Midwest Slavic Conference 2022

Hosted by
The Center for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies

The Ohio State University
Columbus, Ohio
April 1-3, 2022
Greetings.

The Midwest Slavic Association, the Center for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies (CSEEES), and The Ohio State University would like to welcome you to the 2022 Midwest Slavic Conference. We are excited to host you at the Ohio State University Faculty Club and the Blackwell Inn and Conference Center and have planned an interesting and stimulating mix of panels, round tables, and lectures for your intellectual pleasure. This year we have invited Dr. Ian Helfant of Colgate University to give the keynote Friday evening. Dr. Helfant’s focus on anthropogenic harms and the tensions and elisions in the way humanity perceives animals will orient us for the remainder of the conference as we consider how Slavic, East European and Eurasian studies interact with pressing environmental concerns.

Please join us first thing Saturday morning for the plenary panel, moderated by Dr. Helfant and featuring special guest speakers from across the Midwest, beginning at 8:30 A.M. Throughout the day on Saturday and Sunday there will be panels from across the disciplines that address all areas of Eastern Europe and Eurasia. With breakfast and coffee breaks mid-morning both days and Saturday afternoon, you will be able to chat with colleagues, share ideas, and cook up plans for future collaborative efforts. Saturday evening’s student mixer will also facilitate networking and, we hope, be a fun opportunity for participants to meet fellow students of Slavic, East European and Eurasian culture.

Climate change affects the way we live today and will have a significant impact on humanity. We as scholars and students must take our global future seriously. One of the ways we can face that future is to continue our work studying this region from multiple perspectives, sharing critical analyses and viewpoints and, most importantly, creating a supportive scholarly community. We value the ability to come together, especially as the COVID-19 pandemic wanes or perhaps merely becomes endemic. These have been difficult times for students and scholars, and we live in a world where conflict and complexity will continue to affect the lives of all. In the Midwest Slavic Conference we hope to at least offer a venue for academic community, one which will continue to thrive in the years to come.

Our conference is made possible through the participation of faculty and students from across the region, the country, and the globe. We are delighted to welcome you to Ohio State.

Dr. Angela Brintlinger, CSEEES Director

Conference Location:
All conference panels and the opening reception and keynote address will take place on The Ohio State University campus. On Friday, April 1st, the conference will open with a reception at 5:30 P.M. in the Main Dining Room of the Faculty Club (181 S. Oval Mall, Columbus, OH 43210) with the keynote immediately following at 7:00 P.M. in the same room. On Saturday, April 2nd and Sunday, April 3rd, conference panels will take place on the second floor of Pfahl Hall within the Blackwell Inn and Conference Center (2110 Tuttle Park Place, Columbus, OH 43210). Parking is available at the Lane Avenue Garage (2105 Neil Ave., Columbus, OH 43210) and Tuttle Garage (2050 Tuttle Park Place, Columbus, OH 43210) for a fee, please visit osu.campusparc.com for more information.

Registration:
Registration is $25 for all general attendees. The registration covers access to all panels, opening reception and keynote, coffee breaks and breakfast both days, and membership to the Midwest Slavic Association. All attendees will be required to check-in at the registration desk at the start of the conference and wear their name badges at all times. The registration desk will be located in the foyer on the second floor of Pfahl Hall in the Blackwell Inn and Conference Center. Onsite registration will be accepted for attendees with payment by cash or check.

Program Committee:
- Dr. Andrew Barnes, Kent State U.
- Dr. Nicholas Breyfogle, Ohio State U.
- Dr. Mollie Cavender, Ohio State U.
- Dr. Ljiljana Duraskovic, U. of Pittsburgh
- Dr. Brian Joseph, Ohio State U.
- Dr. James McGavran, Kenyon College
- Dr. Timothy Pogačar, Bowling Green State U.
- Dr. Peter Pozefsky, The College of Wooster
## Midwest Slavic Conference Program Agenda

We encourage you to attend as many panels as you would like, as well as all special events.

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The Midwest Slavic Association
This year’s conference will explore the topics surrounding climate change and environmental issues from the past to the present. Climate change has impacted the way we live today and our vision of humanity’s future, but the usage of natural resources has long been a part of human history and has affected the way in which we view and value nature. The keynote address and plenary panel will build upon this year’s theme, while numerous papers and panels throughout the conference will explore these topics and more from a variety of different disciplinary perspectives and in a range of countries.

