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Central Eurasian Studies Society *update*

by *Uli Schamiloglu*



The 4th Annual Conference of the Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS) was held October 2-5, 2003 in Cambridge, Massachusetts. This year's conference was organized by John Schoeberlein (Harvard University) and a substantial volunteer committee. It was hosted by the Program on Central Asia and the Caucasus at Harvard University's Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies. Over 800 individuals attended this year's conference. The program included nearly 500 panelists representing nearly 40 countries. According to the organizers, "In comparative terms, the conference was six times larger than in previous

years, and approaches the size of some of the well-established area studies conferences. For the first time, we had discussants on every regular panel, and we had mandatory submission of papers ahead of the conference."

The Annual CESS Award for Best Graduate Student Conference Paper (established in 2002) was co-chaired by Uli Schamiloglu (Department of Languages and Cultures of Asia and chair, Central Asian Studies Program), who is chair of the CESS Awards Committee. The prize of \$500 was awarded this year to Fuad Aliyev (graduate student in Public Health at Boston University) for a paper entitled "Evaluating the Effect of Primary Health Care Reforms on Access to Health Care in Ferghana Province, Uzbekistan: The Role of Community-Based

Surveys". Honorable mention was awarded to Christiane Gruber (University of Pennsylvania) for her paper entitled "The Keir *Miraj* and Islamic Picture Recitation in the Fifteenth Century".

The CESS also inducted its first set of Honorary Members, four for each of the first three years of the CESS's existence. The first twelve Honorary Members are:

Edward Allworth, Professor Emeritus of Turco-Soviet Studies (Columbia University); **Shagdaryn Bira**, Academician and Secretary-General of the International Association for Mongol

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Journey to Chernobyl *an investigative study tour*

by *Norma Berkowitz*

In June 2004 up to 30 individuals from a variety of disciplines will have the opportunity to study and try to unravel the complicated strands of science, technology, and human relationships that currently exist as the result of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster in April 1986.

Plans have just been announced by Friends of Chernobyl Centers U.S. (FOCCUS) for a two week study trip to Ukraine. Participants will be drawn from science, social science, and environmental science teachers at the high school

and undergraduate level, university students, and human service professionals. Those who may have an interest in participating are encouraged to indicate their initial interest during this pre-registration stage by contacting Norma Berkowitz, president of FOCCUS, at njberkow@wisc.edu or telephone 608-231-3198. These individuals will receive up-dated information as plans develop.

The investigative study program will include seminars with leading researchers, visits to several community centers serving populations who were severely affected by the

disaster, government officials, people living in re-settlement villages and those still living on contaminated land. There will be an optional visit to the Chernobyl nuclear power plant. The group will stay in Kiev and in Slavutych, the city specially built to house employees of the nuclear reactor site. There will be visits to research institutes and to a hospital in the suburb of Kiev where many evacuees from Pripjat now live.

Preliminary estimated cost of the tour is \$1500 plus air fare. Interested participants are encouraged to begin to seek funding from their schools, universities,

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Judith Deutsch Kornblatt presented a paper at a symposium sponsored by Williams College called "A Leap to Freedom? Russia Since the Fall of Communism." Her paper was titled "The Legacy of Father Alexander Men and the Contemporary Russian Orthodox Church."

Thomas Baylis's article, "Political Adaptation in Germany's Post-Communist Party of Democratic Socialism" was published in Jane Leftwich Curry and Joan Barth Urban, eds., *The Left Transformed in Post-Communist Societies* (Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 2003)

Paul Stephenson's new book, *The Legend of Basil the Bulgar-slayer*, has been published by Cambridge University Press. The book traces the history of a myth associated with the Byzantine emperor Basil II (976-1025).

Jeremy Suri has recently published his book, *Power and Protest: Global Revolution and the Rise of Detente* (Harvard University Press, 2003). The book has received the 2003 Phi Alpha Theta (National History Honor Society) Award for the Best First Book.

Vance Kepley published his new book, *The End of St. Petersburg: The Film Companion* (London: I. B. Tauris Publishers) in summer 2003. He also did the commentary for the DVD release of the Soviet film *Arsenal*, which was released by Image Entertainment in spring 2003.

Mark Beissinger's book, *Nationalist Mobilization and the Collapse of the Soviet State* (Cambridge University Press 2002), received the American Political Science Association Woodrow Wilson Foundation Award, the 2003 Mattei Dogan Award, and the award for the best book on European politics published in 2002 from the Organized Section on European Politics and

Society of the American Political Science Association.

