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Speakers at the symposium will address the ascension of the Baltic States, Poland, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary and Slovenia to NATO membership and the EU. East Europe has occupied an important but complicated position in the world in the last dozen years and is now subject to the political uncertainties of a region which includes Russia, the Caucasus and the Middle East. For American policy makers, East Europe has come to constitute the “New Europe.”

The speakers will include Dr. Ronald Asmus, the former Deputy Secretary of State; Professor Zoltan Barany, University of Texas; Dr. Ina Druviete, Member of the Latvian Saeima (parliament) and Chair of the Commission on Human Rights; Paul Goble, diplomat and writer; H.E. Juri Luik, Ambassador of Estonia to Washington; Professor John Michael, Columbia University; H.E. Aivis Ronis, Latvian ambassador to Washington and H.E. Vygaudas Usackas, Lithuanian Ambassador to Washington.

Dr. Asmus, the keynote speaker, will open the Symposium on Friday, April 2 at 1 p.m. followed by other participating speakers until 5 p.m. After the evening session from 7:30-8:30 p.m., there will be a reception to give the audience an opportunity to meet the speakers. Friday sessions will take place in Schneider Social Sciences Hall, Room 100.

The Saturday sessions (9:30-12:30 and 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.; Haas Humanities Building, Room 100) will include a panel discussion with all the speakers and questions from the audience. The event is free and open to all faculty and students of the UW System as well as the greater Western Wisconsin Community. The symposium is organized in cooperation with CREECA at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, other UW campuses, and the University of Minnesota and Twin Cities colleges.

For more information, contact Paulis Lazda, Professor of History and Chair of the Symposium on East Europe at lazdapi@uwec.edu or at (715)-836-4735.

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**Study Abroad Summer Sessions**

The Office of International Studies and Programs will send sixteen UW-Madison students to Budapest, Hungary for a summer seminar on “Medieval Hungary: City, Court, and Cloister,” led by Professor Maureen Mazzaoui.

The program, affiliated with Central European University, will investigate new comparative approaches to medieval life and culture and will examine the history, archeological, and artistic heritage of Hungary and Central Europe in the Middle Ages. The course includes morning lectures and discussions with visits from guest lecturers and afternoon on-site tours to various Monastic sites, museums, and castles. A day excursion is planned to visit an open air ethnographic museum, Pils Mountain, and Visegrad Castle. Students participate in all lectures and group tours as well as write two response papers. Some afternoons and a long weekend will be free for individual travel to surrounding areas such as Prague or Vienna.

The course carries three credits in 550 Advanced Interdisciplinary Studies in History, Classics, Italian, and Medieval Studies, and meets the Humanities breadth requirement and the advanced level requirement for L&S BA and BS degrees.

Students interested in studying abroad should visit the International Academic Programs Office of International Studies and Programs. More information is also available at www.studyabroad.wisc.edu.

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**Families of Russian and Ukrainian Adoption (FRUA)**

Madison Chapter meets at St. Dennis Church, 413 Dempsey Road.

Meetings on the third Friday of odd-numbered months (Jan, March, May, etc.) 6:30-8:00 pm.

Childcare and snacks provided.

For more information call Mary at 608-249-5478.

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Monday, Feb. 23
“Sleeping Beauty and St. Petersburg: Historicism and Eclecticism”
Tim Scholl, Oberlin College
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March

Wednesday, March 3
“Property Rights in Context: Privatization’s Legacy for Corporate Legality in Poland and Russia”
David Woodruff, M.I.T
4:00 pm
Lubar Commons - 7200 Law School

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“Replacing a Loss: Memories in Books and Stone”
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12:00 pm
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Tuesday, April 6
“War, Turmoil, and the Romanian Avant-Garde”
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**Halina Filipowicz** received the 2003 Barbara Heidt Prize for the Best Article in Slavic/East European/ Eurasian Women’s Studies, for her article “Othering the Kosciuszkow Uprising: Women as Problem in Polish Insurgent Discourse”, published in *Studies in Language, Literature, and Cultural Mythology in Poland: Investigating “the Other,”* ed. Elwira M. Grossman. Her article was cited by the committee for “her thoughtful examination of the role of gender in Polish national building.”

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