

Successful international workshop on computer gaming and digital cultures held

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Dr Jeremy Morris (</staff/profiles/russian/morris-jeremy.aspx>) held a two-day **international workshop** (</schools/lcahm/departments/russian/events/2013/post-socialism-playing-global-international-workshop.aspx>) (31/10) on post-socialist countries, computer gaming and digital cultures.

Funded by **CEELBAS** (<http://www.ceelbas.ac.uk>) and the University of Birmingham, the workshop saw digital humanities academics and practitioners from gaming discuss blogging and twitter's role in Russian political protests, war games and virtual worlds (Second Life) as sources of alternative politics in Belarus, educational gaming in Czech republic used by children to access the communist past, as well as debates about how Eastern Europeans use Facebook and vkontakte, among other topics. Delegates came from as far as Tomsk in Siberia and Yale to give papers and initiate a research network based at Birmingham.

You can follow the tweets of the proceedings at **@russophilic** (<https://twitter.com/russophilic>)

