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INTRODUCTION

Throughout 2005-6 CREES continued to scale the peaks of success. It reached a particularly challenging summit when we secured substantive additional funding for research on Russia and Eastern Europe.

During 2005-6, CREES became a founding member of the Centre for East European Language Based Area Studies (CEELBAS) - a major innovative collaboration between UCL, Oxford and Birmingham to fulfil the UK's strategic commitment to the study of the region. Rather pleasingly, HEFCE/AHRC/ESRC awarded CEELBAS £5.6m under the major strategic initiative for investment in language-based area studies.

A consortium comprising SSEES (UCL), REES (Oxford) and CREES will work closely with a network of partners at the Universities of Bath, Cambridge, Kent, Manchester, Sheffield, Warwick and the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London to develop multi-disciplinary, language-based research capacity around key research themes. It will provide a programme of postgraduate scholarships, postdoctoral fellowships, mid-career training, workshops and conferences, as well as engagement with the user community and international networks. As part of CEELBAS, CREES offers a number of PhD scholarships and two Research Fellows (first on Polish foreign policy and second on the economies of Central and Eastern Europe for three and two years respectively) will be appointed. Professor Julian Cooper is Co-Director of CEELBAS at CREES and, thus, a member of the Management Board.

The success of winning the CEELBAS award not only reconfirms CREES' place on the UK map – it also validates the continued worth of Area Studies. The need to understand developments in Central and Eastern Europe - in areas such as migration, cultural identity, health, energy politics, economic integration and democratisation – has increased rather than diminished as events in the region, fifteen years after the collapse of communism, continue to perplex.

The opportunity to replenish our cadres during 2005-6 was well taken. We are pleased to announce the appointment of Deema Kaneff to the post of Reader; she will be starting on 1 August 2007. Dr Kaneff has been based at the renowned Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology in Halle where she has conducted anthropological research on the political and economic consequences of reforms in Eastern Europe. Also, Dr David White has been made a permanent member of staff as Lecturer in Russian Politics. Having completed his PhD in CREES, David taught at CREES for several years. We warmly congratulate them on their appointments and welcome them to our fold!

On a sad note, in March 2006 we lost a long standing associate of CREES, Dr Derek Watson, who passed away after a short illness. Derek has been a devoted researcher on Stalinist Russia and in 2005 published *Molotov. A Biography* (Palgravemacmillan). His untimely death was a blow to us all.

CREES has been privileged to benefit not only from high quality research by its current staff but also by honorary staff, thereby confirming our role as a UK hub for research on Russia and Eastern Europe. Achievements of individual former members of staff include the publication of *The Cambridge History of Russia*, vol I, *From Early Rus' to 1689*, edited and co-authored by Professor Emeritus Maureen Perrie, which was published in the summer 2006.

In 2005-6 CREES strengthened its teaching provision. Thanks to the launch of a new undergraduate programme, European Politics, Society and Economy (EPSE), initiated by the head of department (Cillian Ryan) in the 'new' ERI, our undergraduate numbers on a number

of CREES modules have received a healthy boost. At the postgraduate level, the seal of approval of our teaching was conferred by the renewed recognition of our MA and PhD in Russian and East European Studies during the 2005 Recognition Exercise conducted by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC).

In light of the above, I would like to offer my sincere thanks to all CREES staff members, students and 'sympathisers' for the ongoing commitment and hard work for the continued prosperity of CREES during 2005-6.

Kataryna Wolczuk
February 2007

TEACHING

Dr Morris developed a new module on 'Visual Culture and Mass Media in Russia' for final year undergraduates covering all aspects of Russian visual culture: lubok, icons, painting, film and television.

CONFERENCES AND EXTERNAL PRESENTATIONS

In Birmingham

Professor Cooper gave a talk on 'Russia, Ukraine and Europe' in March to the Britain-Russia Society.

Dr Haughton, together with Michelle Pace and Nicola Smith, gave an ERI Seminar on 'Analyzing the Impact of EU Membership on Small States: the cases of Slovakia, Ireland and Malta compared', in December 2005.

Professor Perrie gave a talk entitled, 'Stalin: the Ivan the Terrible of the Twentieth Century?' to the British-Russian Society in the Midlands, September 2006.

Dr David White gave a presentation to FCO Chevening Scholars on 'Russia and Democracy' in January and in February he co-organised the Political Studies Association, Communist and Post-Communist Conference where he delivered a paper on 'Responding to Electoral Failure: Where Now for Political Opposition in Russia?'.

In January-March 2006 Dr Yemelianova gave a series of lectures on post-Soviet Islam within the Chevening course in Sharia and Governance run by the Department of Theology at the University of Birmingham;

Associate Members

In February Dr Denezhkina and Dr Campbell organised the visit of a delegation from the Ukraine Ministry of Economy and Lviv Oblast, on the topic of regional development policy. The delegation visited the Department of Trade and Industry, Advantage West Midlands, Birmingham City Council and the Welsh Development Agency. The visit was funded by DFID as part of the Lviv Development Project. Also in February, Dr Denezhkina and Dr Campbell received a delegation from the government and municipalities of Kaliningrad Oblast, looking at regional development in the West Midlands and London. The visit was funded by the European Union Kaledu project. In May Dr Campbell organised the visit of a Russian governmental delegation consisting of senior representatives of the Russian Presidential Administration, State Duma, Council of the Federation and the Ministry of Regional Development. The delegation visited the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister in London, the

Government Office of the West Midlands, Birmingham City Council and the Welsh Assembly. The theme of the study tour was performance indicators in sub-national government, and was funded by the Council of Europe.

Elsewhere in UK

The Annual Conference of the British Association of Slavonic and East European Studies (BASEES) took place at Fitzwilliam College, University of Cambridge in April at which several members of the Centre gave talks including Professor Cooper on ‘Can the Russians Compete in the Global Economy, apart from Energy?’; Professor Hanson on ‘Russian Economic Performance and Prospects’ at a panel he organised and chaired on ‘Russian Competitiveness’; Dr Ilić on ‘Soviet Women and Civil Defence in the 1930s’ who convened and chaired the panel on ‘Women and the Defence of the Soviet Union in the 1930s’; Dr Morris on ‘The Festival of the Heart: Verka Serdiuchka’; Dr Shaw on ‘The Landscape Tradition in Russian Environmental Thought’

Professor Cooper gave a presentation in September at an Oxford University Continuing Education, day school, on ‘Putin’s Russia’ and in December he acted as a speaker on a postgraduate training Workshop on Interdisciplinary Area Studies (ESRC and AHRC) at St Antony’s College, Oxford.

Julie Elkner presented a paper entitled ‘The Russian Security Apparatus and Civil Society: Assessing the Recent British Spy Scandal in Moscow’ to the Intelligence Seminar, Corpus Christi College, University of Cambridge in February.

Philip Hanson participated in the Oxford Analytica International Conference at Christ Church, Oxford as a member of the Russia/CIS panel, speaking on ‘The Russian Economy’ in September and in November he organised and chaired a round-table at the Centre for Research into Post-Communist Economies, London on ‘Russian Economic Prospects: Back on Track after Yukos?’. In January 2006, at the Chatham House, London: International Economics Programme seminar on Emerging Markets he gave a talk on ‘Market Development and Risks in Russia’ and at the Foreign Policy Centre conference on ‘Launching the G8 Scorecard’ in London, he was one of three speakers on the Centre’s assessment of Russia as a member of the G8. In June he was invited to lecture John Smith 2006 Memorial Fellows [from CIS countries] as part of their Academic Programme in Edinburgh. In September 2006 at a Foreign and Commonwealth Office conference in London on ‘Russian Gas: What are the Risks?’ he delivered a paper on ‘Gas in the Russian Economy’ and at a conference on ‘The Transformation of State Socialism: System Change, Revolution or Something Else?’ at the Centre for International Studies, Cambridge, he gave a paper on ‘The European Union’s Influence on the Development of Capitalism in Central Europe’.

In November Dr Haughton presented a talk on ‘From Black Sheep to Star Pupil: Party Politics in Slovakia since Independence’ at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge and in December he gave a seminar presentation on ‘From “Black Sheep” to “Star Pupil” to “Pace-Setting Periphery”’: Slovakia and the EU’ at the Centre for Democracy Studies, Oxford Brookes University. In April Dr Haughton organised a workshop at University College London on ‘Taking Stock: Assessing the Impact of the EU on Slovakia During the First Two Years of Membership’.

