

About us

The internationally-renowned, multi-disciplinary Centre for Russian, European and Eurasian Studies (CREES) has been at the forefront of the study of the region for five decades. Established in 1963 as the Centre for Russian and East European Studies, the Centre celebrated its **50th anniversary** (</schools/government-society/departments/russian-east-european-studies/about/50-anniversary/index.aspx>) in 2013 and marked the occasion with a special series of seminars and a larger than usual **annual conference** (</schools/government-society/departments/russian-east-european-studies/news/2013/07/50th-anniversary-annual-conference.aspx>).

CREES Co-Director **Richard Connolly** (</schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/staff/profiles/connolly-richard.aspx>), "CREES has been and remains one of the world's leading centres for research and teaching on Russia, Eurasia, and Central and Eastern Europe. Drawing on our intimate knowledge of the region and armed with an array of multi-disciplinary and interdisciplinary approaches we seek to explain developments in this rapidly changing region of the world."

The **wide-ranging research** (</schools/government-society/departments/russian-east-european-studies/research/index.aspx>) programme of the Centre includes studies of Russian, Ukrainian, Caucasian, Central Asian and European history, politics, security, economics, society and culture. CREES is one of the core institutions in the national strategy for developing language based area studies through the **Centre for East European Language Based Area Studies** (<http://www.ceelbas.ac.uk>) (CEELBAS) initiative.

Members of CREES (</schools/government-society/departments/russian-east-european-studies/staff/index.aspx>) are actively involved in the policy process, with long-established relations with the UK government (especially the Foreign and Commonwealth Office), other national governments (such as the US Department of State), international organizations (such as the EU, OECD and EBRD), the business community, the media and countless organisations based in the region. We are actively seeking to strengthen and develop links with more of the user-end community.

We offer a warm welcome to scholars wishing to spend time at CREES to undertake research, meet with colleagues and make use of the University's **Baykov Library** (</schools/government-society/departments/russian-east-european-studies/about/baykov-library.aspx>), which is one of the most important European research collections in the field of Russian, Eurasian and East European studies.

The Baykov library

The Baykov Library (</schools/government-society/departments/russian-east-european-studies/about/baykov-library.aspx>) was originally established in 1963 as part of the then newly created Centre for Russian and East European Studies (CREES). This is the largest single collection within the Orchard Learning Resources Centre (OLRC) and it consists of social sciences material relating to Russia and Eastern Europe.

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