



Weiser Centers
Annual Report 2016-17



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WEISER CENTER FOR EMERGING DEMOCRACIES

From the Director

I am pleased to report on a busy and productive year at the Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies. We began the year with a separation of the Weiser Center into two distinct entities—the Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies (WCED) and the Weiser Center for Europe and Eurasia (WCEE). This change has allowed each center to focus on a core set of activities, while preserving the close collaboration between the two centers. I am grateful to the director of WCEE, Geneviève Zubrzycki, and the Weiser staff for working to make this transition a success.

This year marked the inauguration of the WCED Postdoctoral Fellowship Program. In the fall we welcomed our first cohort of outstanding fellows: Elizabeth Kaknes (University of Virginia), Pellumb Kelmendi (Brown University), and Jennifer Schaefer (Emory University). During the year they each gave a public lecture in our speaker series and served as valuable mentors for the graduate student recipients of the Weiser Emerging Democracies Graduate Fellowship.

In December 2016 we collaborated with the William Davidson Institute and the Slovak-based Pontis Foundation to organize our second annual NGO Leadership Workshop in Bratislava, Slovakia. The program offers management training to help NGO leaders more effectively engage with the general public, government stakeholders, and international partners. This year we expanded the program to include representatives of 25 NGOs from countries ranging from Albania to Ukraine. We also secured a grant from the National Endowment for Democracy to fund a third round of the program.

WCED offered an exciting array of programming throughout the year. We opened with a roundtable on the crisis in Turkey, featuring several experts from U-M. Building on that model we offered similar roundtables on the Philippines under President

Duterte, Russia and U.S.-Russian Relations in the Age of Trump, and Communal Violence in Myanmar. Prominent lectures this year were presented by Nobel Prize recipient Shirin Ebadi (co-sponsored with the Digital Islamic Studies Curriculum); Amre Moussa on the future of the Arab world (co-sponsored with the International Institute); and former Ukrainian Finance Minister Natalie Jaresko on Ukraine's transition (co-sponsored with WCEE). We also heard from experts on memorializing violence in Argentina, democratic diffusion, rebel successor parties in the Balkans, politics and poverty in Brazil, and revolutionary violence and the prospects for democracy.

Thank you to our partners and collaborators across the university and around the world. We are excited about the foundation we have laid this year and we look forward to expanding the reach and reputation of WCED in the year to come.

Allen Hicken

Ronald and Eileen Weiser Professor of Emerging Democracies
WCED Director



Emerging Democracies Postdoctoral Fellows, 2016-17

Awarded to postdoctoral scholars in support of research on the broad historical, political, economic, and societal conditions under which democracies emerge—and autocracies endure. Fellows focus on their own research, participate in WCED workshops and events, and present one public lecture during their fellowship year, while in residence at U-M.

Elizabeth Kaknes, PhD Foreign Affairs, University of Virginia. “Politics, Poverty, and Policy in Brazil.”

Pellumb Kelmendi, PhD Political Science, Brown University. “When Rebels become Politicians: The Transformation of Rebel Organizations into Political Parties and their Performance in Post-conflict Elections.”

Jennifer Schaefer, PhD History, Emory University. “Critical Commemorations: Memorializing Rebels, Martyrs, and Heroes in Argentina, 1966-1983.”

WCED Student Fellows, 2016-17

Awarded to graduate students at U-M who focus their work around the theme of “emerging democracies past or present.”

Graduate Academic Year Fellows

Maria Aristizabal-Ramirez, PhD Economics. Applied microeconomics, focusing on topics related to income inequality, productivity, and determinants of the wage premium in developing economies.

Jeffrey Bilik, PhD Political Science. The interplay of religious belonging and policy in Central Asia.

Anthony Castaneda, MA REES. Democratization and generational studies in the post-Soviet space.

Jonathan Denton-Schneider, PhD Economics. International economics, economic history, and political economy.

Kristin Foringer, PhD Sociology. The cultural implications of state formation in young Latin American democracies.

Graham Liddell, PhD Comparative Literature. Personal migration narratives of the ongoing refugee crisis in the Middle East North Africa region and Europe.

Eitan Paul, PhD Political Science & Public Policy. Political development and mobilization and the effects of aid conditionality and foreign democracy, human rights, and governance assistance in competitive authoritarian regimes in the Global South, particularly Southeast Asia.

Rebecca Savelsberg, PhD Political Science. How international interventions such as economic sanctions, military intervention, and foreign aid affect state repression and conflict.

Anna Wozny, PhD Sociology. How the culture of late capitalist societies influences familial and intimate relationships.

Summer Fellows

Andrew Cabaniss, PhD Art & Architecture (Greece); **Vivienne Chi**, BS Cognitive Science (Germany); **Thomas Cotten**, MFA Creative Writing (Germany/Netherlands); **Claire Denton Grenchik**, BA LSA (Portugal); **Genevieve Hummer**, BA Economics/Spanish (Spain); **Nora Kuo**, BS Ecology & Evolutionary Biology (Albania); **Wayne Li**, BA Comparative Literature/German (Germany); **Chen Liang**, BA Public Policy (Macedonia/Portugal); **Chelsea Lisiecki**, MS Natural Resources & Environment (Greece); **Peter Meisenheimer**, PhD Materials Science & Engineering (Switzerland); **Emily Moll**, BSE Electrical Engineering (Germany); **Carrie Ann Morgan**, PhD Anthropology (Albania/Kosovo); **Molly Ng**, PhD Earth & Environmental Science (China/Denmark/England/France/Germany); **Anil Ramachandran Menon**, PhD Political Science (England); **Rachael Rowley**, BS Movement Science (Germany); **Anna Scheppete**, BS Information (Germany); **Kellie Spahr**, BS Biochemistry (England); **Yilun Zhao**, MS Natural Resources & Environment (Greece).

Emerging Democracies Graduate Workshop, 2016-17

An interdisciplinary, not-for-credit forum convened for graduate students working on issues related to emerging democracies.

Conveners: **Elizabeth Kaknes**, **Pellumb Kelmendi**, **Jennifer Schaefer**, WCED Postdoctoral Fellows.

Participants: **Maria Aristizabal-Ramirez**, PhD Economics; **Jeffrey Bilik**, PhD Political Science; **Anthony Castaneda**, MA REES; **Jonathan Denton-Schneider**, PhD Economics; **Kristin Foringer**, PhD Sociology; **Graham Liddell**, PhD Comparative Literature; **Eitan Paul**, PhD Political Science & Public Policy; **Rebecca Savelsberg**, PhD Political Science; **Anna Wozny**, PhD Sociology.