Mr Robert Hornsby gave a talk on ‘Networks Against the Stage: Soviet Authorities’ Attitudes and Policies toward Dissent in the Khrushchev Era’ at a conference at Manchester University on ‘Networks and Hierarchies in the Soviet Provinces’ in September 2006.

Mr Edwynn Graystone attended a postgraduate interdisciplinary symposium entitled 'Belonging and Otherness - Identities, Cultures and Boundaries', organised by the Historical Studies Postgraduate Forum of the University of Birmingham and held at the Shakespeare Institute in Stratford in September 2006 where he gave a paper entitled 'Russian National Identity in the Later Years of the Time of Troubles (1610-13)'.

Dr Morris delivered a paper on 'Effect over Effectiveness in Russian Advertising' at a Conference on 'The Mass Media in post-Soviet Russia' at the University of Surrey in April.

Professor Perrie read a paper entitled, 'Dynastic Restoration or Cultural Revolution? The Reign of the First False Dmitrii, 1605/6', to the Centre for Russian Studies seminar, SSEES/UCL, in October 2005. She talked about 'Ivan the Terrible' to the Hertfordshire Branch of the Historical Association in Welwyn Garden City, in November 2005.

Dr Titov gave a presentation on '1961 Party Program and the XXII Congress: The Regional Dimension' at the 'Networks and Hierarchies in the Soviet Provinces' workshop at the University of Manchester in September 2006.

Dr White delivered a lecture on 'Political Opposition to Putin's Regime', at a Day School on 'Putin's Russia', held at Oxford University, Department for Continuing Education in October. In February he gave a seminar presentation on 'Staying Alive: The Trials of Russian Liberalism', Centre for Democracy Studies, Oxford Brookes University.

Dr Yemelianova gave a lecture on Islamic identity within the MA course in European identities at the University of Leicester in February and in March she delivered a lecture on 'Islam in the former USSR' within an MA course on Conflict and Violence at Kings College, London. Also in March she presented a paper entitled 'The Muslim Caucasus' at an International Anthropological Conference on 'Ethnic and Religious Communities in the Caucasus' at the London Warburg Institute and in June she participated in a workshop on Globalisation's New Challenges by speaking on 'Islam and Social Conflict in Russia' at Chatham House/Monash University, London.

Honorary Senior Lecturers

Michael Pushkin presented a paper entitled "'Farewell to the Microphone": the Sixties in the Poetry of Andrei Voznesensky' as part of the seminar series 'Re-imagining the Thaw', at the School of Slavonic and East European Studies, London in November.

Honorary Senior Research Fellows

Silvana Malle ended her mandate with the OECD in July 2005 and resumed thereafter her job at the University of Verona, as Professor of International Trade and Development and Applied Macroeconomics.

Silvana Malle chaired a roundtable on the 'Russian Economy', with the participation of Julian Cooper, Bill Tompson, Rudiger Ahrendt (OECD), Barry Ickes (Pennsylvania University) and Anders Aslund (Carnegie) at the World Congress of the International Council for Central and East European Studies (ICCEES) which was held at Humbolt University, Berlin in August.

Silvana Malle convened and chaired a panel on 'BRICs on the Rise: How well based? For how long?' at the 9th Bi-Annual Conference of European Association for Comparative Economic Studies, University of Brighton in September at which she also gave a paper on 'The Challenge of the New Emerging Markets: Brazil, Russia, India and China' and Julian Cooper gave a paper on 'Russia as a BRIC: Only a Dream?'

Silvana Malle delivered a lecture on the 'New Emerging Economies: Brazil, Russia, India and China' in Italian at the Conference: Verona nel Mondo, organised by the Chamber of Commerce of Verona together with the University of Verona in March. She also gave a lecture on the Economic Perspectives of Russia at the Confartigianato of Verona in May. She was also invited by the Italo-Russian Chamber of Commerce of Milan to deliver a one-day course on the economic transformation in Russia to managers and economic operators in October. In March she spoke on the Macroeconomic performance of China at the University of Pavia; the paper is forthcoming in the Italian publication *Il Politico*, first issue of 2007.

Honorary Research Fellows

Dr Richardson presented a paper entitled 'Cooperation for Health Promotion: Practical Barriers to Working in Russia' at a one-day seminar on 'Russia and the EU – the Relationship During Putin's Second Presidency in Multilateral and Bilateral Contexts: Finland, UK and Russia' at The Finnish Institute, London in December.

Dr Whitmore delivered a lecture on 'Russian-Ukrainian relations since the Orange Revolution' as part of a day seminar on 'Putin's Russia' at the Oxford University Department of Continuing Education in October 2005 and in April she gave a seminar presentation on 'Europe and Ukraine's 2006 Parliamentary Elections' at the Wider Europe Seminar at the University of Sussex. In May she gave a guest lecture entitled 'The Orange Revolution and the Future of the Rule of Law in Ukraine' to The Law Society, London and in July she presented a paper on 'Show-dogs or Watchdogs? Parliamentary Oversight in Russia' at the Seventh Workshop of Parliamentary Scholars and Parliamentarians at Wroxton College (Oxon). Also in July she presented a talk on 'Ukraine's Orange Revolution: Contexts and Consequences' as part of the Oxford University Summer Programme Lecture.

Associate Members

Dr Shaw presented a paper on 'The Translation and Publication of Bernhard Varenus' *Geographia Generalis* in Russia, 1718' at the Annual Conference of the Study Group on Eighteenth Century Russia in Hoddesdon in January, 2006 and in May he gave a paper on 'Mapmaking in Russia before Peter the Great: the Book of the Great Map' at the RGS/IBG Annual Conference, Royal Geographical Society, London.

Overseas

The Annual Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, took place in Salt Lake City, Utah in November where Phil Hanson gave a paper on 'The Economic Consequences of the Yukos Affair'; Dr Morris gave a paper on 'National Identity in Russian Advertising: Tobacco and Beer'.

Dr Averre presented a paper on 'The Common Space of External Security: Source of Problems or Opportunities?' at a conference on 'The EU-Russia Agenda: Four Common Spaces' at the Finnish Institute of International Affairs, Helsinki, in November 2005 and in April he delivered a paper entitled 'Status and Prospects for Non-Proliferation in the Bio-Sector' at the International Working Group (IWG) Meeting on 'Refocusing on Non-Proliferation Objectives in the RNCs by Strengthening Science Commercialisation and Global Partnership Redirection Programmes' in Como, Italy. In August/September he gave a presentation on 'Patching up a Threadbare Partnership? The EU-Russia Common Space of External Security' at the UACES 36th Annual Conference and 11th Research Conference on 'Exchanging ideas on Europe 2006' at the University of Limerick and later in September he presented a paper on 'A Paradigm Change in Bioproliferation Prevention' at a conference in Como, Italy on 'Cooperation on Bio-Initiatives in Russia and the NIS: Toward a True Partnership'.

Odetta Barbullushi, postgraduate student, presented the paper 'The Bearable Lightness of Stability: Continuities and Discontinuities in Albanian Foreign Policy in the post-Kosovo Period' at the ASN Globalization, Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict Conference, Belgrade in September 2006.

In December Professor Cooper spoke at the Alpbach Forum Conference on 'Russia as EU's Strategic Partner?' in Vienna. In July he participated in a roundtable on the Russian economy, chaired by Silvana Malle, together with Bill Tompson, Rudiger Ahrendt (OECD) and Anders Aslund (Carnegie) at the World Congress of the International Council for Central and East European Studies (ICCEES) which was held at Humbolt University, Berlin.

Professor Hanson co-presented with Dr Elizabeth Teague a paper on 'Political Capitalism in Russia' at the conference on 'Varieties of Capitalism in the Post-Communist World,' at the University of Paisley in September and in October he delivered a paper on 'Russian Economic Performance and Prospects' as an invited speaker to NATO Economic Council in Brussels. In February he was invited to NATO in Brussels to participate in a brainstorming session on developments in Russia. In June at Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo at the annual conference of the Japan Association for Comparative Economic Studies he gave a keynote lecture on 'The Future Tasks of Comparative Economics'; he also gave a paper on 'Russian Economic Performance and Prospects' at the Kyoto Institute of Economic Research, Kyoto and delivered a seminar paper on 'The European Union's Influence on the Development of Capitalism in Central Europe' to the Economics Department seminar at Hititsubashi University, Tokyo.

