



Kacper Pobłocki
FEB 26, THU | 5–6:30 pm



Oliwia Bosomtwe
APR 13, MON | 5–6:30 pm



An issue of The Polish Review, discussed by Max Cegielski in his lecture. MAR 30, MON | 5–6:30 pm