WCED Research Fellows, 2016-17

WCED Research Fellows are specialists or practitioners of emerging democracies who teach or hold non-teaching positions at U-M.

Jessica Zychowicz (PhD Slavic '15) to complete her first book, *Generation 2004: Art, Gender, and Activism in Contemporary Ukraine*, which is under contract with U of Toronto Press.



(left to right) Elizabeth Kaknes; Pellumb Kelmendi and Jennifer Schaefer

WEISER CENTERS FACULTY NEWS

Weiser Faculty Grants, 2016-17

Awarded to U-M faculty for research projects that address themes related to democracy, broadly understood.

Fatma Müge Göçek, Sociology/Women's Studies, for the project "Trajectory of Collective Violence: From the Armenian Genocide to Kurdish Massacres in Turkey."

Elizabeth King, Public Health, for the project "Sexual and Reproductive Health Needs of Female Labor Migrants in St. Petersburg."

Stuart Kirsch, Anthropology, for the project "Diplomacy for a Nation in Waiting: The West Papuan Independence Movement in Post-Suharto Indonesia."

Mike McGovern, Anthropology, for the project "Culture and Contestation: Non-violent Challenges to the State by Ethnic Minorities in Myanmar."

Robyn Meeks, Natural Resources & Environment, for the project "The Impacts of Smart Meters on Losses in Electricity Distribution in the Kyrgyz Republic."

Benjamin Paloff, Comparative Literature/Slavic, for the project "Richard Weiner's Traumatic Prose," on the first literary representations of the combat experience in WWI by this Czech author.

Ronald G. Suny, History/Political Science, for the project "The Crisis of Contemporary Democracy: The Fate of an Experiment in the Age of Nationalism, Populism, and Neo-Liberalism."

Yuri Zhukov, Political Science, for survey research in Eastern Ukraine on the project "The Political Legacy of Violence."

Geneviève Zubrzycki, Sociology, for the project "Jewish Revival, Philo-Semitism, and Pluralism in Contemporary Poland."

The following are significant accomplishments in 2016-17 reported by faculty affiliated with CES, CPPS, CREES, ISP, and/or WCED.

Books

Mohammad Alhawary, Near Eastern Studies. *Arabic Grammar in Context* (Routledge, 2016). **John Branch**, Business. *Assessing Learning in Higher Education*, co-ed. w/ P. Bartholomew, C. Nygaard (Libri, 2016). *Globalisation of Higher Education: Political, Institutional, Cultural, and Personal Perspectives*, co-ed. w/ A. Hørsted, C. Nygaard (Libri, 2017). *Innovative Teaching and Learning in Higher Education*, co-ed. w/ S. Hayes, A. Hørsted, C. Nygaard (Libri, 2017). *Teaching and Learning Entrepreneurship in Higher Education*, co-ed. w/ A. Hørsted, C. Nygaard (Libri, 2017). **Geoff Eley**, History/German. *German Modernities from Wilhelm to Weimar: A Contest of Futures*, co-ed. w/ J. Jenkins, T. Matysik (Bloomsbury Academic, 2016). **Zvi Gitelman**, Judaic Studies/Political Science. *The New Jewish Diaspora: Russian-speaking Immigrants in the United States, Israel and Germany*, ed. (Rutgers UP, 2016). **Fatma Müge Göçek**, Sociology/Women's Studies. *Women of the Middle East*, ed. (four volumes entitled "Constructing Knowledge," "Listening for Meaning Making," "Issues," "Solutions") (Routledge, 2016). **Daniel Herwitz**, Comparative Literature/History of Art/Philosophy. *Aesthetics, Arts, and Politics in a Global World* (Bloomsbury Press, 2017). **Webb Keane**, Anthropology.

Ethical Life: Its Natural and Social Histories (Princeton UP, 2016). **Valerie A. Kivelson**, History, and **Ronald G. Suny**, History/Political Science. *Russia's Empires* (Oxford UP, 2016). **Christian Matijas-Mecca**, Dance. *The Words and Music of Brian Wilson* (Praeger, 2017). **Benjamin Paloff**, Comparative Literature/Slavic. *Lost in the Shadow of the Word: Space, Time, and Freedom in Interwar Eastern Europe* (Northwestern UP, 2016). **Julia Sonnevend**, Communication Studies. *Stories without Borders: The Berlin Wall and the Making of a Global Iconic Event* (Oxford UP, 2016). **George Tsebelis**, Political Science. *Legislative Institutions and Lawmaking in Latin America*, ed. w/ E. Aleman (Oxford UP, 2016). **Johannes von Moltke**, German/Screen Arts & Cultures. *The Curious Humanist: Siegfried Kracauer in America* (U of California Press, 2016). **Geneviève Zubrzycki**, Sociology. *Beheading the Saint: Nationalism, Religion and Secularism in Quebec* (U of Chicago Press, 2016). *National Matters: Materiality, Culture, and Nationalism*, ed. (Stanford UP, 2017).

Grants, Awards, & Promotions

Evelyn Alsultany, American Culture. Appointed Arthur F. Thurnau Professor. **John Branch**, Business. EdD, University of Michigan-Dearborn, 2017. M.M. Teaching Award, Ross School of Business, 2017. **Jeremiah Chamberlin**, English. Fulbright U.S. Scholar grant to conduct research in Bulgaria, Jan-Jun 2017. **Rita Chin**, History. Promoted to professor. Undergraduate Teaching Award, Department of History, U-M, 2017. **Zvi Gitelman**, Judaic Studies/Political Science. Blavatnik Archive Foundation Grant, 2016-18. Bernard Choseed Fellowship, YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, 2016-17. **Fatma Müge Göçek**, Sociology/Women's Studies. Woman of the Year, Daughters of Vartan, Armenian Organization of America, 2016. **Ellen Muehlberger**, History/Near Eastern Studies. National Endowment for the Humanities grant to complete her book "The Moment of Reckoning: Imagining Death in Early Christianity," 2016-17. **Douglas Northrop**, History/Near Eastern Studies. Helmut Stern Fellow, Institute for the Humanities, U-M, for the project "Four Days That Shook the World: Earthquakes and Empire along the Eurasian Frontier," 2016-17. Elected president of the Central Eurasian Studies Society, 2016-18. **Benjamin Paloff**, Comparative Literature/Slavic. Promoted to associate professor. **Paolo Pasquariello**, Business. Appointed co-editor, *Journal of Financial Markets*. **Brian Porter-Szűcs**, History. American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship for the project "Supply-Side Socialism: The Foundations of Neoliberalism in Communist Poland," 2016-17. **Ronald G. Suny**, History/Political Science. Wayne S. Vucinich Book Prize, Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, 2016, "*They Can Live in the Desert but Nowhere Else*": A History of the Armenian Genocide (Princeton UP, 2015). **Jindrich Toman**, Slavic. LSA Michigan Humanities Award, 2016-17. **Anca Trandafirescu**, Architecture. Promoted to associate professor. **Johannes von Moltke**, German/Screen Arts & Cultures. Appointed chair, Department of Screen Arts & Cultures, 2016-17. Vice President, German Studies Association, 2016-18. Senior Fellow, Michigan Society of Fellows, 2016-19. **Yuri Zhukov**, Political Science. Roy Pierce Award, Center for Political Studies, Institute for Social Research, U-M, for the project "What Does the State Surveil? New Evidence from a Micro-level Study in Moscow" w/ C. Crabtree, 2017. Bruce Russett Award for Article of the Year, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 2015, "Population Resettlement in War: Theory and Evidence from Soviet Archives." **Geneviève Zubrzycki**, Sociology. Senior Fellow, Michigan Society of Fellows, 2016-19. Appointed director, Weiser Center for Europe & Eurasia, 2016-20.