Dr Houghton gave a talk on "'Socialno-demokratizacia" strany Smer-socialna demokracia v horizonte volieb 2006' at Friedrich Ebert Stiftung in Bratislava, Slovakia in November 2005 and in December he spoke on 'Conditionality, Enlargement and Membership: Slovakia and the EU', at the British Ambassador's Residence, Bratislava and also organized a workshop in Bratislava on 'Foreign Policy and Slovakia in Comparative Perspective' as part of the Leverhulme Trust funded project at which he and Darina Malova delivered a paper on 'Slovakia's Integration Strategy in Comparative Perspective'. In April-May he delivered a seminar on 'When and How Does the EU Make a Difference? Accession and Conditionality in Central and Eastern Europe' at the Dubrovnik Seminar on Divided Societies, Dubrovnik, Croatia.

Jelena Obradovic, postgraduate student, gave a paper entitled 'Trauma and Identity: Understanding War Crimes from a Serbian Perspective' at the ASN Globalization, Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict Conference, Belgrade, Serbia in September. In October she delivered a presentation on 'The uses of the Kosovo Myth' at the 7th Finnish Balkan Colloquium 'Finns in the Balkans' at the Aleksanteri Institute, University of Helsinki and also spoke on 'Ratko Mladic or Europe: War Crimes, Identity and the Serbian Politics of Myth' at the European Identities Conference, also at the Aleksanteri Institute, University of Helsinki. In May she gave presentation on 'Tolerance and Prejudice in Belgrade: Young People and their Constructs of Others' at the Releasing Indigenous Multiculturalism through Education Project Workshop in Subotica, Serbia.

Professor Perrie presented a paper (in Russian) entitled 'Popular Opinion and Rumours about the Tsar (1630s-50s)' to a plenary session of the International Conference on 'Society, State and Supreme Power in Medieval and Early Modern Russia' dedicated to the centenary of the birth of Academician LV Cherepnin, organised by the Institute of General History of the Russian Academy of Sciences and held in Moscow, Nov/Dec 2005. In September 2006 she presented a paper (in Russian) entitled 'The First English Travellers on the Lower Volga (in the second half of the 16th century)' to the History section of the International Conference, 'Modernisation and

Tradition: the Lower Volga as a Crossroads of Cultures', dedicated to the centenary of the birth of Academician DS Likhachev, held at Volgograd State University.

Dr Smith contributed a paper entitled 'The Soviet Orphans: The Historical Roots of the Transdniester, Nagorny Karabakh, Abkhaz and South Ossetian Conflicts' at the International Conference on 'Comparative Institutional Transformations and Institutional Design in the Post-Soviet Region', organised by the Eurasia Study Group and held in Yerevan, Armenia in May. In July he was invited to speak at a conference on European Integration organised by the European Union Delegation to Armenia in Yerevan, where he gave a talk on 'The Return of the Referendum: Self-Determination, International Organisations, and Disputed Territories in the South Caucasus and Moldova'.

Dr Titov delivered a guest lecture on the 'Introduction to Lev Gumilev's Life and Thought' at a seminar on 'Russian Philosophy and History of Thought' at the Aleksanteri Institute, University of Helsinki in April.

Dr Wolczuk was invited to give papers at a conference on 'The Slavic Triangle: Between the EU and Eurasia' at the Munk Centre for International Studies, University of Toronto in January and at a conference on 'the EU and the Eastern Neighbours: Democracy and Stabilisation without Accession?', organised by the Instituto Affari Internazionali and Centro Studi di Politica Internazionale in Rome in May. In May 2006 she also acted as a discussant at an Experts' roundtable on 'Future of EU-Ukraine Relations after the Parliamentary Elections' organised by Friedrich Ebert Stiftung in Brussels. In November she made a presentation on 'Constitutional Reforms in Ukraine' at a conference organised by the Slovak Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Slovak Foreign Policy Association.

Dr Yemelianova presented a paper on 'Islamic Radicalisation in Muslim Eurasia' at the XV Economic Forum in Krynica, Poland in September 2005 and in September/October she delivered a presentation on 'Young People and Radical Islam in Southern Russia' at a RIME Workshop on 'Youth and the Problems of Ethnic and Religious Extremism' in Lazarevskoe, Russia.

Honorary Senior Research Fellows

Professor Mark Harrison presented a paper on 'The Economics of World War I: A Comparative Quantitative Analysis' with Stephen Broadberry (Warwick) at the annual meeting of the Economic History Association in Toronto in September 2005 and in August 2006 he gave a presentation on 'Correlates of Mobilization in the Two World Wars' with Jari Eloranta (Appalachian State University) at the XIV International Economic History Congress in Helsinki.

Honorary Research Fellows

Dr Whitmore made a seminar presentation on 'Political Developments in Ukraine since 'Orange'' at the Wider Europe Seminar for College of Europe Masters' students at Ukrainian Catholic University, L'viv Ukraine, in October.

Associate Members

In January Elena Denezhkina and Adrian Campbell addressed two conferences in Kaliningrad on the subject of 'Post-Experience Public Administration Training in a Russian Context'. The conferences formed part of the European Union Kaledu project.

In May Adrian Campbell took part in a seminar, (chaired by the Council of Europe) in Moscow and a follow-up conference in Stavropol that brought together the Chechen political leadership and the legal department of the Federal Presidential Administration, on the topic of local government legislation in the Chechen Republic.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Dr Averre served as a consulting board member of the International Working Group – Transitions Initiative, Landau Network Centro Volta, Como, Italy.

Professor Cooper became Director of the Centre for East European Language Based Area Studies (CEELBAS) at Birmingham and also became a Member of the Europe Group of the British Academy (a recently formed committee to review the BA's engagement with Europe). He continued to act as a member of the editorial boards of *Eurasian Geography and Economics* and the Routledge Russian and East European studies series. Within the University, Professor Cooper became Director of CREES from September 2006 and served on University Committees as a Member of the Research and Knowledge Transfer Committee, the Chair of the RAE Umbrella Group of the Deanery of Arts and Social Sciences and as Convenor of the ESRC Forum.

Professor Davies continued to serve as a member of the Editorial Board of the archival series *Tragediya sovetskoi derevni* (Tragedy of the Soviet Countryside) and as an Honorary Vice-President of the Society for Cooperation in Russian and Soviet Studies. He is an Honorary Life Member of the British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies.

Professor Hanson continued to act as Associate Fellow to the Russia and Eurasia Programme, Chatham House (Royal Institute for International Affairs) and also as Trustee of the Centre for Research into Post-Communist Countries. He continued to serve as a member of the Editorial Board of *Post-Communist Economies* and to act as consultant to Oxford Analytica, Rio Tinto and Aramco.

Dr Houghton continued to serve on the International Advisory Board of the *Slovak Foreign Policy Affairs* and the Steering Committee, British-Czech-Slovak Historian's Forum.

Dr Ilić continued to serve as Membership Secretary of BASEES (British Association of Slavonic and East European Studies) and on the National Advisory Board for *Europe-Asia Studies*.

Professor Perrie continued to serve as Vice-President (Past President) of BASEES (British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies) and as a member of the National Advisory Board of *Europe-Asia Studies*.

Michael Pushkin served as Russian Tutor at the Department of Vocal and Operatic Studies of the Birmingham Conservatoire from September 2005 and as Visiting lecturer of the Department of Russian and Slavonic Studies, University of Nottingham during the Autumn Semester, 2005.

Professor Pilkington was appointed a member of the RAE Sub-Panel for European Studies (Unit 50) for RAE 2008 from February 2005. She continued to serve as a member of the Advisory Board of the Aleksanteri Institute (Finnish Centre for Russian and East European Studies), Helsinki, Finland and as a member of the editorial committee of Curzon/BASEES series.

Dr Wolczuk was invited to join the Advisory Board of the East European Studies On-line at the Free University in Berlin, Germany.

