

SOYUZ 2017 SYMPOSIUM
“EMBRACING CONFUSION AND QUESTIONING CLARITY:
ON MATTERS OF METHOD IN POSTSOCIALIST STUDIES”

Russian and East European Institute, Indiana University Bloomington

PROGRAM

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

Global and International Studies Building (GA) 0001 (Auditorium), 355 N. Jordan Ave,
Bloomington, IN 47405

7:45 am – 8.45 am **Light breakfast fare**

8:45 am – 9:00 am **Organizers' opening remarks**

9:00 am – 10.45 am

PANEL 1. MATTERS OF METHOD: COLLABORATIONS, RAPPORT,
ACCESS

Chair: Tetiana Bulakh, PhD Student, Department of Anthropology,
Indiana University

Convenors:

Michael Young, Ph.D., Visiting Instructor of Music, Earlham College,
and Yelena Minyonok, Ph.D., Gorky Institute of World Literature,
Russian Academy of Sciences/American Friends of Russian Folklore

*Collaborative Fieldwork Methodologies, Public Practice and
Twenty-First-Century “Citizen Diplomacy” between Russia and
United States: A Case Study of the American Friends of Russian
Folklore (AFRF).*

Christopher M. Whitsel, Associate Professor of Sociology, North Dakota
State University, and Martha C. Merrill, Associate Professor, Higher
Education, Kent State University

*Researchers' Perspectives on the Effects of Ethics Review Boards
on Eurasian Fieldwork.*

Emily S. Channell-Justice, Havighurst Fellow and Visiting Assistant
Professor, International Studies, Miami University of Ohio

*Bias and Partiality in Postsocialist Politics: Researching
Contemporary Social Movements.*

Discussant: Maryna Bazylevych, Associate Professor, Department of
Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work, Luther College

11:00am – 12:45pm

PANEL 2. MATTERS OF CRITIQUE: PAST AND FUTURE OF POST-SOCIALISM

Chair: Marina Antic, Assistant Professor, Department of Slavic Languages and Culture, Indiana University

Convenors:

Larisa Kurtović, Assistant Professor, School of Sociological and Anthropological Studies, University of Ottawa and Dace Dzenovska, Associate Professor in Anthropology of Migration, Centre on Migration, Policy and Society, Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Oxford

The futures of critique in a multi-polar world.

Ognjen Kojanic, PhD student, Department of Anthropology, University of Pittsburgh

What can the Anthropology of Postsocialism offer to the Anthropology of European Peripheries?

Perry Maxfield Waldman Sherouse, Lecturer, Department of Anthropology, Brown University

"Figures of Enclosure."

Johanna Bockman, Associate Professor of Sociology and Global Affairs, George Mason University

Applying Post-Socialist Studies Beyond Post-Soviet Space: the Many Washington, DCs.

Discussant: Zachary Scarlett, Assistant Professor, Department of History and Anthropology, Butler University

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Lunch break on your own

2:30 pm – 3:30pm

Indiana University Press Workshop "Publishing Your First Book"

Moderated by: Jennika Baines, Acquisitions Editor

3:45 pm – 5:30pm

PANEL 3. MATTERS OF SCALE: IMAGE, TIME, ARCHIVE

Chair: Nelli Sargsyan, Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Marlboro College

Convenors:

Maria Cristache, Graduate Centre for the Study of Culture, Justus Liebig University, Giessen

Visualizing Postsocialist Change: Developments in Methodology.

Liliia Zemnukhova, Senior Research Fellow, Sector of Social Structure Studies, the Sociological Institute, the Russian Academy of Sciences, St. Petersburg

Life Course Trajectories of St. Petersburg citizens in Post-Soviet Russia: Intergenerational Analysis (1993-2016).

Andrew Asher, University Libraries & Department of Anthropology, Indiana University

800,000 Images of the Euromaidan: Embracing Confusion on Social Media

Olena Bogdan, Duke University, Sociology Department, visiting scholar (Carnegie Research Fellow)

Puzzles in Surveys on Religious Identity in Ukraine: (In)stability of Data and Possible Reasons Behind It.

Discussant: Padraic Kenney, Professor, Department of History; Department of International Studies, Indiana University

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

KEYNOTE SPEECH

Christina Schwenkel, Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, Director, Program in Southeast Asian Studies, University of California, Riverside

The Things They Carried (and Kept): Revisiting 'Ostalgie' in Vietnam.

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8:00 pm

Catered dinner (location TBA)

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

Theater Building (TH) A201, 275 N. Jordan Ave., Bloomington, IN, 47405

7:30 am – 8:30 am **Light breakfast fare**

8:30 am – 10.00 am

PANEL 4. LOCATING POWER: PATRONAGE, FINANCIALIZATION, EXCHANGE

Chair: Emily S. Channell-Justice, Havighurst Fellow and Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of International Studies, Miami University of Ohio

Convenors:

Morgan Y. Liu, Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, Department of Near Eastern Languages & Cultures, The Ohio State University

Stately Prerogatives Outsourced?: How Patronage Networks and Multinational Corporations are Reconfiguring Power in Central Asia.