“Looking Across Species in the Anthropocene: Carnivores and Compassion”

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY DR. IAN HELFANT, COLGATE U.**

Ian M. Helfant holds a joint position in Russian and Eurasian studies and environmental studies at Colgate University, where he began teaching in 1998 after receiving his Ph.D. in Slavic Languages and Literatures at Harvard University. In addition to serving as Associate Dean of the Faculty and director of Colgate’s environmental studies and Russian and Eurasian studies programs, he has also been deeply involved in promoting sustainability at Colgate as a founding member and chair of the university’s Sustainability Council. His books include *The High Stakes of Identity: Gambling in the Life and Literature of Nineteenth-Century Russia* (Northwestern UP, 2002) and *That Savage Gaze: Wolves in the Nineteenth-Century Russian Imagination* (Academic Studies Press, 2018). He has also published many articles and book chapters on Imperial Russia that focus on neglected female authors as well as approaches to Russian culture rooted in ecocriticism and human-animal studies.

**PLENARY PANEL: “UNDERSTANDING THE ENVIRONMENTAL TRAGEDIES OF THE PAST TO PRESERVE HUMANITY’S FUTURE”**

**FEATURING DR. MATTHEW BIRKHOULD, DR. ANDY BRUNO, AND DR. MARIA FEDOROVA**

**Dr. Matthew Birkhold, Ohio State U.**

Matthew H. Birkhold is currently an associate professor of German at Ohio State University, where he also holds an appointment in the Moritz College of Law. Prior to joining Ohio State, he worked as an attorney-adviser for the U.S. Department of State. His award-winning first book, *Characters before Copyright* (OUP, 2019), uncovers the customary norms that governed the use of fictional characters prior to the existence of intellectual property laws. He is currently completing a book, *Chasing Icebergs*, that examines the ownership of the freshwater resource.

**Dr. Andy Bruno, Northern Illinois U.**


**Dr. Maria Fedorova, Macalester College**

Maria Fedorova is an assistant professor in the Department of Russian Studies at Macalester College. She received her Ph.D. in History from the University of California, Santa Barbara in 2019. Her research interests include transnational history, history of food and agriculture, as well as Russian/Soviet history. A recent publication examined the history of seed exchange between the United States and the Soviet Union in the 1920s. She is currently working on a book manuscript, *Seeds of Exchange: Soviets, Americans, and the Future of Agriculture, 1919-1935*. 
FRIDAY, APRIL 1
The Ohio State University
Faculty Club

REGISTRATION: 5:00P.M.—5:30P.M.
Outside the Main Dining Room

OPENING RECEPTION AND REMARKS:
5:30P.M.—6:45 P.M.
Main Dining Room
CSEEES Director Dr. Angela Brintlinger

KEYNOTE ADDRESS: 7:00P.M.—8:30P.M.
Main Dining Room
Dr. Ian Helfant, Colgate U.

SATURDAY, APRIL 2
Blackwell Inn and Conference Center

REGISTRATION: 8:00A.M.—4:45P.M.
Pfahl Hall, 2nd Floor Foyer

PLENARY PANEL: 8:30A.M.—10:15A.M.
Pfahl Hall, Room 202
Moderator: Dr. Ian Helfant, Colgate U.
Panelists:
Dr. Matthew Birkhold, Ohio State U.
Dr. Andy Bruno, Northern Illinois U.
Dr. Maria Fedorova, Macalester College

COFFEE BREAK: 10:15A.M.—10:30A.M.
Pfahl Hall, 2nd Floor Foyer

SESSION I: 10:30A.M.—12:00P.M.
I-A: BUTTER, TREES, AND TIMBER: CONTESTED SPACES OF THE GLOBAL ECONOMY AND COLONIZATION
Pfahl Hall, Room 202
Chair: Dr. Maria Fedorova, Macalester College
Dr. David Darrow, U. of Dayton
“Peasants into Global Capitalists: Siberian Dairy Cooperatives”
Liudmila Listrovaya, U. of Oregon
“Environmental Moral Panic as a Strategy of Inaction: The Case Study of the ‘Chinese Logged Everything’ Narrative in Russia’s Deforestation Discourse”
Dr. Tatiana Saburova, Indiana U. Bloomington
“The Last of the Mohicans: Semirechie in the Micro- and Macro-Optic of Botany in Writings and Photographs of Vasili Saposnikov”

I-B: FUTURE SCHOLARS OF EAST EUROPEAN AND EURASIAN STUDIES
Pfahl Hall, Room 230
Chair: Dr. Sunnie Rucker-Chang, U. of Cincinnati
Sonya Gupta, U. of Illinois Chicago
“Narodnaya Medicina: The Emergence of Integrative Medicine in Russia as a Consequence of the Politicization of State Medicine”
Benjamin Thayer, Ohio State U.
“Religion and the Identity of Russian Cinema”

I-C: POLITICAL CONFLICTS AND RELATIONSHIPS IN THE POST-SOVIET WORLD
Pfahl Hall, Room 240
Chair: Dr. Epp Annus, Ohio State U.
Lauren Clemens, U. of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
“Cyprus’ Accession to the European Union as a Case Study for Ukraine’s Membership Prospects: The Problem of Territorially Divided States”
Dr. Nicholas Denysenko, Valparaiso U.
“The Consequences of Hate Speech in the Russian-Ukrainian Conflict in the Orthodox Church”
Dr. Joseph Ellis, Wingate U.
“A Post-Post-Soviet Estonia: Reflections on Thirty Years of Independence”
Volha Verbilovich, U. of Massachusetts, Amherst