Dr Yemelianova has continued to serve as an Honorary member of ORIGENS, an International Cultural Association, Barcelona, Spain. Since September 2006 she has been a member of the National Advisory Board of the journal *Europe-Asia Studies*.

Honorary Senior Research Fellows

Mark Harrison continued as Chair, Department of Economics, University of Warwick and also as Distinguished Visiting Fellow, Hoover Institution on War, Revolution, and Peace, Stanford University.

Honorary Research Fellows

Dr Richardson became a member of the Steering Committee of the BASEES Study Group for Societal Change in the Post-Socialist States

Dr Holtom continued to serve as a member of the scientific board for the journal *NordeuropaForum*.

Associate Members

Dr Shaw continued to serve as a Member of the Editorial Board of the international journal, *Eurasian Geography and Economics* and as a Member of the Editorial Board of *Teaching in Higher Education*.

RESEARCH

History

The findings of the ESRC research project ‘Terror, War Preparations and Economic Development’ in relation to the repressions have been published as a book edited by Melanie Ilić (see Publications). British, Russian and Ukrainian historians collaborated in the project, which has been graded ‘Outstanding’ by the ESRC.

Research has placed the focus on the victims of the purges in the 1930s. In particular, through a series of database analyses, it identifies the social profiles of those who were repressed in 1937-38.

(a) The Terror against Economic Officials:

Dr Khlevnyuk, primarily using the former party archives, has systematically examined the consequences of the nomenklatura terror for officials in the People’s Commissariats concerned with the economy. He showed that it was first directed against former members of various opposition groupings within the party. From the end of 1936 it spread far more widely, and it was given a further impulse by the launching of the mass terror. In 1938 the waves of arrests extended to officials newly appointed to their posts in 1937. Of the 32,000 persons on the nomenklatura of the party central committee at the beginning of 1939, 47 per cent had been appointed in 1937 and 1938. Dr Khlevnyuk showed that as a result of the terror the Soviet economy was in the hands of a complex mixture of generations. For instance, at the highest level, of the thirty People’s Commissars, only four, all in their forties, had been in place before the terror; 16 were officials aged 36 to 45 previously at the level of enterprise director or above; and ten aged 34 to 39 had previously been at the level of foreman or head of an enterprise department.

(b) Mass Terror:

Dr Vasiliev has carried out a study of both the nomenklatura terror and the mass terror in Ukraine. Here the terror was particularly far-reaching. He showed that as early as the beginning of 1938 all members of the Ukrainian Politburo, all the regional first party secretaries, and nearly all the People's Commissars had been arrested. More detailed studies show how the nomenklatura purge affected the coal industry and agriculture. Secondly, he showed that the mass terror in Ukraine (and probably everywhere) was based on the secret police records of the former kulaks and other persons deemed anti-Soviet, and of criminals. Case studies of the mass terror examine the Vinnitsa and Poltava regions.

Drs Ilič and Joyce have undertaken a case study of the impact of the mass terror in the Mordovian region. The Republic of Mordoviya was selected because it presents a largely agricultural, under-industrialised region of the Soviet Union to offer comparison with our knowledge of the impact of the terror in Moscow and Leningrad. Using the published lists of purge victims, they examined the waves of repression, particularly during collectivisation and dekulakisation (1929-33) and during the mass operations of 1936-8. This case study surveys all those who were executed, and also all of the women who were arrested, some of whom were executed, during the years covered by the printed source. The presentation of 'victim studies', on a regional basis, provides a new approach to the study of the Great Terror and allows us to see how the mass terror impacted at its lowest level throughout the Soviet Union. The results of the Mordoviya study indicate that the main victims of repression in this region were socially marginal groups (such as the independent peasantry and religious personnel) and individuals who were economically non-productive (such as housewives and individuals in the older age cohorts).

Dr Joyce has examined the repressions in the Komi republic. Komi was selected because it was an important region in the network of Gulag camps. Using a database of over 8000 people repressed during 1928-59, he examined the pattern of repression in the region to establish whether specific groups within an already marginalised penal society were targeted for further punishments. Findings indicate that Gulag inmates, who were already largely isolated from the rest of Soviet society, were not immune from the purge process. Some Gulag inmates were subject to re-arrest, extended terms of imprisonment and execution. Dr Joyce also investigated whether certain categories of free workers in the region were targeted and if their close proximity to 'enemies of the people' increased their chance of arrest. This case study has contributed to a broader study of the impact of the purges in the Gulag.

Dr Ilič has examined in detail the introduction, terms and impact of the previously neglected NKVD Order No. 00486 'On the Repression of the Wives of Enemies and Traitors to the Motherland' (15 August 1937). She has also prepared a social and demographic profile of the thousands of women executed in 1937 and 1938 in order to establish how far those arrested under Order 00486 were the main victims of the terror. It is evident from this research that the mass operations extended far beyond the wives and female relatives of men who were purged. The findings of this research suggest that many of the women who were arrested during the mass operations were unmarried, they had former connections or were continuing to serve as religious personnel, and a number had been a member of an opposition party organisation.

On the basis of these studies, and of those carried out by other historians, we have established a preliminary demographic profile of the social origins and occupations of victims of the mass terror.

(c) Rearmament and Mobilisation Preparations, 1936-41:

The growing Nazi threat led the Soviet Union to expand armaments production and investment rapidly from 1936; but at the same time the terror thoroughly disrupted the defence and

mobilisation agencies at every level. We have concluded, however, contrary to our original assumption, that the mobilisation system was rapidly re-established after 1938, but detailed mobilisation programmes were not put into operation until the eve of the German invasion.

(d) Industrialisation of Soviet Russia

Professor R W Davies continued his research on the sixth volume of *this series*, which deals with the economy in 1934-9. He published an article in the volume edited by Melanie Ilić which examines the economic background to the purges and concludes that, contrary to a widespread view, there was no economic crisis in the first six months of 1936 which was a major contributory factor in the launching of the purges. He also provides confirmatory evidence that the purges had a negative effect on the economy. He also prepared a chapter for a volume on recently declassified verbatim reports of Politburo meetings, entitled 'Grain, Class and Politics during the New Economic Policy'. This dealt with the discussion at the meeting of December 10, 1925 on 'The Work of the Central Statistical Administration on the Grain-Fodder Balance', which resulted in the dismissal of PI Popov, director of the Administration since its foundation in 1918.

Melanie Ilić has completed work on an article entitled 'Soviet Women and Civil Defence Training in the 1930s'. She has begun work relating to the AHRC project on 'Policy and Governance in the Soviet Union under Nikita Khrushchev', for which she is preparing studies on the revival of the *zhensovety* and on Khrushchev's construction programme.

Professor Perrie oversaw the progress through the press of the *Cambridge History of Russia*, vol. I, which she edited and co-authored (the volume was published in the summer of 2006). She also continued to work on popular monarchism and political legitimacy in 17th-century Russia, and wrote a number of papers on aspects of these topics.

From September 2005 to March 2006, Dr Smith was a Visiting Research Fellow at the Aleksanteri Institute, University of Helsinki, funded by a Leverhulme Trust Study Abroad Fellowship. During this time he started work on a monograph on The Nationalities Experience in and after the USSR. Simultaneously, he started, together with Melanie Ilic, a project on 'Governance and Policy in the Soviet Union under Nikita Khrushchev, 1953-1964' funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council. Under the auspices of this project, he has continued his research on nationalities policy in the USSR under Khrushchev, and has also started working on the reform of the Soviet wine-making industry in this period, a topic which has also led on to talks and articles on the Russian embargo on imports of Georgian wine in 2006. He also completed editorial work, together with Dr Markku Kangaspuro, on *Modernisation and Russian Society since 1900*, which was to be published later in 2006. In April 2006 he organised and led a group of UK-based research students to Moscow for initial training in the use of the historical archives there. The project was funded by the AHRC and has been highly acclaimed.

Joshua Andy, postgraduate student, presented a paper on the initial findings of his research on the Cuba missile crisis at a conference in Hamburg in May 2006, which is now due to be published.

Robert Hornsby, postgraduate student, has already carried out extensive archival work in Moscow and made significant progress with his research in the first year of his PhD. He was accepted as a visiting research student at Columbia University, New York, for autumn 2006.