(clockwise from top) Allen Hicken, Erdem Cipa, Christiane Gruber, Fatma Müge Göçek; Pauline Jones; Tatjana Aleksić; Svitlana Rogovyk

WEISER CENTER FOR EUROPE & EURASIA

From the Director

The Weiser Center for Europe and Eurasia (WCEE) and its affiliated centers—the Center for European Studies (CES); Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies (CREES); and Copernicus Program in Polish Studies (CPPS)—had a very stimulating year. WCEE hosted six scholars from Eurasia as part of our Professional Development Program, and awarded numerous research grants to faculty working on Europe and Eurasia. WCEE centers worked together to produce a lecture series focused on the fates and challenges facing various minorities in the region, from ethnic and racial groups to people with disabilities and members of LGBT communities. In addition, WCEE organized and co-sponsored events on topics as varied as the economic reform in Ukraine, the centennial of the Russian Revolution, and Brexit. We collaborated with the University Musical Society (UMS) on performances by the Prague Philharmonia, the Estonian Philharmonic Chamber Choir, and the Ukrainian folk-punk band DakhaBrakha.

WCEE is pleased to continue our partnership with the Robert B. Zajonc Institute of Social Studies (ISS) at the University of Warsaw by supporting participation of the ISS's graduate students and faculty at U-M. We are expanding student internship opportunities: 23 undergraduate students from LSA and beyond are in the region this summer pursuing internships with organizations including POLIN: The Museum of the History of Polish Jews and the Adam Mickiewicz Institute in Warsaw, the Youth Initiative for Human Rights in Zagreb, the Fulbright Commission in Bratislava, and the Slovenian National Institute of Biology Marine Biology Station in Piran.

As always, we remain grateful to our partners within WCEE and beyond, especially WCED, the Department of History, Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies, Frankel Center for Judaic Studies, UMS, and the Michigan Theater. We look

forward to the 2017-18 academic year in our new space in Weiser Hall!

Center for European Studies

CES programming focuses on the past, present, and future of Europe and the European Union. In addition to lectures on minorities, we organized an International Institute Roundtable on Brexit and hosted Mabel Berezin, expert on French politics, to discuss the rise of the National Front. We were honored to have best-selling author China Miéville give the Annual Distinguished Lecture on Europe, and to participate in the events surrounding the European Court of Justice Conference visit at the Law School, hosted by CES faculty affiliate Daniel Halberstam.

CES continues to support an undergraduate minor and a graduate certificate, and we award Jean Monnet Fellowships and CES Summer Research and Internship Grants to students studying Europe. CES is proud to support established scholars and rising stars continuing the long tradition of European studies at U-M.

Center for Russian, East European, & Eurasian Studies

CREES organized a rich and inter-disciplinary lecture series that spanned the entire region, showcasing the work of scholars on the Roma in Bulgaria, Jews in Ukraine and Russia, Tatars in Crimea, LGBTQ in Poland, Christians in Central Asia, and Afro-Germans in East Germany. We also sponsored a roundtable on U.S.-Russia relations under President Trump; a two-day symposium on "Nationalism, Genocide, and Revolution" inspired by the scholarship of CREES faculty associate Ronald G. Suny; and an international conference marking the centennial of the Russian Revolution.

Beyond public programming, CREES supports students through fellowships that enhance a deeper understanding of the region. We are proud to continue to offer prestigious Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships, as well as grants for summer research and internships, and graduate student conference travel grants. Nine students are obtaining their MA this year, and our undergraduate major and minors are ideal for students looking to gain deep knowledge of the region. Our exceptional faculty are the heart of the community of scholars that make U-M the ideal place to study Russia, Eastern Europe, and Eurasia.

Finally, we are delighted to announce that CREES signed an agreement with the National Research University, Higher School of Economics in St. Petersburg, Russia, that will allow for continued and enhanced collaboration between our two institutions.

Copernicus Program in Polish Studies

The 2016-17 academic year was especially busy for CPPS. In the fall, we welcomed politician and presidential hopeful Robert Biedroń, who delivered the 2016 Annual Copernicus Lecture on the challenges sexual minorities face in today's Poland. In April we organized the 4th Annual Polish Jewish Studies Workshop, "Generations and Genealogies," hosting over 30 scholars, public intellectuals, and activists from North America, Poland, and Israel. The two-day workshop featured a reading by award-winning author Agata Tuszynska and the 2017 Annual Copernicus Lecture delivered by Adam Michnik—political dissident, Solidarity activist, and editor-in-chief of Poland's most important daily newspaper (*Gazeta Wyborcza*)—who spoke on the anti-Semitic purges of 1968 in Poland.

We continue to strengthen ties with partner institutions in Poland by sponsoring faculty and student initiatives with POLIN, the Adam Mickiewicz Institute, and the University of Warsaw. As always, we support the student community by awarding numerous fellowships to study the Polish language and to travel to Poland for research or internships.

Geneviève Zubrzycki

WCEE Director



Weiser Professional Development Program Fellows, 2017

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

Ruslan Isaev, associate professor of renewable energy sources, Kyrgyz State Technical University. "Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Trends for the Kyrgyz Republic." U-M host: Robyn Meeks, Natural Resources & Environment. April 2017.

Taida Jasarevic Hefford, assistant professor of art, Academy of Fine Arts Trebinje, University of East Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina. "Imagined Landscapes/Sediments of Belonging: Post-Digital Plate Expression." U-M host: Endi Poskovic, Art & Design. October 2017.

Zhenis Kembayev, professor of law, KIMEP University, Kazakhstan. "Constitutional Principles of European Union External Relations." U-M host: Daniel Halberstam, Law. March 2017.