Halina Filipowicz is co-editor, together with Michael Cherlin and Richard L. Rudolph, of *The Great Tradition and Its Legacy: The Evolution of Dramatic and Musical Theater in Austria and Central Europe* (Berghahn, 2003). This volume offers an overview of the theatrical history of the region as well as a cross-disciplinary study of the inner workings and dynamics of theater through an analysis of the interplay between society and performing artists.

Jason Wittenberg coauthored an article with Jeffrey S. Kopstein, "Who Voted Communist? Reconsidering the Social Bases of Radicalism in Interwar Poland" in *Slavic Review* Vol. 62, No. 1, Spring 2003.

Spring Courses**Agricultural and Applied Economics**

306: The Real Estate Process

Art History

310: Early Christian & Byzantine Art
452: Art in Europe 1880-1914

Communication Arts

958: Seminar in Film History

Economics

306: The Real Estate Process
365: Comparative Economics

Folklore

279: Intro to Turkish Folk Literature
352: Shamanism
444: Slavic/East European Folklore

Geography

254: Eastern Europe: An Interdisciplinary Survey
918: Seminar in Political Geography

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civic clubs, churches, etc. However, FOCCUS is also seeking funds to support partial stipends for participants.

FOCCUS will be working with the UN Chernobyl Program Office in Kiev, interested UW-Madison faculty and a group of concerned citizens and scientists in Bethesda, Maryland, in planning the course of study. Instructional methods will include seminars and a special form of "dialogue groups" that foster cross-cultural and cross-disciplinary discussion and exploration. Staff of the community centers will conduct tours and discussion sessions as will researchers from recognized

research institutions. Course credit may also be available for those requiring it.

In announcing plans for the tour, Norma Berkowitz, president of FOCCUS, said that it is vitally important for the American public to understand the scope and complexities of the psychological, economic, social and political issues that emerge after such a disaster. Participants in this study tour should return to their communities better prepared to teach others about the human and scientific issues that become intertwined as ordinary people and governments and social institutions struggle to escape from life *after* the event

and return to a semblance of life as it was *before* the event.

FOCCUS is a non-governmental organization, a non-profit corporation whose goals are to support populations and communities severely affected by the Chernobyl disaster and to promote public awareness of the disaster and its consequences. FOCCUS has been working with Chernobyl community centers for the past seven years. This study tour is a public education project of FOCCUS. To learn more about FOCCUS go to the web site www.foccus.org

Norma Berkowitz is president of FOCCUS, and an emerita Professor of Social Work at UW-Madison.

Education across Six Continents: Teaching and Curriculum for a Global Society



The 2004 International Education Conference is for K-12 teachers, instructional leaders, administrators, and university faculty interested in international education—and features:

- Several half-day workshops on Friday including videoconferencing with teachers in other countries and training in a variety of curriculum topics.
 - A reception Friday evening in the Alumni Lounge followed by awards to Wisconsin educators for contributions to international education followed by a keynote speaker or international musical or dance performance.
 - Two outstanding keynote speakers during Saturday's program.
 - Concurrent panel discussions, roundtables, and poster sessions that highlight innovative programs, curriculum and instruction and state-of-the-art knowledge.
 - Opportunities for professional networking and the sharing of resources and ideas on a wide variety of international education topics.
 - Registration is \$75 for a Friday workshop, reception and program plus Saturday keynoters, concurrent sessions, lunch, and a closing Babcock Hall ice cream social. Reserve a room at Lowell Hall (breakfast, parking, pool, & no tax).
 - Registration and inquiries should be directed to Professor Dean Bowles (bowles@education.wisc.edu) or Shirley Droese (smdroese@wisc.edu)
- Conference details and Registration information are available online at: <http://www.education.wisc.edu/edadmin/iec>

March 12-13, 2004, at the Pyle Center, University of Wisconsin - Madison

Report from the Field:

By *Diana Talyansky*

For two months this past summer, I had the opportunity to intern at the UNDP's Chernobyl Recovery and Development Programme in Kiev, Ukraine. Norma Berkowitz of FOCCUS, Inc., a non-governmental organization that supports community rehabilitation in the Russian Federation, Belarus, and Ukraine, saw an opportunity to provide the CRDP office with some extra help, while gathering data for FOCCUS. She put me in touch with the manager of the CRDP office, and I was on my way.