Dr Titov made a research trip to the Moscow archives in April 2006 in connection with the research project funded by the UK Arts and Humanities Research Council on 'Policy and Governance in the Soviet Union under Nikita Khrushchev'. Work on a paper entitled '1961 Party Programme and the Fate of the Soviet Project' has been carried out and is planned for

submission in late 2006. A further article on 'Completing 'Russian Concepts of History: a Gumilev-Danilevskii Comparison' is planned for submission early 2007.

Honorary Senior Research Fellows

Linda Edmondson completed her research on Hector Berlioz and Russian cultural politics. Her current research focuses on Ivan Turgenev and his response to the western 'classics' and to contemporary music in the West and Russia, his views on the 'nationalist school', and the ways in which he uses musical references and portrays musicians, amateur and professional, in his novels and short stories.

Mark Harrison continued to work with Paul Gregory (Houston) and Andrei Markevich, now a Marie Curie research fellow at Warwick, on aspects of the political economy of the Soviet command system, and with Stephen Broadberry (Warwick) and Jari Eloranta (Appalachian State) on the economics of the two world wars. His main ambition for the coming period is to bring an edited collection of new research papers on the Soviet defence industry through review to publication

Economics

Julian Cooper undertook research into Russia's place in the global economy. Prospects for the development of a knowledge-based economy were explored in an article commissioned by the journal *Eurasian Geography and Economics*. This discussed Russia in relation to developments in Brazil, China and India (the so-called BRIC economies), plus some other populous emerging markets. A second article for the same journal examined the competitiveness of Russian exports. Russian military economic developments were monitored, with a contribution to the SIPRI Yearbook on the defence industry and a working paper on military expenditure.

Philip Hanson extended earlier work on the varieties of economic institutions in ex-communist countries in two directions: (1) an analysis of the influence of the EU accession process on the development of economic institutions in the eight 2004 accession countries, using various rankings and scores on governance, ease of doing business, etc provided by the World Bank and other sources; (2) an assessment of the contemporary state of comparative economic studies, and its place among adjoining sub-fields of economics. For (1) he obtained a British Academy Small Research Grant, to cover the cost of interviewing policy-makers in Warsaw, Budapest and Brussels. The resulting paper will be published as a chapter in a book on economic transformation. The paper arising from (2) was the basis of a keynote lecture to the Japan Association for Comparative Economic Studies, and will be published in their journal.

Science, Technology and Industry

Dr Averre continued his research into science, technology and industry in the USSR successor states under the terms of an externally-funded project, producing reports and compiling a project database.

Politics and Security Studies

Dr Averre continued his research into Russian foreign and security policy and arms control/non-proliferation issues. He is participating in a Finnish Academy-funded network on Russia and the EU, and is also participating in an ongoing project organised by the US Russian American Nuclear Security Advisory Council and the Landau Network Centro Volta, Italy, on strengthening proliferation prevention with Russia in the biotechnology sphere. He also contributed to activities of the Centre for Studies in Security and Diplomacy at the University of Birmingham.

Mr Stephen Aris, postgraduate student, drafted two chapters of his PhD thesis entitled 'Regional Security in Central Asia Post-11 September 2001: the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation' and completed 3 months language training at Moscow State University.

Sean Roberts' ESRC funded PhD research is scheduled for completion in 2008 with fieldwork in Russia planned for 2007. The aim of this research is to detail an area of Russian politics that has grown in significance since the collapse of the Soviet Union and that currently exerts a strong influence on Russian political life. Understanding the rise of the current party of power, *United Russia*, together with the wider implications of the party of power concept for Russian political development, is presently hindered by an absence of detailed empirical and theoretical analysis. This research has proceeded through a literature review of party politics literature to outline a framework of analysis to document and analyse past and present parties of power, focusing on aspects such as their role, organization and ideology, but more importantly on conceptualising the 'party of power' in comparative terms, exploring the forces driving its development.

Claire Wilkinson, postgraduate student, completed fieldwork for her PhD thesis on 'Societal Security in Kyrgyzstan' in Bishkek and Osh, Kyrgyzstan. Whilst in Osh she also gave a guest seminar on Post-Cold War Understandings of Security at Osh Technical University. In August she attended the ECPR Methods Summer School in Ljubljana (August 06), completing the Interpretive Methods course.

Dr Elena Denezhkina continued working on the TACIS project 'Institutional, Legal and Economic Federalism in the Russian Federation', visiting Moscow Oblast and the RF Ministry of Regional Development.

Dr Haughton's research has followed four main themes. Firstly, he has continued to examine the intricacies and complexities of Slovak politics. In May-June 2006 he travelled to Slovakia to observe the election campaign and is in the process of using his findings to produce an academic article. Secondly, in a collaborative project with Aleks Szczerbiak (Sussex), Sean Hanley (SSEES, UCL) and others he is examining parties of the centre-right in Central and Eastern Europe. He produced a working paper on the centre-right in Croatia and Slovakia and made progress on a joint-authored article on the centre-right in East-Central Europe. Thirdly, with John Gould and Sharon Fisher, he is exploring why countries take neo-liberal turns. An article is currently close to completion. Fourthly, he convened an international academic network (funded by the Leverhulme Trust) exploring the 'Impact of EU membership on Slovakia as a case study of a small, new member state'. This yielded a contribution to an edited volume and two journal articles (to be published in 2007).

Odeta Barbullushi, postgraduate student, conducted a series of interviews in Albania during the 2005-6 academic year for her PhD thesis on 'Under the Gaze of Europe: Identity Politics and Foreign Policy in Post-communist Albania'. In December 2006 she conducted archival work at the State Archives of Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Albania.

Lara Scarpitta, postgraduate student, was based in Brussels for much of the year and conducted a series of interviews in addition to holding a *stage* in the Commission. Her PhD thesis is entitled 'Justice and Home Affairs and Romanian Accession to the EU'.

Magda Skrybant, postgraduate student, made good progress writing up the fruits of her research gathered the year before for her PhD thesis on 'The Relationship between Workers and Intellectuals in Poland 1976-1982/3'.

During 2005-6 Katarzyna Wolczuk conducted research on the impact of the European Neighbourhood Policy on Ukraine with a grant from the British Academy. As part of this research project she made two visits to Brussels (March and Sept 2006) and Ukraine (Feb and Nov 2006) to conduct interviews with Ukrainian and EU officials, experts and academics. Research findings will be published in an academic article as well as a book on Ukraine's relations with Europe which she is currently working on. She also continued to act as Regional coordinator and be a member of the Steering Committee in a RIME project (Releasing Indigenous Multiculturalism in Eastern Europe) funded by the European Commission under EIDHR programme on 'Combating Racism, Xenophobia & Discrimination against Ethnic Minorities & Indigenous People'.

Aleksandra Duda, postgraduate student, made excellent progress during her 1st year. Her academic achievements in that year include: participation in a entrepreneurship programme, 'Enterprisers' organized by Cambridge & MIT Institute (January 2006); presentation at the Second CEU Graduate Conference in Social Sciences in Budapest (May 2006); presentation at the international Summer School in Berlin on 'Justice as a Societal and Political Matter' (July 2006); submission of the draft of theory chapter of her PhD thesis. She also made preparations for three-month-long fieldwork in the Republic of Georgia (Sept-Nov 2006) and made a successful application to the ESRC in order to continue doctoral research at the Kluge Centre in the Library of Congress, Washington DC.

Dominique Peters, postgraduate student, in her second year of PhD made good progress, in particular she prepared for, and carried out, six months of field work in Ukraine, taught some undergraduate Eastern European politics sessions, wrote literature review chapters and processed field work data.

In connection with the European Commission project 'Releasing Indigenous Multiculturalism through Education (RIME)', Dr Yemelianova acted as member of the RIME management board, responsible for the Southern Russia region and for the RIME publications. Together with Dr K Wolczuk, she edited special issues of *Nationalities Papers* and a book, both entitled "Ethnic Diversity, Multiculturalism and Xenophobia in post-Communist Societies", forthcoming in 2007 with Routledge. Dr Yemelianova also worked, as editor and a contributor, on the book *The Growth of Islamic Radicalism in Eurasia: Internal Determinants, Comparative Perspectives and Potential Consequences*, funded by The Nuffield Foundation in 2003-2005, which is forthcoming in 2007, also with Routledge.