Dagmar Krocanova, associate professor of Slovak literature, Comenius University in Bratislava, Slovak Republic. "Modernism in Slovak Literature between 1900 and 1948." U-M host: Benjamin Paloff, Comparative Literature/Slavic. September 2017.

Nurseit Niyazbekov, assistant professor of public administration, KIMEP University, Kazakhstan. "Education and Authoritarianism in Kazakhstan." U-M host: Pauline Jones, Political Science. March 2017.

Dali Osepashvili, professor of journalism and mass communication, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, Georgia. "Gender Violence and the Media." U-M host: Aswin Punathambekar, Communication Studies. March 2017.

Kabcenell New Europe Grants, 2017

Awarded to undergraduate students for summer experiences to study or conduct research in the New Europe—countries that have joined or will join the European Union, with a preference for new member and candidate countries

Hana Berishaj, BA Political Science (Albania); **Konrat Pekkip**, BA LSA (Croatia).

Albanian Community Summer Fellowship, 2017

Awarded to undergraduate students to support study, research, or internships in Albania and in neighboring countries preparing to join the European Union.

Nora Kuo, BS Ecology & Evolutionary Biology.

Student Internships, 2017

Internship placements in Eastern Europe coordinated by WCEE for undergraduate students in the College of Literature, Science, & the Arts (LSA), in collaboration with the LSA International Internship Program.

Emily Beaver, BA Communication Studies, INCroatia. **Hana Berishaj**, BA Political Science, European Movement Albania. **Diarra Brooks**, BA Psychology, Subversive Front (Macedonia). **David Cichocki**, BA Economics/Polish, Fulbright Commission (Poland). **Elizabeth Ditullio**, BA LSA, Youth Initiative for Human Rights (Croatia). **Matt Harmon**, BA LSA, Culture.pl (Poland). **Michael Keller**, BA LSA, Culture.pl (Poland). **Tc Knowles**, BA LSA, National Coastal Agency of Albania. **Nora Kuo**, BS Ecology & Evolutionary Biology, National Coastal Agency of Albania. **Rachel Machuta**, BA LSA, National Coastal Agency of Albania. **Tansy Masey-Green**, BS Ecology & Evolutionary Biology, National Institute of Biology Marine Biology Station (Slovenia). **Nicholas Miller**, BSE Environmental Engineering, FINCA (Kosovo). **Konrat Pekkip**, BA LSA, GONG (Croatia). **Abigail Siegal**, BA LSA, Fulbright Commission (Poland). **Christopher Terry**, BA LSA, National Institute of Biology Marine Biology Station (Slovenia). **Xinyu Tong**, BA Economics/Mathematics, Fulbright Commission (Slovakia). **Kimberly Truong**, BA Sociology, GONG (Croatia). **Alyssa Walters**, BA History, POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews (Poland). **Amanda West**, BA LSA, National Coastal Agency of Albania. **Alexander Wood**, BA Public Policy, INCroatia. **Hunter Zhao**, BA History, Post-Conflict Research Center (Bosnia & Herzegovina).



(clockwise from left) Nurseit Niyzbekov, Zhenis Kembayev; students with Natalie Jaresko and Svitlana Rogovyk; students at CREES/Slavic welcome party

CENTER FOR EUROPEAN STUDIES

Modern European Studies Minor Graduates, 2016-17

Winter 2017 | **Meghan Lieb, Jessica Ojeda.**

Jean Monnet Graduate Fellows, 2017

Fellowships awarded to U-M graduate students for research on European integration with support from CES, CPPS, Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies, and WCED.

Maja Babic, PhD Architecture, "Architecture on the Brink of the Iron Curtain: The Reconstruction of Skopje."

Ian Bratcher, PhD Sociology, "National Identities: Processes of Identification among Poland's LGBT and Jewish Communities." **James Carter**, PhD Romance Languages & Literatures, "Capitalism, Communism, Community: Adriano Olivetti and the Third Way." **Sam Shuman**, PhD Anthropology, "Cutting Out the Middleman: A Hasidic Enclave in Economic Transition."

CES Summer Research & Internship Grants, 2017

Awarded to U-M students for summer research or internships to encourage study of Europe and European integration.

Cristian Capotescu, PhD History (Germany/Romania); **Sheira Ruth Cohen**, PhD Classical Art & Archaeology (Italy); **Madeline Farron**, MPH Health Behavior & Health Education (Switzerland); **Heather Anne Harmon**, MPH Health Management & Policy (Switzerland); **Marianthi Hatzigeorgiou**, MHSA Health Management & Policy (Germany); **Emine Seda Kayim**, PhD Architecture (Germany); **Brenna Larson**, PhD History of Art (Italy); **Tonhi Lee**, PhD English (England); **Brenna Katherine Murphy**, MFA Art (France); **Saquist Ali Usman**, PhD Anthropology (France/Mauritania/Morocco); **Yuqing Xia**, MSI Information (Greece); **Kirill Zhirkov**, PhD Political Science (Germany).



(clockwise from left) **Kira Thurman**; Conversations on Europe audience; **China Miéville, Karla Mallette, and Geoff Eley**

CENTER FOR RUSSIAN, EAST EUROPEAN, & EURASIAN STUDIES

REES Graduates, 2016-17

Summer 2016 | REES MA: **Alexandra Jason, Justin Zemaitis.**

Fall 2016 | REES MA: **David Fahs.** REES MA/JD: **Bradley Novreske, Jesse Stricklan.** East European Studies Minor: **Xiuzhu He.**

Winter 2017 | REES MA: **Ana Gabriela Guzman.** REES Graduate Certificate: **Hannah Selig.** REES BA: **Claudia Lahr, Cavin Park.** East European Studies Minor: **Anna Graff.**

Graduate Academic Year Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowships, 2016-17

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.

Anthony Castaneda, MA REES (Russian); **Nora Dolliver**, MA REES/MS Information (Polish); **Clay Dibble**, PhD Slavic (Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian); **Carrie Ann Morgan**, PhD Anthropology (Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian); **Hannah Selig**, MPH Public Health (Uzbek).

Graduate Summer Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowships, 2017

Awarded to U-M graduate and professional school students for intensive language study with support from the U.S. Department of Education.

Jeffrey Bilik, PhD Political Science (Russian); **Nora Dolliver**, MA REES/MS Information (Russian); **Kája Lill**, MA REES/PhD Music Theory (Czech); **Grace Mahoney**, PhD Slavic (Russian).

