

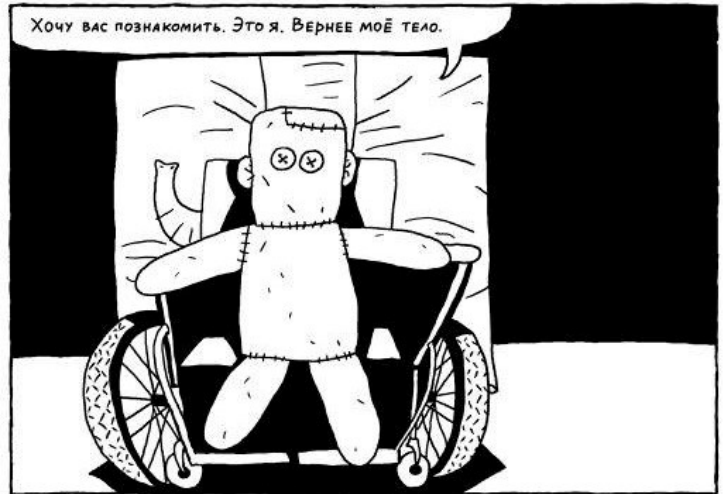
# Global Comics Lecture Series

## Elephants and DJs: Disability in Post-Soviet Russian Comics

Dr. José Alaniz,  
Slavic and East European  
Global Comics Scholar

**Thursday, January 30**  
**4 - 5:30 p.m.**

Thompson Library, Room 165  
1858 Neil Ave., Columbus, OH 43210



Vladimir Rudak and Lena Uzhinova, *I Am an Elephant* (Boomkniga Press, 2017)

Dr. José Alaniz, professor at the University of Washington, will present a brief overview of the situation for people with disabilities in Russia after the 1991 collapse of communism as depicted by non-disabled and disabled comics artists, with an emphasis on the Putin era. How do these artists represent the disabled body as site of contention and human dignity? How do their visions coincide with and complicate the rhetoric of disability rights movements in Russia? How do the visual-verbal strategies of comic art uniquely communicate the experiences of lives too often lived in the shadows; lives of frequent hospitalizations, chronic illnesses, bodily pain and social exclusion?

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### Upcoming Events

**Frederik L. Schodt**

**March 25, 2020**

Translator, Writer, Interpreter  
East Asian Global Comics Scholar

**Ganzeer** (date TBA)

Artist  
Middle East Global Comics Scholar

### About the Series

University Libraries Area Studies Department's *Global Comics Series* is a transnational lecture series on global comics scholarship. Throughout 2019 and 2020, global comic scholars will visit the Ohio State campus to present on global transnational issues from distinct area studies' regional perspectives. Topics will include global comic scholarship on immigration/migration, nationalism, identity and culture, feminism, political censorship, technology disruption and more. These lectures are free and open to the public.

For more information on this series please contact Nena Couch, interim head for University Libraries Area Studies at [couch.1@osu.edu](mailto:couch.1@osu.edu)