Honorary Research Fellows

Dr Sarah Whitmore continued work on her ESRC project 'Parliamentary Oversight in Russia and Ukraine', conducting fieldwork in Moscow during January-March. She conducted semi-structured interviews with deputies, senators and staff from the Audit Chamber and Human Rights Ombudsman and observations in the Federal Assembly. The findings were presented at the Seventh Workshop of Parliamentary Scholars and Parliamentarians, Wroxton (Oxon) in July and a pilot visit to Kyiv was undertaken in May in preparation for fieldwork in Ukraine during autumn 2006. During the year, Sarah also gave a number of guest lectures, including to The Law Society in May.

Sociology and Cultural Studies

Dr Edginton completed a British Academy funded research project on the integration of Polish A-grade fonctionnaires in the European Commission, and wrote reports for the Commission, the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

As a result of dissemination of research at national and international conferences over the last 12 months, two major articles are being prepared for publication by Dr Morris. The first, on Russian popular music and culture has been submitted to a leading journal (July 2006), and the second, on Russian advertising and cultural difference, has been provisionally accepted for inclusion in a special journal number (*Europe-Asia Studies*) on Russian mass media. A monograph on Russian literature is still in preparation for publication in 2007.

Jelena Obradovic, postgraduate student, has this year completed the fieldwork for her thesis 'Trauma, Identity and Nationalism in Post Milosevic Serbia'.

Ulrike Ziemer, postgraduate student, has this year completed her six months ethnographic fieldwork for her thesis 'Dealing with Diversity? Youth, Ethnicity and Cultural Practice in Russia' and has presented a paper at the RGSS-IBG Annual Conference in August 2006 entitled 'Researching Youth Cultures in Russia: Armenian and Adygeyan Youth Cultural Practices'.

Honorary Research Fellows

Since October 2006, Erica Richardson has been based at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine working at the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies. Her work has focused on updating the Health in Transition (HiT) Profiles for countries of the former Soviet Union and Mongolia. The HiT Profiles are country-based reports that provide a detailed description of a health system and of policy initiatives in progress or under development. HiTs examine different approaches to the organization, financing and delivery of health services and the role of the main actors in health systems; describe the institutional framework, process, content and implementation of health and health care policies; and highlight challenges and areas that require more in-depth analysis. The HiT for Armenia is due out in December 2006, with Mongolia following early in 2007.

Geography

Associate Members

Dr Dominique Moran, in conjunction with Dr Judith Pallot (Oxford) and Dr Laura Piacentini (Strathclyde), was awarded a research grant from the ESRC: 'Women in the Russian Penal System: The role of distance in the theory and practice of imprisonment in late Soviet and post-Soviet Russia' (£242k), to run 2006-2009. She also continued to research into the geography of HIV/AIDS in Russia, with publications in *Eurasian Geography and Economics*, and conference presentations in the US.

Dr Shaw continued his researches into the history of science and mapmaking in Russia during the period between the mid-seventeenth and the mid-eighteenth centuries. His ESRC project in collaboration with Dr Oldfield on 'Russian Views of Sustainable Development and their Historical Antecedents' was completed. The project has given rise to several journal publications and book chapters, and a book is currently planned. It is also hoped to extend this work by means of a new project focusing on the history of Russian environmental thought.

Dr Shaw began to work on his new British Academy project on 'The Cultural Landscape as a Heritage Feature: A Comparative Study of the UK and Russia' concerned with the comparative scientific and practical problems of conserving heritage landscapes in the UK and Russia. The research is in association with the Russian Research Institute for Natural and Cultural Heritage in Moscow. In August 2006 an initial field visit to Russia was made by Drs Shaw and Moran together with Dr Bob Prosser (CURS) who were accompanied by a group from the Russian institute as they visited Kenozero National Park in Arkhangelsk Oblast and Borodino Field

west of Moscow. A return visit to British national parks will be made by the Russians in September 2007 to be followed by a workshop in Birmingham

Russian Language, Literature and Music

Michael Pushkin's research into the poetry of Andrei Voznesensky has continued. A 1200-word article on the poet was published in the internet *Literary Encyclopedia* in November. In the same month a paper entitled "Farewell to the microphone": The Sixties in the Poetry of Andrei Voznesensky' was presented as a contribution to the SSEES/UCL seminar series 'Re-imagining the Thaw'.

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Birmingham Slavonic Monographs

The Birmingham Slavonic Monographs series continues with its occasional publication of original scholarly work from contributors in various countries, mostly the UK and USA. The current year saw the appearance of a study by Pamela Davidson (SSEES) investigating the correspondence between Vyacheslav Ivanov and C M Bowra, which throws light on the Russian poet’s attitude towards Western and other cultures as well as giving an insight into the international literary scene of the time.

Palgrave-CREES Series: Studies in Russian and East European History and Society

(Joint General Editors: RW Davies, EA Rees, M Ilič, JR Smith)

The following title has been published in the past year:

M. Ilič (ed), *Stalin’s Terror Revisited*

Sadly, this will be the last in the series.

THESES AND DISSERTATIONS

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| H Burt | ‘The Impact of Transition on Male Life Expectancy in Post-Soviet Russia’ (MSc; supervisor JM Cooper) |
| K Cassidy | ‘Understanding the Relationship Between ‘Kin-State’ and ‘Co-Ethnics’: An Analysis of Romanian and Ukrainian Policies with Regard to Romanians in Northern Bukovina’ (MA; supervisor K Wolczuk) |
| M Frear | ‘Western Assistance to Civil Society in Belarus and Ukraine: What is it Good For?’ (MSc; supervisor K Wolczuk) |
| T Pirottawonwattana | ‘Russo-Turkmenistan Relations: The Energy Pawn and Leverage’ (MA; supervisor JM Cooper) |
| A Popov | ‘Transnational Locals: Identity and Migration of the Greeks in Post-Soviet Russia (PhD, co-supervisors HA Pilkington and EA Edginton) |
| B Rechel | ‘Minority Rights in Post-Communist Bulgaria’ (PhD; supervisor TJ Haughton) |
| P Repper | ‘The Continuing Collapse of the Russian State?’ (MA; supervisor DJ White) |
| A Zilberman | ‘Perceptions of Change in the European Security Environment’ (PhD; supervisor SL Webber) |

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| M Afanasseva | ‘Institutions in Russian Transition: The Case of the Defence Industry’ (PhD; supervisor JM Cooper) |
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- A Apostolov 'Bulgarian Youth Cultural Practice Between the Global and the Local' (PhD; co-supervisors HA Pilkington and EA Edginton)
- S Aris 'Regional Security in Central Asia Post-11 September 2001: the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation' (PhD; supervisor DL Averre)
- J Andy The Role of the Military in Soviet Politics, 1953-1964, (PhD; co-supervisors JR Smith and M Ilić)
- K Avedissian 'Real and Perceived Social Inequalities Among Ethnic Groups in Stavropol'skiy Krai and the Effect of these Inequalities on these Groups' Access to Political Capital' (PhD; supervisor JR Smith and JB Morris)
- O Barbullushi 'Under the Gaze of Europe: Identity Politics and Foreign Politics in Post-Communist Albania' (PhD; co-supervisors TJ Haughton and K Wolczuk)
- B Brauer 'The History and Politics of Oil Development in Kazakhstan' (PhD; co-supervisors P Hanson and JM Cooper)
- R Cole 'Adaptation to Changing Circumstances: Crises, Threats and Opportunities in the Russian Zapovedniki since 1990' (PhD, supervisor JM Cooper)
- O Doughty 'The Media and Politics in Ukraine' (PhD; co-supervisors K Wolczuk/D Marsh)
- A Duda 'Youth Activism as the Driving Force behind the Development of Democratic Opposition Campaigns and Peaceful Revolutions: Comparative Study of the Georgian Kmara and Ukrainian Pora Organizations and their Impact on Emerging Russian Youth Movements' (PhD; co-supervisors K Wolczuk and DJ White)
- B Fowler 'The East-Central European EU Accession Process and the Role of Candidate State Political Parties: Developing a New Research Agenda, with particular reference to Hungary's 1998-2002 Government' (PhD; co-supervisor TJ Haughton/K Wolczuk)
- EP Graystone 'Russian National and Religious Identity During the Final Years of the Time of Troubles (1610-13)' (M.Phil; co-supervisors MP Perrie/JS Smith)
- E Gyulazyan 'Caucasian Diplomacy: its Essence, Implications and Interrelation with Security in Europe' (PhD; co-supervisors DL Averre and JR Smith)
- R Hornsby 'Protest and Dissent in the Khrushchev Era, From the Secret Speech to Sinyavsky and Daniel' (PhD; co-supervisors JR Smith and A Titov)
- J Jo 'Soviet Trade Unions under the Stalinist Industrialisation, 1928-1937' (PhD; co-supervisors JR Smith and M Ilić)