Undergraduate Academic Year Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowships, 2016-17

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

Tara Bayer, BA International Studies/Russian (Russian); **Sydney Bell**, BA International Studies/REES (Russian); **Mark Kennedy**, BA Russian/BMus Music (Russian); **Nathaniel Ojo**, BA Philosophy, Politics & Economics (Russian); **Katherine Wilcoxson**, BA International Studies/Political Science (Russian).

Undergraduate Summer Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowships, 2017

Awarded to U-M undergraduate students for intensive language study with support from the U.S. Department of Education.

Victoria Peruski, BA LSA (Polish); **Cassandra Zavislak**, BA International Studies/REES (Russian).

Graduate Student Instructors, REEES 395 & 396/397, 2016-17

Awarded for teaching positions in REEES undergraduate courses: REEES 395, Russia and the Soviet Union: Reform, Revolution, and the Socialist Experiment (fall); REEES 396/397: Communism and Capitalism in Eastern Europe (winter).

Emily Lina Grant, MA REES/MPP Public Policy, REEES 396/397; **Huatse Gyal**, PhD Anthropology, REEES 396/397; **Michael Martin**, MA REES, REEES 395; **Natalie McCauley**, Slavic, REEES 395.

CREES Research, Internship, & Fellowship Awards, 2017

Awarded to students in REES-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.

Diarra Brooks, BA Psychology (Macedonia); **Vedran Catovic**, PhD Comparative Literature (Bosnia & Herzegovina/France/Russia/Serbia); **Elizabeth Ditullio**, BA LSA (Croatia); **Christopher Fort**, PhD Slavic (Uzbekistan); **Casey Haggerty**, BS Environment (Albania); **Sean Heyneman**, MS Natural Resources & Environment (Kyrgyzstan); **Carrie Ann Morgan**, PhD Anthropology (Albania/Kosovo); **Gyorgyi Parditka**, PhD Anthropology (Hungary/Serbia); **Ryan Schaller**, BA International Studies/Romance Languages & Literatures (Kosovo); **Kristefer Stojanovski**, PhD Health Behavior & Health Education (Macedonia); **Kimberly Truong**, BA Sociology (Croatia); **Alexander Tye**, PhD Earth & Environmental Science (Azerbaijan); **Amanda West**, BA LSA (Albania).

Ukrainian Research Grants, 2017

Awarded to students to support summer or semester-long research projects focused on Ukraine with support from the Ukrainian National Women's League of America.

Haley Laurila, PhD Slavic.

Alfred G. Meyer Prize, 2016-17

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.

Helena Ratté, BA History, "Multiple Displacements: Bosnian Refugee Journeys to Germany and Back, 1992-2016."

Excellence in Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian Language Award, 2016-17

Awarded to the top undergraduate student studying Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian in the Department of Slavic Languages & Literatures.

Tyler Loveall, BA Political Science.



(clockwise from top left) Aleksandra Marciniak and McKenna Marko; Olga Maiorova and Mikhail Krutikov; CREES graduates with Julie Burnett

CREES Alumni

Please send news on your activities since graduation to crees@umich.edu.

Luciana Aenasoae (PhD Anthropology & History '16) is assistant director of the Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program at U-M. **Ryan Aiken** (MA REES '09) is Political-Military Officer, U.S. Department of State, in Moscow, Russia. **Mary Cavender** (PhD History '97) and **Karen Petrone** (PhD History '94) co-edited *Everyday Life in Russia Past and Present* w/ C. Chatterjee and D. Ransel (Indiana UP, 2015). **Daniel Chardell** (BA History '13) is a doctoral student in history at Harvard University. **Robert Donia** (PhD History '76) received the 2016 Barbara Jelavich Book Prize (Honorable Mention), from the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies for *Radovan Karadžić: Architect of the Bosnian Genocide* (Cambridge UP, 2015). **Lisa Fein** (MA REES '94, PhD Sociology '09) is associate professor of sociology at Westminster College. **Deborah Field** (PhD History '98) co-authored *Russia's Long Twentieth Century: Voices, Memories, Contested Perspectives* w/ C. Chatterjee and L. Kirschenbaum (Routledge, 2016). **Joshua First** (PhD History '08), the author of *Ukrainian Cinema: Belonging and Identity during the Soviet Thaw* (I. B. Tauris, 2015), is now the Croft Associate Professor of History and International Studies at the University of Mississippi. **Meghan Forbes** (PhD Slavic '16) is Czech lecturer at the University of Texas at Austin

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Copernicus Fellowship for Incoming Graduate Students in Polish Studies, 2016-17

Awarded to an incoming doctoral or master's level student expecting to focus graduate work on Polish Studies who has been nominated by the student's department.

Wojciech Owczarek, History.

Copernicus Summer Grants, 2017

Awarded to students for summer or semester-long research, study, or internships focused on Poland.

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Excellence in Polish Language Award, 2016-17

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

David Beck, BA History/Polish.

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Awarded to undergraduate students who successfully complete two semesters of Polish language courses at U-M.

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(left to right) Agata Tuszyńska; Robert Biedroń

ISLAMIC STUDIES PROGRAM

From the Director

ISP programs bring together faculty and students studying the past and present of global Islamic culture and Muslim societies worldwide. We continue to work with partners across campus in order to host high-impact events. We collaborated with the University Musical Society on two performances: a musical exploration of the timeless love story of Layla and Majnun, and a meditation on being Muslim in 21st-century America. Along with the Department of Near Eastern Studies, we hosted the annual Hajja Razia Sharif Sheikh Lecture in Islamic Studies. We worked with Arab and Muslim American Studies on an event focusing on Islamic popular culture, "Muslim Beats in the New Millennium." Along with History of Art, we sponsored a one-day workshop on the Qur'an and manuscript studies, "Qur'an Plus." We also co-sponsored events with the Conflict and Peace Initiative and with our partners at the International Institute, the Digital Islamic Studies Curriculum. Our graduate student workshop, the Interdisciplinary Islamic Studies Seminar, continues to bring new voices to campus and hosted a year-end symposium, "Islamic Studies in the Trumpocene: Arts/Praxis/Ideas." We offered grants to Muslim student groups and funded student activities focused on the Islamic world. And this year again we awarded summer travel and internship grants to undergraduate and graduate students as well as faculty. ISP is at the heart of the study of Muslim communities and Islamic culture at U-M, and we remain focused on the future of Islamic studies at the university and in the broader community.

Karla Mallette

ISP Director



Islamic Studies Minor Graduates, 2016-17

Winter 2017 | **Yazan Elbaba, Ali Jawad, Emma Kerr.**

ISP Summer Fellowships, 2017

Awarded to undergraduate students for summer projects in the U.S. or abroad in the field of Islamic studies.

