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The year 2013 marked the 50th anniversary of the Centre for Russian and East European Studies now known as the Centre for Russian, European and Eurasian Studies (CREES). To mark this milestone we held a series of special seminars and an expanded annual conference. See details of our events and the 50 faces of CREES. Find out more about our [current staff](https://schools/government-society/departments/russian-east-european-studies/staff/index.aspx), [research](https://schools/government-society/departments/russian-east-european-studies/research/index.aspx) and [teaching](https://schools/government-society/departments/russian-east-european-studies/courses/index.aspx).

The 50 faces proved so popular and so many people wanted to share their happy memories of CREES that we welcome additional contributions from CREES alumni and former members of staff.

50+ faces of CREES (52/50)

				
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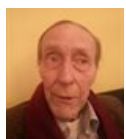
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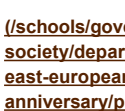
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50th anniversary events included:

**[POLISIS seminar series podcast: Living in Interesting Times: Russian Politics and Economics in Putin's Third Term \(/schools/government-society/departments/russian-east-european-studies/news/2013/12/living-in-interesting-times.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/departments/russian-east-european-studies/news/2013/12/living-in-interesting-times.aspx)**



CREES 50th Anniversary Seminar Series. Speakers: Joshua Tucker (New York University), Julian Cooper (CREES/POLISIS) and David White (CREES/POLISIS).

Tuesday 10th December 2013

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**[50 faces of CREES #33 - Mike Pushkin \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/departments/russian-east-european-studies/50-anniversary/profiles/mike-pushkin.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/departments/russian-east-european-studies/50-anniversary/profiles/mike-pushkin.aspx)**



I arrived at CREES as a postgraduate in autumn 1966. The first person I met in the old Baykov Library on the first floor of the Ashley Building was fellow-postgrad Greg Andrusz. I recall thinking how refreshing it was that CREES had people working on such topics as the sociology of housing in the USSR – the first of many surprises induced by the breadth of the CREES engagement with its subject area.

Monday 1st July 2013

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**[50 faces of CREES #34 - Ann Helgeson \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/departments/russian-east-european-studies/50-anniversary/profiles/ann-helegeson.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/departments/russian-east-european-studies/50-anniversary/profiles/ann-helegeson.aspx)**



I came to CREES in 1979, quite unexpectedly, when Chris Davis (another American) was going on leave for some reason or other and there was a need for someone to teach the Social Work students in Soviet social policy.

Monday 1st July 2013

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**[Podcast: Putin and the Russian Economy \(/schools/government-society/departments/russian-east-european-studies/news/2013/05/putin-russian-economy.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/departments/russian-east-european-studies/news/2013/05/putin-russian-economy.aspx)**



This event brought together two of the world's most respected specialists on the Russian economy to discuss the most important issues relating to economic policy and performance in Russia today.

Thursday 30th May 2013

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**[50th Anniversary Seminar on Eastern Europe after 1989 \(/schools/government-society/departments/russian-east-european-studies/news/2013/03/eastern-europe-after-1989.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/departments/russian-east-european-studies/news/2013/03/eastern-europe-after-1989.aspx)**

At the invitation of Dr Deema Kaneff, Prof. D. Segert from the University of Vienna came to CREES to present a talk in the 50th Anniversary Seminar Series on 'Eastern Europe after 1989 - a laboratory for the sustainability of democracy?'

Wednesday 20th March 2013

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**[50 faces of CREES #08 - Richard Sakwa \(1984\) \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/departments/russian-east-european-studies/50-anniversary/profiles/richard-sakwa.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/departments/russian-east-european-studies/50-anniversary/profiles/richard-sakwa.aspx)**



Initially a graduate student on the MSocSci, I converted to a PhD (supervised by R. W. Davies and awarded in July 1984). I am now Professor of Russian and European Politics at the University of Kent.

Monday 11th March 2013

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**[Former Slovak Prime Minister Iveta Radicova Speaks on the European Union at CREES \(/schools/government-society/departments/russian-east-european-studies/news/2013/03/iveta-radicova.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/departments/russian-east-european-studies/news/2013/03/iveta-radicova.aspx)**



Former Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic, Iveta Radicova, delivered a lecture, "The EU Crisis What Next" as part of the Centre for Russian and East European Studies (CREES)'s 50th Anniversary Seminar Series and was held in conjunction with the Graduate Centre for Europe, the European Research Institute and the School of Government and Society.

Tuesday 5th March 2013

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**[50th Anniversary Seminar on Authoritarianism and Democracy in the Post-Soviet Space \(/schools/government-society/departments/russian-east-european-studies/news/2013/03/authoritarianism-democracy-post-soviet-space.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/departments/russian-east-european-studies/news/2013/03/authoritarianism-democracy-post-soviet-space.aspx)**

Professor Sarah Birch from the University of Essex joined CREES scholars Dr Kataryna Wolczuk and Dr Matthew Frear to discuss electoral practice and malpractice in former Soviet republics.

Tuesday 5th March 2013

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**[Experts discuss EU enlargement in CREES 50th anniversary Seminar \(/schools/government-society/departments/russian-east-european-studies/news/2013/01/experts-discuss-eu-enlargement.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/departments/russian-east-european-studies/news/2013/01/experts-discuss-eu-enlargement.aspx)**

In the latest event in the CREES 50th anniversary series, in the annual European Politics and Society and Economics (EPSE) seminar, Honorary Director General of the European Commission Graham Avery and Lara Scarpitta of the EU Delegation in Ankara provided students and staff an insight into the challenges and prospects of EU enlargement.

**Monday 28th January 2013**

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**[Georgian Ambassador Visits CREES \(/schools/government-society/departments/russian-east-european-studies/news/2012/11/georgian-ambassador-visits-crees.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/departments/russian-east-european-studies/news/2012/11/georgian-ambassador-visits-crees.aspx)**

Highlighting the deep interest in the politics, society and history of the Caucasus at the University of Birmingham and the strong links between the Centre for Russian and East European Studies (CREES) and the diplomatic community, CREES hosted Georgia's Ambassador to the United Kingdom and Ireland Giorgi Badridze on Wednesday 21 November 2012.

**Thursday 29th November 2012**

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