During my time in Ukraine, I witnessed the problems that the local people face firsthand, stemming both from the aftereffects of Chernobyl and from the dissolution of the Soviet Union. These problems are wide ranging and encompass both the social and economic spheres of Ukrainian life. They are battling social ills, such as alcoholism and drug addiction, while at the same time struggling to raise standards of living to include aspects such as efficient heating in schools, and resolve a lack of access to information about the disaster's consequences, such as the level of radiation in the soil. It was disheartening to see how these problems have led to a great sense of disparity, most noticeably between the capital, Kiev, and the rural regions that comprise the rest of Ukraine. I was amazed by how the Ukrainian people have learned to survive in very fragile economic and political conditions.

The CDRP office provides information to community centers, conducts training seminars and, through their program of social mobilization, supports these communities in their development and efforts to become more independent through community

projects such as running gas lines, building a new library or a cultural center for the youth. They also try to involve the youth in the communities, with informational seminars, conferences and other gatherings, addressing social issues such as drug addiction and apathy. My duties in assisting the CRDP public relations liaison included editing English language texts, such as press releases or pamphlets, as well as translating other informational materials and preparing them for the Programme's website. I also greeted international guests and consultants, and translated for them during their visits to project sites. In the process, I learned about the Chernobyl disaster, its

consequences on the local population, as well as what is being done to help people affected by it.

I had an enormous amount of contact with locals, which gave me an insight into the Ukrainian culture, as well as allowing me to work on my Russian and Ukrainian language skills. I am grateful to FOCCUS and the CRDP office for allowing me this rare glimpse into the United Nations and the lives of the people that work there, as well as into the plight of those affected by Chernobyl. I consider myself very lucky to have experienced such a rich culture, and been the recipient of such incredible hospitality.

Courses - Continued

Literature in Translation

202: 19th and 20th Century Russian Literature in Translation II
 204: 19th and 20th Century Russian Literature in Translation II
 222: Dostoevsky in Translation
 229: Representation of the Jew in East European Culture
 234: Soviet Life and Culture
 241: Literature and Culture in Eastern Europe

Jewish Studies

229: Representation of the Jew in East European Culture
 416: East European Jews in the US, 1880-1930s

Medieval Studies

313: Introduction to Byzantine History and Civilization
 562: Byzantine Medicine and Pharmacy

Political Science

254: Eastern Europe: An Interdisciplinary Survey
 633: Russian Politics
 659: Politics and Society: Contemporary Eastern Europe
 854: Nation, State, and Cultural Pluralism

948: Seminar in Comparative Politics: Post-Communist Politics

Religious Studies

352: Shamanism
 614: Social Structures of Muslim Societies

Slavic

242: Literature and Culture of Eastern Europe
 254: Eastern Europe: An Interdisciplinary Survey
 316: Russian Language and Culture
 342: Uvod u srpsku i hrvatsku lit
 422: Dostoevsky
 444: Slavic and East European Folklore
 532: History of Russian Theater
 701: Survey of Old Russian Lit.
 770: Russian Poetry 1837-1890
 820: College Teaching of Russian
 910: Seminar: Russian Literature of the 19th Century

Sociology

614: Social Structures of Muslim Society

Theater and Drama

532: History of Russian Theatre

CESS - Continued

Studies (Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia); **Yuri Bregel**, Professor Emeritus of Central Eurasian Studies (Indiana University); **Hélène Carrère d'Encausse**, Institut d'Études politiques de Paris, and Member of the Académie Française (Paris, France); **Ilse Cirtautas**, Professor of Near Eastern Languages and Civilization (University of Washington)

Richard Frye, Aga Khan Professor of Iranian-Emeritus (Harvard University); **György Kara**, Professor of Central Eurasian Studies (Indiana University) and Corresponding Member of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences; **Anatoly Khazanov**, Ernest Gellner Professor of Anthropology (University of Wisconsin); **Roziya Galieva Mukminova**, Head of the Department of Ancient and Mediaeval History at the Institute of History, Uzbekistan Academy of Sciences (Tashkent, Uzbekistan); **Omeljan Pritsak**, Professor Emeritus of History (Harvard University); **Denis Sinor**, Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Central Eurasian Studies (Indiana University); **Irina Vital'evna Zakharova**, Senior Researcher at the Omsk Branch of the Unified Institute of History, Philology and Philosophy of the Siberian Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences (Omsk, Russian Federation)

As the readers of the CREECA Newsletter will know, the Central Eurasian Studies Society has grown out of the series of conference held at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Following the successful series of five international conferences on Central Asian Studies organized by Prof. Karpat in the 1980s—1990s, beginning in 1996 Uli Schamiloglu organized an annual Workshop on Central Asian Studies on the UW-Madison campus co-sponsored by the Central Asian

Studies Program and CREECA, and later the Department of Languages and Cultures of Asia as well. In 2000 this led to the establishment of the Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS), which continued to meet annually in Madison with about 100-130 conference participants each year. The conference began rotating nationally this year with the conference at Harvard University. Not only did the conference draw 800 participants this year, membership in the CESS now numbers about 1400 and is still growing.