Azhar Aboubaker, BA International Studies/Sociology (Ann Arbor); **Edda Hanafi**, BS Economics/Women's Studies (Malaysia); **Komel Khan**, BA LSA (Ann Arbor); **Zaryff Razali**, BA Economics/History (Malaysia).

ISP Graduate Awards, 2016-17

Awarded to graduate students to support research and conference engagements that focus on the Islamic world with a broader thematic focus on Islam and Muslim communities.

Layan Charara, JD Law; **Matthew Schissler**, PhD Anthropology.

Interdisciplinary Islamic Studies Seminar

The Interdisciplinary Islamic Studies Seminar (IISS) engages students and faculty who are interested in the study of Islam and Muslim societies in an interdisciplinary and cross-regional conversation.

Student coordinator: **Saquist Usman**, PhD Anthropology.

Presenters: **Samer Ali**, associate professor of Arabic language and literature, U-M; **Cameron Cross**, assistant professor of Iranian studies, U-M; **Yasmin Moll**, assistant professor of anthropology, U-M; **Emilio Spadola**, associate professor of Middle Eastern and Islamic Civilization Studies, Colgate University; **Denise Spellberg**, professor of history, University of Texas at Austin; **Ronald Stockton**, professor of political science, U-M Dearborn; **Dawud Walid**, executive director, Council on American-Islamic Relations Michigan Chapter; **Rudolph Ware**, associate professor of history, U-M.

ISP Undergraduate Co-sponsorship Awards, 2016-17

Awarded to undergraduate student organizations to support events that engage part of the Islamic world with a broader thematic focus on Islam and Muslim communities on the U-M campus.

Indonesian Student Association, Malaysian Students Association, Muslim Students' Association.

ISP Faculty Grants, 2016-17

Awarded to faculty to support research, conference engagements, or on-campus events that focus on global Islamic culture and Muslim societies.

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Digital Islamic Studies Curriculum

Funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the Digital Islamic Studies Curriculum (DISC) is an initiative that strives to define and implement a shared curriculum across the Big Ten Academic Alliance through dynamic virtual learning classrooms. The program offers a broad set of courses that investigate Islamic religion, cultures, ideologies, and historic traditions.

DISC Courses, 2016-17

The History of Islam in South Asia, Winter/Spring 2017. Instructor: Farina Mir, U-M (Rutgers University). **Introduction to Islam**, Fall 2016. Instructor: Mohammad Khalil, Michigan State University (University of Illinois). **Islam in Africa**, Winter/Spring 2017. Instructor: Butch Ware, U-M (University of Iowa). **Muslim Ethics in the Global Age**, Fall 2016. Instructor: Valerie Hoffman, University of Illinois (U-M). **Visual Cultures of Islam**, Fall 2016. Instructor: Christiane Gruber, U-M (University of Maryland).

DISC Social Media & Communications Interns, 2016-17

Yasmeen Afifi, BBA Business (Fall 2016); **Meghan Hough**, BA International Studies/Near Eastern Studies (Winter 2017); **Hafsa Tout**, BA Political Science (Winter 2017).



(clockwise from left) "Human Rights, Gender, and Sexuality in the Islamic World" panelists; "Investigating Islam: A Community Forum" panelists; audience with Shirin Ebadi

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Video recordings of programs organized by the Weiser Centers are available on our websites and YouTube.

AUGUST

Aug 22-Sep 30 Exhibition. “*Invisible Women: Portraits of Aging in Ukraine.*” **Ashley Bigham**, photographer; **Grace Mahoney**, artist, U-M. Sponsors: CREES, SLL, TCAUP, WS.

Aug 26-Sep 1 Film. *The Innocents.* **Anne Fontaine**, director (2016). Sponsors: MT, WCEE.

SEPTEMBER

Sep 8 WCED Panel. “*Turkey’s Coup: The Context and Aftermath.*” Panelists: **Erdem Cipa**, **Fatma Müge Göçek**, **Christiane Gruber**, U-M. Sponsors: WCED, CMENAS, ISP, II.

Sep 13 WCED Lecture. “*Loser’s Consent and Winner’s Restraint: The State of Democracy in Southeast Asia.*” **Allen Hicken**, U-M. Sponsors: WCED, CSEAS.

Sep 14 CREES Noon Lecture. “*The Past, Present and Future of Disability Rights in Ukraine.*” **Sarah D. Phillips**, Indiana University. Sponsor: CREES.

Sep 18-Oct 23 First Annual Iranian Film Festival of Ann Arbor. Sponsors: NES, ISP, others.

Sep 19 Lecture. “*Mélusine’s Prayer: Manuscripts and Monstrous Assemblages.*” **Miranda Griffen**, University of Cambridge. Sponsors: RLL, CES, Institute for Research on Women & Gender.

Sep 20 International Institute Round Table. “*Brexit: What’s Next?*” Moderator: **Geneviève Zubrzycki**, U-M. Panelists: **Joshua Cole**, **Daniel Halberstam**, **Kali Israel**, **Pauline Jones**, U-M. Sponsors: II, CES, HIST.

Sep 23 CREES Lecture. “*Invisible Women: Portraits of Aging in Ukraine.*” **Ashley Bigham** and **Grace Mahoney**, U-M. Sponsors: CREES, SLL, TCAUP, WS.

Sep 28 CREES Noon Lecture. “*Polish Towns? Jewish Towns? Urban Development in Interwar Eastern Poland.*” **Kathryn Ciancia**, University of Wisconsin. Sponsors: CREES, CPPS.

Sep 29 Lecture. “*Revolutionary Melancholy, Narratives of Paternity, and the Project of a ‘Perfect Biography’ in the Work of Danilo Kiš.*” **Tatjana Rosić Ilić**, University Singidunum; Weiser Professional Development Fellow, U-M. Sponsors: SLL, CREES.

OCTOBER

Oct 4 Lecture. “*Polish Culture and Transformation in the Context of Wrocław—European Capital of Culture 2016.*” **Aleksandra Janik**, Eugeniusz Geppert Academy of Art and Design. Sponsors: STAMPS, CPPS.

Oct 4 Reading. **China Miéville**, author; Zell Visiting Writers Series International Writer in Residence, U-M. Sponsors: CES, ZELL.



Oct 5 Annual Distinguished Lecture on Europe. “*Cities, Dreams, and Nightmares.*” Moderator: **Peggy McCracken**, U-M. Panelists: **China Miéville; Geoff Eley, Karla Mallette**, U-M. Sponsors: CES, ZELL.

Oct 6 China Miéville In Conversation. Moderator: **Joshua Miller**, U-M. Sponsors: CES, ZELL.

Oct 7-8 Conference. “*Nationalism, Genocide, and Revolution: A Conference Inspired by Professor Ronald Grigor Suny.*” Sponsors: HIST, CREES, WCED, others.