LUNCH BREAK: 12:00P.M.—1:30P.M.
On Your Own

SESSION II: 1:30P.M.—3:00P.M.
II-A: REEXAMINING ZAMYATIN’S WE AND HUXLEY’S BRAVE NEW WORLD
Pfahl Hall, Room 202
Chair: Dr. Alexander Burry, Ohio State U.
Victoria Paige, Ohio State U.
“Just Don’t Be Yourself: The Creation and Control of the ‘Natural’ in Dostoevsky’s Notes from the Underground, Zamyatin’s We, and Huxley’s Brave New World”
Aleksandra Shubina, Ohio State U.
“The Garden of Earthly Delights by Evgeny Zamyatin: Grotesque Bodies and Pseudo-Carnival in We”
Myktya Tysychenko, Ohio State U.
“Uncovering Hidden Meanings in We and Brave New World: A Postcolonial Reading”

II-B: LINGUISTICS OF THE BALKANS: PAST AND PRESENT
Pfahl Hall, Room 230
Chair: Dr. Brian Joseph, Ohio State U.
Dr. Ljiljana Duraskovic, U. of Pittsburgh
“Can You Speak Montenegrin in Montenegro? How a Current Political Discourse is Changing the Sociolinguistic Reality of the Montenegrin Language”
II-B: Linguistics of the Balkans: Past and Present (cont.)
Clayton Marr, Ohio State U.
“Batir des Châteaux en Albanie? A Preliminary Look at the Linguistic Legacy of Medieval French–Albanian Contact in the Angevin Regnum Albanian”
Joseph Patrick, U. of Pittsburgh
“Stance and National Identity in Montenegrin Twitter Discourse”

II-C: Climate Policy in Russia
Pfahl Hall, Room 240
Chair: Dr. Motria Caudill, U. of Illinois Chicago
Dr. Richard Arnold, Rita Craft, and Halle Morehead, Muskingum U.
“Methinks He Doth Protest Too Much’: Russia and the Discourse of Climate Change”
Dr. Judith Kullberg, Eastern Michigan U.
“For the Future of Humankind’: Russia’s Changing Climate Policy”

Coffee Break: 3:00 P.M.—3:15 P.M.
Pfahl Hall, 2nd Floor Foyer

II-D: Food and Wine in East European History and Politics
Pfahl Hall, Room 220
Chair: Dr. Angela Brintlinger, Ohio State U. Dr. Sándor Földvári, Debrecen U.
“Red Vine for Liturgical Books: The Historical Little Ice Age as Reflected in the Book-Trade Between the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and the Hungarian Kingdom”
Dr. Svetlana Paulson, Southern Arkansas U.
“Ordeal by Dinner: U.S. Diplomats and Eating Traditions in the Russian Empire”

Sunday, April 3
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Registration: 8:00 A.M.—11:45 A.M.
Pfahl Hall, 2nd Floor Foyer

Session IV: 8:30 A.M.—10:00 A.M.
IV-A: History and Politics in Central Asia
Pfahl Hall, Room 230
Chair: Dr. Morgan Liu, Ohio State U.
Dr. Peter Milich, Washington U. in St. Louis
“Is Kazakhstan the Last of the Color Revolutions?”
Dr. Renat Shaykhutdinov, Florida Atlantic U.
“Putting Territorial Autonomy in its Place: The Case of Tatars and Chechens in the Russian Federation”
Di Wang, Ohio State U.
“The Unofficial Russo-Qing Trade in Northern Xinjiang and on the Eastern Kazakh Steppe in the First Half of the 19th Century”

IV-B: Novelistic Discourse in Dostoevsky and Pelevin
Pfahl Hall, Room 240
Chair: Dr. James McGavran, Kenyon College
Marija Fedjanina, U. of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
“Psychoanalysis and its Discontents: Vladimir Nabokov and Victor Pelevin’s The Sacred Book of the Werewolf”
August Hagemann, U. of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
“Holy or Hellish: Buffoonery in Dialogic Contexts in The Brothers Karamazov”
Joseph Puckett, Miami U.
“Dostoevsky’s Chaotics”

Coffee Break: 10:00 A.M.—10:15 A.M.
2nd Floor Foyer

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The Midwest Slavic Association

The Midwest Slavic Association (MWSA) supports Slavic, East European, and Central Asian studies in the Midwest region of the U.S. and beyond. All registered conference attendees receive membership through their registration fee.

To learn more about the MWSA, please visit their website: https://slaviccenter.osu.edu/about/mwsassoc.