Fabio Mattioli, Faculty Fellow, Center for European and Mediterranean Studies, New York University

Financialization and Postsocialism: A Double Challenge.

Polina Vlasenko, PhD Student, Department of Anthropology, Indiana University

The challenges of multi-sited ethnography in the post-socialist space: exploring global/local intersections in context of transnational egg donation in Ukraine.

Discussant: Carl Dahlman, Professor and Director of International Studies program, Department of Global and Intercultural Studies, Miami University of Ohio.

10:15 am – 12:00 pm

PANEL 5. NEW FRONTIERS: DECOLONIAL APPROACHES TO POSTSOCIALISM

Chair: Tatiana Chudakova, Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Tufts University

Convenors:

Jennifer Suchland, Associate Professor, Department of Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies, Ohio State University

Making the Link Between 1492 and 1989: or, Locating Russian Coloniality in Global Coloniality.

Neda Atanasoski, Associate Professor, Department of Feminist Studies, UC Santa Cruz

A New Iron Curtain?: Postsocialist Contexts, Ottoman Legacies, and the Western Balkan Migrant Route.

Tatsiana Shchurko, PhD student, Department of Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies, Ohio State University

Discussions around 'la Ne Boius Skazaty' as a case of epistemic violence, or Why is it important to think post-Soviet intersectionally and decolonially?

Yulia Gradskova, Associate professor, Department of History, Södertörn University, Sweden

Studying natsionalka's emancipation in the time of conflicting theories and geographies of the 'post(s).'

Discussant: Sara Friedman, Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, Indiana University

12:00 pm – 1:45 pm

FILM SCREENING (boxed lunch will be provided for official conference participants who have preregistered for it)

The Road of a Migrant

Film by Olena Fedyuk and Eszter Csepeli

What do Ukrainian labour migrants in the EU do when they come home for a short annual break? Some go on a Pilgrimage. This film follows a unique event for Ukraine and Europe – an annual 10-day-long walking Pilgrimage in Western Ukraine - dedicated to and organized by Ukrainian labour

migrants and their families. Besides the topic of migration, the film looks at the controversial rise of the church institution in a post-Soviet state, as a force occupied greatly not only with the spiritual, but also the social and political. **Film length:** 52 minutes

Moderated by: Tetiana Bulakh, Indiana University

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2:00 pm – 3:45 pm

PANEL 6. FROM BODIES TO INFRASTRUCTURE: CRISES AND IMPROVISATIONS

Chair: Elizabeth Peacock, Assistant Professor, Department of Archaeology and Anthropology, University of Wisconsin- La Crosse

Convenors:

Adrienne Cohen, Special Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Colorado State University

Improvising Infrastructure? Private Dance Troupes and the State in Postsocialist Conakry.

Petra Matijević, PhD Candidate in the Department of Anthropology and Sociology, SOAS, University of London

The state of confusion: Food self-sufficiency, vegetables and person-making in Slovenia.

Nelli Sargsyan, Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Marlboro College

Towards Active Citizenry through Experience Sharing and Communal Story-Telling.

Oleksandra Tarkhanova, Doctoral Researcher, Bielefeld Graduate School in History and Sociology, Germany; Visiting scholar at the Russian and East European Institute, Indiana University Bloomington

“Ukrainian woman of ‘demographic crisis.’

Discussant: Erin Koch, Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, Co-Director, Health, Society, & Populations (HSP) Program, University of Kentucky

4:00 pm – 5:45 pm

PANEL 7. POSTSOCIALIST AFFECTS, HUMAN AND NON-HUMAN

Chair: Elena Popa, PhD Student, Department of Anthropology, Indiana University

Convenors:

Elana Resnick, Postdoctoral Fellow, Havighurst Center for Russian and Post-Soviet Studies, Miami University of Ohio

Jesus is Always Welcome at My Party: Holy Laughter and Experiences of Joy in Bulgaria.

Lavrentia Karamaniola, Doctoral Candidate, Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan

Compassion as Spatial Practice in Bucharest: Community Dogs, Private Shelters and International Dog Adoption.

Tatiana Chudakova, Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Tufts University

Plant Matters: Buddhist medicine and economies of attention in postsocialist Siberia.

Discussant: Ilana Gershon, Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, Indiana University

6 pm

WRAP-UP ROUNDTABLE

Moderated by: Larisa Kurtovic, Assistant Professor, School of Sociological and Anthropological Studies, University of Ottawa

Participants:

Johanna Bockman, Associate Professor of Sociology and Global Affairs, George Mason University

Elizabeth Dunn, Associate Professor, Department of Geography, Indiana University

Morgan Liu, Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, Department of Near Eastern Languages & Cultures, The Ohio State University

Sarah Phillips, Professor, Department of Anthropology, Director, Russian and East European Institute at Indiana University