Oct 7-Feb 22 Exhibition. “*Of Love and Madness: The Literary History of Layla and Majnun.*” Sponsors: University Library (Special Collections Library), ISP.

Oct 14-16 Films. *The Decalogue (Dekalog).* **Krzysztof Kieślowski**, director (1988). Sponsors: MT, CPPS.

Oct 15 ISP Panel. “*Layla and Majnun: From the Page to the Stage.*” **Cameron Cross, Christiane Gruber**, U-M; **Aida Huseynova**, Indiana University. Sponsors: ISP, CMENAS, UMS.

Oct 19 CREES Noon Lecture. “*Bending Not Breaking: Crimean Tatar Resilience in Ukraine and Russian-occupied Crimea.*” **Greta Uehling**, U-M. Sponsor: CREES.

Oct 20 DISC Film and Discussion. *Facing Mirrors.* **Negar Azarbayjani**, director (2011). Moderators: **Samer Ali, Charlotte Karem Albrecht**, U-M. Sponsors: DISC, Language Resource Center, WCED.

Oct 24 Conversations on Europe. “*Italian Style: Fashion and Film.*” **Eugenia Paulicelli**, City University of New York. Sponsors: CES, Department of Screen Arts & Cultures, RLL.

Oct 26 DISC Distinguished Lecture. “*Gender and Sexuality in the Islamic Culture.*” **Shirin Ebadi**, Nobel Peace Laureate (2003), lawyer, and human rights activist. Sponsors: DISC, WCED, CMENAS, FSPP, LAW.

Oct 27 DISC/WCED Symposium. “*Human Rights, Gender, and Sexuality in the Islamic World.*” Moderator: **Susan Waltz**, U-M. Respondent: **Shirin Ebadi**. Panelists: **Asma Barlas**, Ithaca College; **Juan Cole**, U-M; **Samar Habib**, writer, researcher, and scholar. Sponsors: DISC, WCED, CMENAS, FSPP, LAW.

NOVEMBER

Nov 2 Annual Copernicus Lecture. *"Sexual Minorities and Civil Rights in Poland."* **Robert Biedroń**, LGBT activist and mayor of Stupsk, Poland. Sponsor: CPPS.

Nov 7 WCED Lecture. *"Ukraine: The Next Stage of Transition."* **Natalie Jaresko**, Minister of Finance, Ukraine (Dec 2014-Apr 2016). Sponsors: WCED, CREES.

Nov 14 Conversations on Europe. *"The Austrian Connection: Internationalism, Empire, and the Interwar Origins of the War on Drugs."* **David Petruccelli**, Diplomatic Academy, Vienna. Sponsor: CES.

Nov 15 Lecture. *"Europe's Crisis of Legitimacy: Governing by Rules and Ruling by Numbers in the Eurozone."* **Vivien A. Schmidt**, Boston University. Sponsors: European Horizons, CES, WCED.

Nov 18-20 23rd Ann Arbor Polish Film Festival. Sponsors: PCF-AA, CPPS, others.

Nov 19 CPPS Film and Discussion. *Karski & the Lords of Humanity.* **Stawomir Grünberg**, director (2015). Sponsors: CPPS, PCF-AA.

Nov 30 CREES Noon Lecture. *"The Fall of the Berlin Wall: The Making of a Global Iconic Event."* **Julia Sonnevend**, U-M. Sponsors: CREES, CES.

DECEMBER

Dec 13 WCED Lecture. *"Memorializing Rebels, Martyrs, and Heroes in Argentina, 1966-83."* **Jennifer L. Schaefer**, Weiser Emerging Democracies Postdoctoral Fellow, U-M. Sponsor: WCED.

JANUARY

Jan 11 Conversations on Europe. *"Hearing Race and Music in Communist East Germany."* **Kira Thurman**, U-M. Sponsors: CES, CREES, GLL.

Jan 13 ISP Lecture. *"Reconstructing History of African Slavery in Qajar Iran: Interplay between Photography and Anthropology."* **Pedram Khosronejad**, Oklahoma State University. Sponsors: ISP, CMENAS.

Jan 19 Lecture. *"Galvanizing Social Justice through Comics."* **Joe Sacco**, graphic historical novelist. Sponsors: Conflict & Peace Initiative, CREES, ISP, others.

Jan 25 CREES Noon Lecture. *"Jewish Voices in Russia and Ukraine: What Are They Saying?"* **Mikhail Krutikov**, U-M. Sponsor: CREES.

Jan 30 WCED/CSEAS Panel. *"The Philippines under President Duterte."* **Deirdre de la Cruz, Allen Hicken, Allan Lumba, Victoria Reyes**, U-M. Sponsors: WCED, CSEAS.

Jan 30 CREES Film and Discussion. *Houston, We Have a Problem!* **Žiga Virč**, director; **Boštjan Virč**, producer (2016). Sponsors: CREES, CES, COMPLIT, SLL.

Jan 31 WCED Lecture. *"Varieties of Democratic Diffusion: Colonial, Alliance, and Neighbor Networks."* **Michael Coppedge**, University of Notre Dame. Sponsor: WCED.

FEBRUARY

Feb 6 Conversations on Europe. *"We Are All Republicans': Party Competition and the Production of Nationhood in France's Face Veil Debate."* **Emily Laxer**, U-M. Sponsors: CES, SOC.

Feb 10 ISP Workshop. *"Qur'an Plus: Holy Scripture and Its Creative Expressions."* **Walid Saleh**, University of Toronto; **Ünver Rüstem**, Johns Hopkins University; **Travis Zadeh**, Yale University. Sponsor: ISP.

Feb 16 Penny Stamps Distinguished Speaker. *"Ping Chong: Beyond Sacred."* **Ping Chong**, theater director, choreographer, and video and installation artist. Sponsors: STAMPS, DISC, UMS.

Feb 17 DISC Symposium. *"Investigating Islam: A Community Forum."* Moderator: **Pauline Jones**, U-M. Presenters: **Tiffany Yasmin Abdelghani**, **Kadin Herring**, **Amir Khafagy**, *Beyond Sacred: Voices of Muslim Identity* cast members; **Mohammad Khalil**, Michigan State University; **Rudolph Ware**, U-M. Sponsors: DISC, UMS.

Feb 18 Performance. *Beyond Sacred: Voices of Muslim Identity.* **Ping Chong + Company**. Sponsors: UMS, DISC.

Feb 21 WCED/CREES Panel. *"Russia and U.S.-Russia Relations in the Age of Trump."* **Pauline Jones**, **Mikhail Krutikov**, **Ekaterina Mishina**, **James Morrow**, **William Zimmerman**, U-M. Sponsors: WCED, CREES.