The Fifth Annual Conference of the Central Eurasian Studies Society will be held **October 14-17, 2004** at Indiana University-Bloomington. It is expected that in 2005 the CESS conference will be held at the University of California-Berkeley, in 2006 at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, in 2007 at the University of Washington-Seattle, and back again at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2008.

For further information on CESS see their website at:

<http://cess.fas.harvard.edu>

Global Connections: Discover Russia

**Nov. 18 @6-8 pm
Union South 240**

*Free Tickets available
at the Union Box Office.*

Program will include presentations on Russian history, literature and culture as well as Russian food. Sponsored by the Union Directorate, CREECA, ISA and MCSA.

Events Calendar

Wednesday, November 12
"Culture, Politics, and Jewish Nationalism in Late Habsburg Galicia, 1883-1907"

Dr. Joshua Shanes
12:00 pm
336 Ingraham Hall

Thursday, November 13
"Entrepreneurship in the Russian Telecommunications Industry"
Professor Valery Yakubovich
University of Chicago
3:30 pm
206 Ingraham Hall

Friday, November 14
"The 'Politics of Scale' & The Rescaling of Place and Identity in the Estonian-Russian Borderlands"
Professor Robert Kaiser
3:30 pm
180 Science Hall

Tuesday, November 18
"Rom or Gypsy? One of Romania's Cultural & Political Ambiguities"
Professor Marin Marian Balasa
3:30 pm
206 Ingraham Hall

Saturday, November 22
International Children's and Young Adult Literature Celebration
CREECA Speaker: Serpil Ural
Author & Consultant to Turkish Ministry of Culture
8:30 am - 5:00 pm
Pyle Center

Thursday, December 4
"How Czech Literature Can Change Your Life"
Professor Craig Cravens
University of Texas-Austin
4:00 pm
1418 Van Hise Hall

Friday, December 5
"Damage: The Construction of New Pristina ca. 1950s, the Prehistory of 'Warchitecture' in Kosovo and the Political Economy of Violence"
Professor Andrew Herscher
University of Illinois-Champaign
12:00 pm
336 Ingraham Hall

fellowship deadlines

The Central, Eastern, and Southern Europe Language Program provides up to \$2,500 for language training in Albanian, Bosnian-Croatian-Serbian, Bulgarian, Czech, Hungarian, Macedonian, Polish, Romanian, Slovak, or Slovene. Deadline for summer, fall, or AY: 1/15/2004. <http://www.actr.org>

The Central, Eastern, and Southern Europe Research Scholar Program supports 3-9 months of research and/or language training in Albania, the Baltics, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, and former Yugoslavia. Applicants must be US Citizens or permanent residents. Deadline for summer, fall, or AY: 1/15/2004. <http://www.actr.org>

Foreign Policy Studies Residential Fellowships and Governmental Studies Residential Fellowships offer a \$19,500 stipend for doctoral research in residence on economic, foreign policy, and governmental studies. Candidates must be nominated by a graduate department. Deadlines: Nomination - 12/15/2003; Applications - 2/15/2004. <http://www.brook.edu/admin/fellowships.htm>

The Harriman Institute offers Postdoctoral Fellowships that fund a semester or AY in residence while revising a dissertation for publication. Deadline: 1/2/2004. <http://sipa.columbia.edu/regional/hi/>

The Davis Center for Russian Studies at Harvard University offers Postdoctoral Fellowships for research in residence for US or foreign students. Applicants must have either received their Ph.D. in the past five years or by the end of the academic year. Deadline: 12/16/2003. <http://www.fas.harvard.edu/~daviscrs/>.

The David L. Boren Graduate Fellowship funds up to 6 semesters to study a modern foreign language and to study an area and culture deemed critical to US national security. Recipients must be willing to enter into a service agreement. Deadline: 1/31/2004. <http://www.aed.org/nsep/>.

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