We are looking to reenergize our membership! Please join us on Saturday evening for our annual member meeting at 5P.M.!

President: Dr. Timothy Pogačar, Bowling Green State U.

Timothy Pogačar received degrees from Georgetown University and the University of Kansas, where he wrote a dissertation on Russian literature and the journal Iunost’. He joined the faculty of Bowling Green State U. in 1985 and chaired the Department of German, Russian and East Asian Languages from 1998 to 2017. He has edited the journal Slovene Studies since 1994. As an executive council member of the Society for Slovene Studies, he took part in the launch of the Slovene Research Initiative at The Ohio State University. Pogačar has translated seven contemporary novels from Slovene. His most recent book translation is of Ivan Tavčar’s novel The Visoko Chronicle (2022). Pogačar has published articles on Tavčar, emigration, and his American emigré relative (2021); and two articles on fiction in the Slovene-American newspaper Prosveta (2021). Current research topics are sound preferences for personal names in translation and translated fiction in twentieth-century Slavic-American periodicals.

Thank you for participating in the 2022 Midwest Slavic Conference.

Dates for the 2023 conference will be available later this spring. Check the Center for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies’ website (https://slaviccenter.osu.edu/) for more details or sign up for the email newsletter.
2022 Midwest Slavic Association Student Essay Prize Competition

The Midwest Slavic Association, with support from the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES), is now accepting submissions for its annual essay prize competition for undergraduate and graduate students. Students can submit a paper on any topic related to Slavic, East European, and Eurasian studies to the Midwest Slavic Association for consideration. The best undergraduate paper received will win a one-year membership to ASEEES, and the graduate winner will receive a one-year membership to ASEEES, as well as then being considered for the ASEEES Graduate Student Essay Prize national level competition. The graduate winner of the ASEEES Student Essay Prize at the national level wins travel, lodging, and registration for the Annual ASEEES Convention and membership for the following year. The prize is presented during the awards presentation at the Annual Convention.

Undergraduate paper submissions can be in a variety of formats, including: conference paper, thesis, course paper, or article. They should be no longer than 20 double-spaced pages including notes and bibliography. Entries must be submitted electronically and written in English.

Graduate essay submissions can be of several formats: expanded versions of conference papers, graduate level seminar papers, Master's thesis chapters, or dissertation chapters. The student should indicate what type of paper they are submitting and provide an abstract. Essays should have a minimum word count of 7,500 and a maximum word count of 14,000 (25 to 50 pages approximately) inclusive of footnotes and bibliography. Submissions must be written in English, double-spaced, and include footnotes or endnotes.

All submissions are due on Monday, May 2, 2022 and should be emailed to cseees@osu.edu. Students who wish to submit an essay should have participated in the Midwest Slavic Conference, or be from an institution in the Midwest (defined as any college or university in the states of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Ohio, Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin). With your submission, please also include a short bio of the author, an abstract of the essay, and indicate the format of the essay. Please visit ASEEES' website for full information on the national level competition: http://aseees.org/programs/aseees-prizes/graduate-student-essay-prize.

Considering Graduate School for East European and Eurasian Studies?

The Center for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies offers a two-year, interdisciplinary, terminal M.A. program in Slavic, East European and Eurasian studies. It provides students with a deep background in the culture, history, and politics of Eastern Europe and Eurasia, an opportunity to achieve advanced language skills, and the option to create a specialization in a country or region of their choice (Russian foreign policy, Polish social movements, or Central Asian security studies for example).

In addition to our regular M.A. program, students can also choose to pursue dual degrees. For students interested in both area studies and public administration, CSEEES and the John Glenn College of Public Affairs offer a dual degree in public affairs and Slavic, East European and Eurasian studies for those who are interested in careers in policy development and implementation, and/or non-profit work. CSEEES has also partnered with the Center for Bioethics in Ohio State’s College of Medicine to offer a dual degree program that is ideal for students who want to combine their regional expertise with particular issues related to medicine and ethics.

Find out more about CSEEES’ MA program and dual degree programs at: https://slaviccenter.osu.edu/ma.
Call for Support
CSEEES would like to thank all donors for the generous contributions that they have made over the years. Through these donations, CSEEES expands funding for students, as well as for programming. We ask all former students, faculty, and friends of CSEEES to make a donation today. Checks should be made payable to “The Ohio State University” with “Friends of Slavic” in the memo. Donations can also be made by going to the CSEEES website (slaviccenter.osu.edu) and clicking on the “iGive” button. The development number for CSEEES is 313858.

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- Opportunities for financial support to conduct and share research
- Mentoring & networking opportunities
- Outlets for sharing research & announcements
- Member rates for conferences in the region and annual conventions

We hope you’ll join us at
#ASEEES22 Annual Convention
Oct. 13-14, Virtual
Nov. 10-13, Chicago

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