Feb 22 WCED Lecture. *"From Rebels to Politicians: Explaining the Electoral Performance of Rebel Successor Parties with Evidence from the Balkans."* **Pellumb Kelmendi**, Weiser Emerging Democracies Postdoctoral Fellow, U-M. Sponsors: WCED, CREES.

MARCH

Mar 7 WCED Lecture. *"Politics, Policy, and Poverty in Brazil."* **Elizabeth Kaknes**, Weiser Emerging Democracies Postdoctoral Fellow, U-M. Sponsors: WCED, Center for Latin American & Caribbean Studies.

Mar 7 Lecture. *"The Holocaust—And All that Jazz: Hitler's Black Victims in the Literary Imagination."* **Eve Rosenhaft**, University of Liverpool. Sponsors: Department of History, CES, DAAS, GLL.

Mar 7 Lecture. *"From Frederick Douglass to Leo Tolstoy: Race and the Thought Pictures of the Caucasus."* **Sarah Lewis**, Harvard University. Sponsors: SLL, CREES, DAAS.

Mar 8 Hajja Razia Sharif Sheikh Lecture in Islamic Studies. *"The Prophets of Islam: Medieval Narratives and Contemporary Theology."* **Roberto Tottoli**, University of Naples L'Orientale. Sponsors: NES, ISP.



(left to right) DISC/WCED audience; **Stawomir Grünberg**

Mar 8-11 Conference. *“Revolutionary Longings: The Russian Revolution and the World, 1917-1929.”* Sponsors: Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies, CES, CPPS, CREES, HIST, others.

Mar 9 Recital. *Music of Yevhen Stankovych.* **Solomia Soroka**, violin; **Arthur Greene**, piano. Sponsors: School of Music, Theatre & Dance; CREES.

Mar 15 CREES Noon Lecture. *“Running Water in the Land of Spitting Dragons: Romani Labor and the Animation of Urban Infrastructures in Bulgaria.”* **Elana Resnick** (PhD Anthropology ’16), Miami University. Sponsors: CREES, CES.

Mar 17 Lecture. *“CLIFF 2017: Undisciplined Readings: Rethinking Practices and Methods.”* **Ilya Kaminsky**, San Diego State University. Sponsors: COMPLIT, CREES.

Mar 20 Conversations on Europe. *“Security Crises: Extreme Nationalism and Threats to Democracy in Europe.”* **Mabel Berezin**, Cornell University. Sponsors: CES, SOC, WCED.

Mar 22 CREES Noon Lecture. *“Between Political and Social Constraints: Christian Movements in Contemporary Central Asia.”* **Sebastien Peyrouse**, George Washington University. Sponsors: CREES, CMENAS.

Mar 22 Film. *“Socrates of Kamchatka.”* **Irina Patkanian**, writer and director (2017). Sponsors: Ann Arbor Film Festival, CREES.

Mar 27 Lecture. *“One Soviet Nation? Capturing Ethnic Diversity in Photography of the 1920s and 1930s.”* **Anja Burghardt**, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München. Sponsors: SLL, CREES.

Mar 27 Lecture. *“Communal Violence in Myanmar: Roundtable Discussion.”* **Nick Cheesman**, Australian National University; **Mike McGovern**, **Matt Schissler**, U-M. Sponsors: CSEAS, Department of Asian Languages & Cultures, WCED.

Mar 30 Symposium. *“The Global University.”* Keynote speaker: **Jill Dougherty** (BA Russian ’70), journalist. Sponsors: II, U-M Bicentennial, CREES.

APRIL

Apr 2 CPPS Reading. *“Family History of Fear: A Memoir.”* **Agata Tuszyńska**, author. Sponsor: CPPS.

Apr 3-4 4th Annual Polish Jewish Studies Workshop. *“Generations and Genealogies.”* Organizer: **Geneviève Zubrzycki**, CPPS director. Sponsors: U-M’s CPPS, CREES, Frankel Center for Judaic Studies, Institute for the Humanities, II, LSA, Office of Research, Rackham Dean’s Strategic Fund, SLL, WCED; Adam Mickiewicz Institute (Campus Project), Indian Trail Charitable Foundation in Memory of Bert J. Askwith ’31, Jan Karski Educational Foundation, National Programme for the Development of Humanities (Poland), POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews, Robert B. Zajonc Institute for Social Studies (University of Warsaw).

Apr 3 Annual Copernicus Lecture. *“The Glory and Poverty of the ‘68 Generation.”* **Adam Michnik**, historian and editor-in-chief, *Gazeta Wyborcza*. Sponsor: CPPS.

Apr 6 Symposium. *"Shenzhen and Skolkovo: Contested Innovation in the Global Silicon Valley."* Organizers: **Robert Adams, Irina Aristarkhova, Silvia Lindtner**, U-M. Sponsors: II, CREES, School of Information, STAMPS, TCAUP.

Apr 6 ISP Discussion. *"Muslim Beats in the New Millennium."* Moderator: **Evelyn Alsultany**, U-M. Panelists: **Hisham Aidi**, Columbia University; **Su'ad Abdul Khabeer**, Purdue University. Sponsors: ISP, Arab & Muslim American Studies.

Apr 11 Lecture. *"Frontispiece of the Ledger of Fools: The Radical Potential of Non-Radical Texts in the Early Modern Ottoman Empire."* **Harun Küçük**, University of Pennsylvania. Sponsors: Department of Philosophy, ISP.

Apr 13 Lecture. *"Repossessing the Valley of the Fallen: The Case of Alex de la Iglesia's 'Balada triste de trompeta.'"* **Alejandro Yarza**, Georgetown University. Sponsors: RLL, CES, others.

Apr 13 Lecture. *"Roland Barthes: The Image and the Imaginary."* **Sergey Zenkin**, Russian State University for the Humanities, Moscow. Sponsors: SLL, CREES, GLL.

Apr 14 Workshop. **Alejandro Yarza**. Sponsors: RLL, CES, others.

Apr 18 WCED Lecture. *"Revolutionary Change and the Prospects for Democracy: Appraising the Impact of Leninist Violence on Postcommunist Regime Outcomes."* **Michael Bernhard**, University of Florida. Sponsors: WCED, CREES.

JUNE

Jun 1-11 Cinetopia International Film Festival. Sponsors: MT, WCEE, others.



(left to right) Pellumb Kelmendi; Christiane Gruber and audience

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(clockwise from top left) Jennifer Schaefer; Natalie Jaresko; WCED audience



[clockwise from top left] Samar Habib; Emily Lina Grant; Žiga Virč and Geneviève Zubrzycki

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