- L Kosygina 'Citizenless Returners in Russia: Strategies of Life in Gender Perspectives' (PhD; supervisor HA Pilkington)
- J Lane 'The Political Impact of Counter-Revolutionary Repression in Russia, 1906-7' (PhD; supervisor MP Perrie)
- J Obradovic 'Trauma, Identity and Nationalism in Post Milosevic Serbia' (PhD; supervisor K Wolczuk)
- M Nash 'Relations between the Catholic and Orthodox Churches in the Russian Federation' (PhD: co-supervisors JR Smith and DJ White)
- J Perera 'Russia's Nuclear Industry' (PhD; supervisor JM Cooper)
- D Peters 'Ukrainian National Identity Among Children in Eastern Ukraine: Evaluating Impact of the Nationalising Agenda and Family Influence in the Creation and Consolidation of the National Self.' (PhD; supervisor K Wolczuk)
- R Prigg Sources of Democratic Transformation (PhD, co-supervisors TJ Haughton and JM Cooper)
- A Prodromidou 'Russian Foreign Policy and the Caspian Sea' (PhD, co-supervisors DL Averre and JM Cooper)
- M Rasell 'The Impact of Welfare System Reform on Poverty in Russia' (PhD; supervisor JM Cooper)
- S Roberts 'The Development of Parties of Power in Post-Soviet Russia' (PhD; supervisor DJ White)
- L Scarpitta 'Justice and Home Affairs and Romanian Accession to the EU' (PhD; co-supervisors TJ Haughton and SO Green)
- E Sleptsova 'Ukrainian Foreign Trade: Integration with the EU' (PhD; Co-Supervisors JM Cooper and K Wolczuk)
- A Snetkov 'Russian Official Discourse on Chechnya and North Caucasus' (PhD; Co-supervisors G Yemelianova and DJ White)
- M Skrybant 'The Relationship between Workers and Intellectuals in Poland 1976-1982/3' (PhD; Co-supervisors Jeremy Smith and TJ Haughton)
- H Wakamatsu 'Interconfessional Relations between Belarus, Ukraine and Poland' (PhD; supervisor K Wolczuk)
- JC Walker 'The Transition from Education to Work in Post-Soviet Russia: Institutional Change and Social Reality' (PhD; supervisor HA Pilkington)
- W Westwater 'Development of Regional Assemblies in Russia under Yeltsin and Putin' (PhD; co-supervisors TJ Haughton)

- C Wilkinson 'Societal Security in Kyrgyzstan' (PhD; co-supervisors DL Averre and G Yemelianova)
- M Yasuda 'Russia's WTO Accession and the Impact on Regional Economies' (PhD; supervisor JM Cooper)
- U Ziemer 'Dealing with Diversity? Youth, Ethnicity and Cultural Practice in Russia' (PhD; co-supervisors HA Pilkington and Dr JB Morris)

SEMINARS

The Birmingham Russian History Seminars

October 2005

Tony Heywood (Bradford): 'A "Free Soviet Citizen Abroad": Engineer Iu V Lomonosov in Europe and North America, 1927-52'
 Discussant: Chris Williams (University of Central Lancashire)

Mark Harison (Warwick) 'Secrecy Under Stalin: the Case of the Defence Industry'
 Discussant: James Harris (Leeds)

November 2005

Shane O'Rourke (York): 'The Deportation of the Terek Cossacks'
 Discussant: Geoffrey Swain (UWE)

Michael Ellman (Amsterdam): 'The 1931-34 Famine Revisited'
 Discussant: Mark Harrison (Warwick)

January 2006

Chris Read (Warwick): 'Retrieving the Historical Lenin': Responding to Recent Views of Lenin
 Discussant: Ian Thatcher (Brunel)

Julie Elkner (CREES): 'The Cult of Andropov: e-Writing Soviet History Under Putin'
 Discussant: Bettina Renz (CREES)

March 2006

Mike O'Mahony (Bristol) 'Representing Sporting Victory: The Awards of World Champion Mariya Isakova'
 Discussant: Dr Mark Bassin (Geography, UCL)

Roundtable: Khrushchev's Secret Speech to the XX Party Congress, 1956
 Bob Davies (CREES formerly Communist Party member)
 Sir Rodric Braithwaite (formerly Foreign and Commonwealth Office)
 Michael Kaser (St Antony's College, Oxford)
 David Wedgwood Benn (presentation in absentia)
 Polly Jones (SSEES, UCL)

April 2006

Geoffrey Hosking (SSEES, UCL): 'Russians in the Soviet Union'
 Ronald Suny (Michigan/Stanford): 'Becoming Stalin: The Evolution of a Bolshevik'

Current Affairs Seminar

The following meetings took place, organised by Professor Cooper.

September 2005

Professor Julian Cooper (CREES), 'Russia under the Shadow of 2008'

October 2005

Dr Kataryna Wolczuk (CREES), 'Will Ukraine's Orange Revolution bear Fruit?'

Dr Galina Yemelianova (CREES), 'Islamic Radicalisation in Eurasia: Global or Local?'

Dr Suvi Salmenniemi (Aleksanteri Institute, Helsinki), 'Voluntary Organizations and the State in Putin's Russia: Co-operation, Co-optation, Confrontation'

November 2005

Dr David White (CREES), 'Is the Russian Youth Revolting? A Who's Who of Youth Movements in Russia'

Professor Evgenii Pashentsev (Moscow City Pedagogical University) 'Manipulative Technologies in Contemporary Russian Politics'

Tim Haughton (CREES) 'Who's left? Party Politics and the Forthcoming Slovak Parliamentary Elections'

Lara Scarpitta (CREES) 'The European Commission Monitoring Report on Romania: the Last Train to 2007?'

Dr Derek Averre (CREES) 'The Reluctant Supporter: Russian 'Multivector' Foreign Policy'

December 2005

Natasha Touzovskaia (CREES) 'How Free are the Russian Media?'

January 2006

Julian Cooper (CREES): 'Gas, Gosudarstvo, Guns, G8: Russia's New Course?'

Birgit Bauer (Alma Aty/CREES) 'Kazakhstan: Seven More Years for Nazarbaev'

Ms Sarah Austerberry (Foreign and Commonwealth Office) 'Personal Security on Research and Study Visits to Russia'

February 2006

Dr Tomasz Kamusella (Opole University, Poland) 'Politics and Imagination: The Case of the Triple Classification of the Slavonic Languages'

Professor Michael Bradshaw (Leicester University) 'Russia- EU Relations: A UK Perspective'

Claire Wilkinson (CREES) 'Kyrgyzstan and the Rise of "Protestocracy"'

March 2006

Hiroaki Hayashi (University of Shimane/CREES), 'Russian Middle Classes: Formation and Changes'

Rodney Cole (CREES), 'World-class Scientific Institutions under Threat: Russia's *Zapovedniki* (Special Nature Reserves) since the End of Communism'

Professor Hilary Pilkington (University of Warwick) ‘Talking “Rubbish”: Political and “Everyday” Xenophobia in post-Beslan Russia’

The ERI Seminar

This was convened by Drs Michelle Pace and Heiko Fritz.

October 2005

Prof Thomas Poguntke (IGS) ‘Reflecting on the German Elections’

Prof Cillian Ryan (ERI) ‘International Banking in Asia & Emerging Europe: The Influence of GATS and International Prudential Regulation’

Dr Fadi Hakura (Chatham House, London) ‘Turkey: Inside or Outside the EU’

November 2005

Prof Anand Menon (ERI) ‘The Limits of Comparative Politics: International Relations in the European Union’

Prof. Zdzisław Mach (Jagiellonian University of Cracow) ‘Poland’s Accession to the EU: an Identity Dimension’

Dr Heiko Fritz (IGS) ‘EMU Enlargement and Decision-making in the ECB’

December 2005

Dr Tim Haughton (CREES)

Dr Nicola Smith (POLSIS)

Dr Michelle Pace (ERI)

‘Analysing the Impact of EU Membership on Small States: the cases of Slovakia, Ireland and Malta compared’

January 2006

Brigita Schmognerova (Vice President, EBRD London and Former Slovak Finance Minister) ‘Neoliberalism in Central and Eastern Europe’

February 2006

Professor Neill Nugent (Manchester Metropolitan University) ‘The Implications of Turkish Membership for the European Union’

Dr Dan Wincott (POLSIS) ‘When was the Golden Age? Observations on Periodisation and Decoupling the Welfare State from Keynesian Macro-Economic Policy’

Dr Ben Rosamond (Warwick University) ‘The Social Construction of the European Economy’

March 2006

Hiski Haukkala (University of Turku & Finnish Institute of International Affairs, Helsinki) ‘Extending the EU’s Norms and Values to the East: the Case of European Neighbourhood Policy’

Reijo Kemppinen (Head of the European Commission’s Representation in the UK) ‘The Relationship between the UK and the EU: is there any hope for the future?’

ERI Graduate Seminar Series

Larissa Kossyguina co-convened the European Research Institute Graduate Seminar series for the 2005-6 session. This weekly event incorporates the former CREES Open Research Postgraduate Seminar and provides a forum for graduate students of the ERI, CREES and IGS and graduate students visiting the ERI to present and discuss research papers. Papers given by CREES postgraduates can be found under the “Conferences in Birmingham” section.

Russian Films

A programme of videos of Russian films has continued to be shown on Friday afternoons.

Russian Television

In 2005-6 the Centre continued to receive the ORT International and NTV Mir Russian TV channels by satellite. A number of other East European channels can also be received.

OTHER PUBLIC OUTPUT

Professor Davies recorded an interview with South Korean Television, which will form part of a series of programmes on Soviet history.

Dr Haughton continued to comment on Slovak and European politics for TA3 and Markiza (Slovak TV), Slovak Radio, Sme, Radio Free Europe and European Voice.

Professor Perrie was interviewed by Volgograd TV and radio in connection with her participation in a conference at Volgograd State University dedicated to the centenary of the birth of Academician DS Likhachev, in September 2006.

Dr Whitmore gave a live interview on the 9 O’Clock News, BBC World on 8 September 2005 and a live interview to Carol Coleman, The Wide Angle, Dublin Talk 102 on 10 September 2005.

In January 2006, Dr Wolczuk gave interviews to the BBC World Service and the Radio Canada International on political developments in Ukraine.

Dr Yemelianova gave regular interviews for *Sky News*, *BBC World News*, *Chanel Four News*, *BBC4 Radio News* on the situation in various ex-Soviet Muslim regions.

ANNUAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE

St Catharine’s Foundation Lecture by Guest Speaker: Professor Piotr Sztompka ‘The Ambivalence of Post-Communist Experience’

Assessing the EU’s ‘Transformative Power’ in Central and Eastern Europe. Chair: Kataryna Wolczuk

Speakers: Tim Haughton (CREES), ‘When, Where and How Does the European Union Make a Difference? Conditionality, Accession and Membership in CEE’

Lara Scarpitta (CREES) ‘Romania’s Accession to the EU: Problems and Challenges’

Berndt Rechel (CREES) ‘The “Myth of Conditionality”: the EU’s Limited Impact on Minority Rights in Bulgaria’

Putin’s Presidency and Beyond. Chair: Tim Haughton

Speakers: Richard Sakwa, ‘The Yukos Affair, Russian Energy Policy and the Factionalisation of the Putin Presidency’

Edwin Bacon, Putin's Ideology

Julian Cooper, Putin's Succession

Matthew Frear, 'Explaining the Phenomenon of Lukashenka in Post-Communist Belarus'

Interethnic Relations in the Balkans. Chair: Elizabeth Edginton

Speakers: Jelena Obradovic, 'Kosovo: A Serbian View'

Odeta Barbullushi, 'Public Discourse in Albania on Kosovo's Final Status'

Lara Scarpitta, 'Romania's Relations with Moldova'

Russia in the World Economy: Changing Patterns of Trade and Competitiveness

Minoru Yasuda, 'Re-direction of Trade Relations: the Case of Russia'

Julian Cooper, 'Does Russia possess Competitive Commodities?'

Discussant: Heiko Fritz

Dissidence in Communist Societies (1953-1991). Chair: Jeremy Smith

Speakers: Robert Hornsby (CREES), 'Regime - Dissenter Relations during the Khrushchev Era'

Magdalena Skrybant (CREES), 'Ringing the Changes: Dissenting Intellectuals in Poland during the 1970s'

Mark Sandle (De Montford), 'The Spectrum of Soviet Dissidence from Brezhnev to Gorbachev'

Changing Perspectives, Changing Identities. Chair: Julian Cooper

Speakers: Beth Edginton, 'House Doctor: Conducting Research on the Integration of Polish A-Grade Fonctionnaires in a Changing European Commission'

Anton Popov, 'Crossing Borders, Shifting Identities: Transnationalisation, Materialisation, and Commoditisation of Greek Ethnicity in Post-Soviet Russia'

Jelena Obradovic, 'War Criminals, Identity and Serbian Politics of Myth'

Ivan Gololobov, 'Rural Identities in Contemporary Russia'

Regional Issues in Russia.

Speakers: Elena Denezhkina, 'Organised Crime and Multi-Level Governance in the Urals'

Elizabeth Teague, 'Regional Mergers in the Russian Federation'

Fikret Radjbov, 'Integration or Dis-integration: Dagestan and Russian Federalism'

Adrian Campbell, 'Vertical or Triangle? State and Local Government in the Russian Federation'

TRAVEL AND VISITS

Visits by Centre Staff, Associate and Honorary Members

Between 4th and 12th April 2006, Mr Edwynn Graystone participated in a postgraduate fact-finding trip to the Moscow archives, in a group organised by BASEES and led by Dr Jeremy Smith.

Professor Hanson visited the Institute for the Economy in Transition to participate in the Institute's tenth anniversary conference in March 2006 and in June he travelled to Warsaw, Budapest to carry out interviews with policy-makers on EU influence on economic institutions; he also visited the European Commission to interview officials on the same topic during July and August.

Dr Houghton travelled to Slovakia to follow the election campaign and to carry out research in the Department of Political Science, Comenius University, Bratislava.

Dr Ilić visited Stockholm in November for meetings with AHRC project consultants and in June she travelled to Moscow to work in archives and libraries.

Dr Shaw undertook fieldwork in connection with the British Academy project on cultural landscape as a heritage feature in August visiting Kenozero national park and Borodino battlefield.

Visitors to the Centre

Professor Zdzislaw Mach 24/25 November 2005

Brigita Schmognerova, Former Slovak Finance Minister and Vice-President of the EBRD, 26 January 2006.

PRIZES AWARDED TO STUDENTS

The Elisabeth Koutaissoff prize for the best first year undergraduate with Russian was won by Louise Watkins and for the best first year undergraduate ab initio Russian was won by Max Lahiff.

The Baykov Prize for the best second year undergraduate with Russian was awarded to Darya Syrpis and for the best second year undergraduate ab initio Russian was awarded to Jennifer Calvert.

The Konovalov prize for the best final year student was awarded to Kieran Leahy.

The Grayson Prize for the best first year postgraduate students was awarded to Matthew Frear.

APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONALIA

Dr Edginton left the ERI in September 2005 to train as a Child Psychotherapist.

Dr Haughton was promoted to Senior Lecturer from 1 October 2006.

Dr Smith was promoted to Senior Lecturer in Russian History with effect from September 2005; from September 2005 to March 2006 he was a Visiting Research Fellow at the Aleksanteri Institute, University of Helsinki.

We were pleased to welcome Julie Elkner as temporary lecturer during Dr Smith's leave of absence.

Dr Oldfield was appointed senior lecturer at the University of Glasgow from January 2007.

From September 2006, Dr Holtom will be a researcher on SIPRI's Arms Transfers Project.

Dr Richardson has now moved to the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and works for the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies.