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INTRODUCTION

The academic session 2008-2009 proved a challenging year for CREES, which emerged as one of the departments within the new School of Government & Society (G & S) following the restructuring of the University of Birmingham, alongside the departments of Political Science and International Relations (POLSIS), Sociology, International Development and Local Government Studies. Also, CREES moved from the European Research Institute building to the newly refurbished Muirhead Tower, where most of the College of Social Sciences (CoSS) is now located, in summer 2009. After a period of settling in, our new accommodation was found to be very comfortable, with panoramic 6th floor views over the greenest city in Europe (and for those who remember the old lift system, a lot easier to move around!). The main tasks ahead are to forge closer research and teaching links with the other G & S departments and work out a sound strategy to take CREES and the School forward into the Research Excellence Framework.

The previous annual report outlined CREES' role as a core institution in the national strategy for developing language-based area studies through the Centre for East European Language Based Area Studies (CEELBAS) initiative. Three new CEELBAS-funded PhD students are pursuing their research in CREES and a former CREES PhD student has been appointed as post-doctoral fellow at UCL-SSEES, ensuring that CREES continues to play a central part in the network. Professor Julian Cooper, former CREES Director, is playing a leading part in the campaign for an extension to CEELBAS for the period 2010-2015. On other research-related matters, Tim Haughton and Dave White were both awarded small ESRC grants and the undersigned won an extension to his long-running UK Government project. Tim also took on the role of Chair of the ERI Strategic Management Committee and was instrumental in keeping European area research activities both vital and visible at Birmingham.

CREES teaching programmes continue to develop apace. The Russian Studies programme was recognised through the award to the Russian Language team (Jeremy Morris, Natasha Rulyova, Tanya Lipatova, Jelena Pozdnjakova and Cai Wilkinson) of the CoSS Teaching Excellence Award for 2009 – a tremendous achievement. The European Politics, Society and Economics programme attracted the highest number of undergraduate students in its short history; one of the first cohort to graduate from the programme, Fabian Neuner in 2009, was subsequently elected as President of the University of Birmingham Guild of Students, a great honour for CREES.

Despite ongoing plans for administrative changes in CoSS our veteran administrative team (only the Director is allowed to use that epithet!) Tricia Carr, Marea Arries and Veta Douglas continue to ensure that both staff and students are able to operate in a very well organised and professional environment, and my personal thanks for their good humour and hard work are due.

We were very sorry to see the departure from CREES of Nat Copsey, CEELBAS Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Polish foreign policy from March 2008, but pleased that Nat was appointed Senior Lecturer at Aston University, where he was joined by two former CREES postgraduate students. On a more positive note, Cai Wilkinson joined the department as Lecturer in Russian in time for the 2009-2010 academic year and will no doubt strengthen our research and teaching team even further.

Dr Derek Averre
June 2009

TEACHING

The teaching profile of CREES continued to develop very positively over the period covered by this report. Russian intake remained at a healthy level at 15 FTEs per year. Russian continues to recruit from a diverse selection of Joint Honours programmes. The sharp fall-off competitor institutions have experienced with recruitment on to their post-‘A’ level pathways was not observed in CREES. Feedback from students and the external examiner on the high level of language competency achieved by students continued. In particular, students on their Year Abroad have found their oral skills compared favourably to those from other UK institutions. In addition, the Russian Programme was praised by its graduates in the National Student Survey garnering an 83% approval rating, significantly higher than competitor institutions, with the exception of Oxbridge. The teaching of Russian language was hugely enhanced by the contributions of Cai Wilkinson, Olga Bean and other teachers on temporary or hourly contracts with CREES.

The interdisciplinary degree in European Politics, Society and Economics (EPSE), run collaboratively across the College of Social Sciences and managed by CREES, has steadily increased its annual intake since its creation in 2005. The programme has three pathways, in Economics, Political Science, and Cultural Studies. Students may specialise in one of these areas or choose a general pathway that combines all three. The EPSE course reflects to a certain extent changing undergraduate expectations about undergraduate courses and allows students to tailor their own social science degree from a very wide range of options. In the 2009-10 students will be able to take up the opportunity of studying abroad under the ERASMUS scheme. The large majority of our first generation of graduates found good quality employment prior to completion of the degree. Other students are undertaking further study and some have will take a career break to work in the voluntary sector.

During 2008-9, the MA and MSc programmes were taken by 11 students (7 full-time and 4 part-time). The students came from the UK, Poland, the Czech Republic, France, Korea, Russia, Italy and Hungary. During the year the new module entitled: ‘The Caucasus: History, Culture and Contemporary Politics’ (G9) was successfully delivered by Jeremy Smith and Galina Yemelianova in preparation for launching a new MSc pathway Caucasus and Central Asia in 2009-10.

CONFERENCES AND EXTERNAL PRESENTATIONS

In Birmingham

Dr Richard Connolly made a presentation on ‘The Global Financial-Economic Crisis and the Russian Economy’ at a Security and Conflict Studies Workshop entitled ‘Sources of Insecurity’ in September 2009 and in November he delivered a paper (with Professor Cooper entitled ‘Russia-EU Economic Relations’ at the BASEES-UACES Russia-EU Research Network Conference entitled ‘Russia: A Part of Europe or Apart from Europe’, University of Birmingham, UK, November 2009. In December he gave a paper on ‘The Economic Crisis and the EU’s Eastern Neighbours: Causes and Consequences’ at the Aston Centre for Europe/European Commission Conference on the European Neighbourhood Policy, Aston.

Dr Tim Haughton organized two ERI Cross College seminars at the University of Birmingham:

February: Identity and Inclusion. Among the participants were Steffen Prauser (History), Joanne Sayner (German Studies), Nicola Smith (POLISIS), Martin Trybus (Law), Jutta Vincent (Art History) and Kataryna Wolczuk who spoke on European identities in Ukraine at the Cross-College Seminar ‘Identity and Inclusion’ at the University of Birmingham.

May: The Role of the Past in the Politics of the present. Among the participants were Nat Copsey (CREES), Steffen Prauser (History), Pierre Purseigle (French Studies), Denis Shaw (GEES), Clare Watters (GCfE/Italian Studies) and Tara Windsor (GcfE/German Studies).

Alexandra Prodromidou presented a paper on 'Russian Foreign Energy Policy in the Caspian region' for the Caucasus and Central Asian Group seminars in November.

Dr David White presented a seminar to FCO Chevening Scholars in January 2009 on 'Democracy in Russia' and in November he delivered a talk on 'Political Opposition Strategies in Russia' at the ERI Cross-College Conference on 'Democracy and its Opponents' at the University of Birmingham.

The 2nd Russian Teachers' Group UK Annual Conference was held on Saturday 14 March 2009 in the European Research Institute, organised by Dr Cai Wilkinson.

A conference on 'The Caucasus and Central Asia: Methodological, Cultural and Political Challenges' was held in March 2009.

Adjoint Members

Dr Stefan Bouzarovski delivered a plenary speech on 'Energy Poverty in the European Context: Challenges and Opportunities at the Research/Policy Interface', at the National Energy Action Annual Conference, Birmingham, in September 2008 and with Elton Barker he delivered a *History, Text and Cultural Construction Seminar* entitled 'Network, Relation and Flow in Herodotus' to the Institute of Archaeology and Antiquity, University of Birmingham, in November 2008.

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 who convened and spoke at an international roundtable on 'The Life and Death of the Socialist Economic System' with Richard Connolly; Professor Hanson who spoke on the 'Soviet Economy in 1989' at the Plenary Session on 1989 and also participated in a round-table on 'Studying the Soviet Economy', speaking on 'Information Problems and Methods of Coping with them', Dr Haughton on 'For Business, For Pleasure or For Necessity? National Preference Formation in the Czech and Slovak Republics', Professor Perrie who acted as chair and discussant for a panel on 'Petrine Ideology and Diplomacy: Muscovite and European Perspectives', Dr Yemelianova who organised a panel on 'The Caucasus'.

Maya Atwal presented a paper on 'Exploring the Dialectic between Continuity and Transformation in the Development of the Pro-Regime, Russian, Youth Organisation Nashi', at the SSEES post-graduate conference IN London IN February 2009.

Professor Julian Cooper presented a paper at the CEELBAS conference on 'Science and Innovation Policy in the CIS' in December and in February he made a seminar presentation on 'The Russian Economy and the Global Economic Crisis' at Manchester University. In March he spoke on 'The Russian Economy and the Global Economic Crisis' at a Chatham House seminar and also spoke at the Russia Foundation press briefing prior to the London G20 meeting (Sir Roderic Lyne was also a speaker). In April he was invited to participate in the European Commission-Czech Presidency seminar on 'Policy Towards Russia' and also to give a seminar on 'The Strategic Implications for Russia of the Global Economic Crisis' at the International Institute for Strategic Studies, London. In June he gave a briefing on 'Russia' to

the Japanese External Trade Organisation (JETRO), London and in August he participated in a briefing on ‘Russia of New Supreme Allied Commander Europe (SACEUR)’ at Chatham House.

Larisa Kossyguina presented a paper in June on ‘Social Exclusion as a Process of Negotiation: Migrants in the Receiving Society’, at the University of Nottingham’s Enquire conference on ‘Stories of Migration: Research, Theories and Everyday Lives’.

Professor Maureen Perrie gave a talk, entitled ‘Ivan the Terrible, Stalin and Eisenstein: the Reinvention of the Russian Past’, to the Russian Research Seminar, University of Edinburgh, on 27 November 2008.

Dr White gave a presentation on ‘One-Party Dominant Regimes: A Framework for Conceptualising Opposition Strategies in Russia’ at the Political Studies Association Conference at the University of Manchester in April 2009.

Dr Wolczuk spoke at the seminar on economic and political implications of Ukraine’s economic crisis at the International Institute for Strategic Studies in London in April and in May she gave a paper on the European Neighbourhood Policy and Ukraine at the conference entitled ‘A Clash of Agendas: EU Policy in the Black Sea Region’ at the University of Leicester. The chapter based on the conference paper will be published in an edited volume on the Black Sea Region in the summer of 2010.

Dr Yemelianova was an invited guest-speaker at the International Institute of Strategic Studies, London in June where she made a presentation on ‘Factors of Islamic Radicalisation in the North Caucasus’.

Honorary Senior Research Fellows

Professor Mike Bradshaw delivered a paper entitled ‘The Kremlin, National Champions and the Supermajors: Foreign Investment in the Russian Oil and Gas Industry’ at the conference on ‘The New Geopolitics of Energy: Russia, China and the West and the Quest for Energy Security’ at the ISGG Saturday School, Birkbeck College, London in February and in June he gave a talk on ‘Introduction: Re-Thinking Energy Security’ at the Russia and the Challenge of Energy Security in the European Union Series, Russia and Eurasia Programme, Chatham House, London. In August he made a presentation on ‘The Geography of Development and the World Development Report 2009: Reshaping Economic Geography’, at the RGS-IBG International Conference in Manchester and in September he gave a talk on ‘Russia’s Energy Relations with Asia: Should Europe be worried?’ at the ‘Russia and the World Today’ Day School at Oxford University Department of Continuing Education.

Dr Linda Edmondson gave a talk entitled, “*La Damnation de Faust* in Russia”, to the Berlioz Society at a weekend meeting on *La Damnation de Faust*, held at the Arts Workers Guild, London, in November 2008.

Professor Philip Hanson acted as a Russia-CIS panel member and spoke on ‘Russian Economic Performance and Prospects’ at the Oxford Analytica International Outlook Conference, Christ Church, Oxford, in September 2009. In November he delivered a seminar paper entitled ‘Foreign Investment in Russia (and Russian Investment Abroad)’ for the economics of transition seminar at St Antony’s College, Oxford.

Mike Pushkin was invited to speak on ‘Andrei Voznesensky: the Man and the Poet’ to the Kent and Sussex Poetry Society, Tunbridge Wells on 15 September 2009

Associate Members

Dr Stefan Bouzarovski gave a keynote presentation on ‘Entangled Boundaries, Scales and Trajectories of Post-Communist Energy Reforms’, at the Annual Symposium of the Economic Geography Research Group of the RGS-IBG, Queen Mary, University of London IN May and in August he spoke (with Elton Barker and Leif Isaksen) on ‘Herodotus Encoded Space-Text-Imaging Archive’ at the Digital Classicist/ICS Work in Progress Seminar at the Centre for Computing in the Humanities, King's College, London.

Overseas

Dr Derek Averre gave a talk on ‘Searching for an Optimal EU-Russia Institutional Arrangement CEGS’ in Vilnius in December 2008. In June he gave a presentation on ‘Prospects for the Eastern Partnership: Russia’ at the Wider Europe conference in Bratislava and later that month he spoke on ‘US-Europe-Russia Security Relations: Towards a New Compact?’ at the Transatlantic Security Symposium in Rome. In September he presented a paper on ‘The Future of the EU-Russia “Strategic Partnership”: Some Security Considerations’ at the UACES Annual Conference in Angers.

Dr Connolly presented a paper entitled ‘Economic Structure and Social-Order Development in Post-Socialist Europe’ at the International Conference on ‘Social Market Economies’ in Zwickau, Germany in November 2008.

Professor Cooper delivered a seminar on ‘The Russian Economy and the Global Economic Crisis’ at the NATO Defence College in Rome.

Dr Houghton delivered a talk on ‘For Business, For Pleasure or For Necessity? National Preference Formation in the New EU Member States’ at the Center for European Studies, Harvard University in October 2008 and at the Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown University, Providence, USA in December 2008. In November he spoke on ‘Driver, Conductor or Fellow Passenger? The EU and Party Politics in Central and Eastern Europe’ at Brandeis University and in May he gave a presentation on ‘Preferences, Presidencies and Vulnerabilities: Slovakia, Slovenia and the Czech Republic’s Choices for Europe’ at the Enlargement Five Years After Conference at the CEU, Budapest. In September he spoke on ‘Vulnerabilities, Accession Hangovers and the Presidency Role: Slovakia, Slovenia and the Czech Republic’s Choices for Europe’ at the UACES Conference in Angers, France.

Ms Ingerid Opdahl, postgraduate student, delivered an invited lecture on ‘Conflicts and Conflict Lines in the South Caucasus’, at an Executive course at the Norwegian Defence University College in February 2009.

Professor Perrie presented a paper (in Russian) on ‘Seventeenth-Century Pretenders and the Issue of the Legitimacy of the Ruling Tsar’ at a one-day International Seminar on ‘Pretenders and the Pretender Phenomenon in Russia in the Sixteenth to Eighteenth Centuries’, organised by the Centre for Russian Studies at the Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, Hungary, on 25 May 2009. In June she presented a paper (in Russian) on ‘The Symbolism of the “Royal Marks” of Russian Pretenders of the Seventeenth to Nineteenth Centuries’ at a Plenary Session of the International Conference on ‘Supreme Power, Elite and Society in Russia, from the Fourteenth to the First Half of the Nineteenth Centuries’, jointly organised by the Institute of General History of the Russian Academy of Sciences and the Moscow Kremlin Museum, and held in the Patriarch’s Palace of the Moscow Kremlin.

Alexandra Prodromidou presented a paper on ‘Energy and Foreign Policy: The Domestic Environment of Russian Foreign Energy Policy Making in the Caspian Region’ at the 11th European Society of Central Asian Studies conference in September 2009, CEU, Budapest, Hungary.

Kataryna Wolczuk gave presentation on Ukraine and Belarus’ relations with the EU and Russia as part of the panel ‘Is there a Third Way for Ukraine and Belarus?’ during the Economic Forum in Krynica, Poland in September 2008 and in December she spoke on perspective for reforms in Ukraine at the conference ‘Ukraine as a partner for the Eastern Policy of Poland and Germany’ in Warsaw. In February she delivered a presentation on ‘Ukraine and Europe: A Quest for Inclusion’ at the conference ‘At the Gates of Europe’ at the Centre for Contemporary Culture in Barcelona and in May 2009, Kataryna Wolczuk was invited to speak at two overseas conferences. At the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI) she spoke on Ukraine’s policy towards the EU during the conference entitled ‘Ukraine: at Centre Stage with or Without Europe’. Then at the Jackson School of International Relations, she delivered a paper on the application of EU conditionality vis-à-vis Ukraine after the Orange Revolution during a conference entitled ‘Europe’s Near Abroad: the Future of the Black Sea Region’. During the same month, she also participated in the conference ‘Bringing the Policy Back in: A Substantive Agenda for the New Union’ at the University of Birmingham where she spoke on EU’s strategy towards the post-Soviet states.

On 26 June 2009 Dr Yemelianova spoke, as a guest-speaker on ‘Islamic Radicalism in Central Asia’, at the 71st Rose-Roth Seminar at the NATO Parliamentary Assembly in Astana, Kazakhstan, which was attended by members of Parliaments and Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the NATO countries, as well as Russia, Afghanistan, Pakistan and countries of Central Asia.

Honorary Senior Research Fellows

Professor Bradshaw presented a paper on ‘Natural Gas in Asia’ at the 12th Sakhalin Oil and Gas Conference in Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk, Russia in October 2008 (and Chaired the Session on Energy Security). In January he spoke at the ‘Recession and Recovery Scenarios Review Workshop’ organised by Shell International in Den Haag, Netherlands and in September he gave a presentation on ‘Energy Strategy and Energy Security in Europe’ at the Southeast Europe and EU: Leadership Programme held at the College of Europe, Neuhardenberg, Germany. Later that month he gave a briefing on ‘Geographical Dimensions of Russia’s Resource Abundance’ to the US Department of State, (supported by the Kennan Institute), Washington DC.

Professor Hanson presented a paper on Foreign Direct Investment in and out of Russia’ at the Finnish-Russian Colloquium on Economic Cooperation, ETLA, Helsinki, in October 2009 and also spoke on ‘The Rule of Law in Russia: The Case of Corporate Raiding’ at the CRCE Colloquium on ‘The Rule of Law in the Market Economy,’ Preddvor, Slovenia. In November he made a presentation on ‘Energy and the Russian Economy’ at a conference on ‘Energy Challenges in Northern Europe’ at Turku School of Economics, Turku Finland and in December he acted as a Russia-CIS Panel member, speaking on ‘Russian Economic Performance and Prospects’ at the Oxford Analytica International Outlook Conference, Ritz Carlton Millennium, Singapore.

Adjoint Members

Dr Stefan Bouzarovski delivered a Keynote lecture on ‘Energy Poverty in Eastern Europe’, at the Symposium on ‘Affordability of Basic Public Utilities: Regulation and Poverty Policies’ at the European University Institute School of Regulation, Florence in October 2008 and in

January he gave a talk on 'Ukryte obszary energetycznego ubóstwa we Wschodniej i Środkowej Europie' ['The Hidden Spaces of Energy Poverty in Eastern and Central Europe'] at the Faculty of Geography and Regional Studies in Warsaw. In March he gave a presentation (with Joseph Salukvadze and Michael Gentile) on 'Post-Socialist Household Strategies Frozen in Space: Vertical Building Extensions in the Urban Landscapes of Skopje and Tbilisi' at the *AAG Annual Meeting* in Boston, Massachusetts. In May he gave a seminar presentation on 'Flexibility and Its Others: Diverse Articulations of Housing Dynamism in Post-Communist Inner-City Districts' to the Geography Section, Faculty of Science, Charles University, Prague and in June he spoke on 'Thinking Beyond the Material: The Discursive Production of Post-Communist Urban Space', Annual Meeting of the European Network of Housing Researchers, Prague, 28th June - July 2009.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Dr Averre continued to serve as a consulting board member of the International Working Group - Transitions Initiative, Landau Network Centro Volta, Como, Italy.

Professor Cooper continued to act as Director of the Centre for East European Language Based Area Studies (CEELBAS) at Birmingham and also as 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 serve as an Associate Editor of *Eurasian Geography and Economics*, as a member of the editorial board of the Routledge Russian and East European Studies series and as a member of the International Scientific Board of the electronic journal *Power Institutions in Post-Soviet Societies*.

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 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 served as a member of *Eurasian Geography and Economics* and continued to serve as a member of the Editorial Board of *Post-Communist Economies*.

Dr Haughton acted as Joint Editor (with Nathaniel Copsey) of the *Journal of Common Market Studies Annual Review of the European Union*. He also continued to serve as a member of the International Advisory Board of *International Issues and Slovak Foreign Policy Affairs* and as a member of the Editorial Advisory Board of *The Central European Political Science Review*. He also continued to act as External Examiner for the MA Programme at SSEES, University College London.

Dr Ilić continued to serve as a member of the National Advisory Board for Europe-Asia Studies.

Dr Kaneff is an Associate member of the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle, Germany. She continued to serve as a member of the Editorial Board of *Ethnologia Balkanica*, a journal for Southeast European Anthropology and joined the Editorial Board of *Bulgarska Ethnologia (Bulgarian Ethnology)*

Jeremy Morris continued working as External Examiner at the University of the West of England. He was also appointed Chair of the CEELBAS language committee, responsible for disbursing funds of around £100,000 over the lifetime of CEELBAS.

Professor Perrie continues to serve as a judge for the Alexander Nove Prize until 2010.

Michael Pushkin has served as Russian Tutor at the Department of Vocal and Operatic Studies, Birmingham Conservatoire, and as Visiting Lecturer at the Department of Russian and Slavonic Studies, University of Nottingham, since September 2005, and as External Examiner at the Department of Slavonic Studies, University of Cambridge, since 2006.

Dr Whitmore served as a member of the Editorial Board for Soviet and Post-Soviet Studies, Ibidem Verlag.

Cai Wilkinson continued to serve as a member of the Russian Teachers' Group UK Committee.

Dr Wolczuk continued to act as a Member of the Advisory Board of the East European Studies Distance Learning Programme, the Free University Berlin and as a member of the Advisory Board for the Changing Europe book series. She also continued to serve as an international referee for the annual Changing Europe Summer Schools organised by the University of Bremen and as a Member of the Advisory Board of the Polish-American-Ukrainian Cooperation Initiative (PAUCI) Warsaw, Kyiv.

Dr Yemelianova has continued to serve as a member of the National Advisory Board of the journal Europe-Asia Studies. Since March 2007 Dr Yemelianova has been a member of the Editorial Board of the Journal The World of Eurasia, Institute of Humanities, Republic of Bashkortostan, Russia.

Adjoint Members

Dr Stefan Buzarovski edited a special issue of *GeoJournal on Landscapes of Flexibility*.

Dr Shaw continued to serve as a member of the Editorial Boards of Eurasian Geography and Economics, and Teaching in Higher Education.

RESEARCH

History

Professor Perrie continued to work on royal pretenders (samozvantsy) in pre-revolutionary Russia, and wrote a number of articles and seminar and conference papers on aspects of this topic.

Honorary Senior Research Fellows

Professor R W Davies continued his work for volume six of *The Industrialisation of Soviet Russia*, dealing with Soviet economic development between 1934 and 1939: he completed a draft section of the book on industrial progress during this period. Together with Professor Wheatcroft, he is now examining the role of agriculture in the economy during the very poor harvest of 1936 and the good harvest of 1937.

Davies and Wheatcroft have published a paperback edition of *The Years of Hunger*, which includes a new preface on recent controversies, particularly dealing with the rival views of some Russian and Ukrainian historians about the famine of 1931-33.

Davies also completed a survey of recent Russian and western work on Soviet economic history (see Publications).

Linda Edmondson continued her work on Russian musical life in the 19th and early 20th centuries. She is focusing on the reception of western music in Russia, particularly that of Hector Berlioz. She is also investigating the ways in which Ivan Turgenev used musical references and his portrayal of musicians in his fiction. She has also returned to earlier research on women and gender in Russian history and culture.

Economics

Dr Connolly has been serving as CEELBAS Research Fellow since March 2009. During this time he has worked on three main areas. First, he completed his PhD which was awarded in December 2009. Second, he has researched the effects of the ongoing global financial-economic crisis and its effects on the post-socialist region. This has resulted in two publications. The first, with the Bank of Finland, highlighted the financial vulnerabilities of the economies of the region. The second, published in an on-line newsletter aimed at policy makers and journalists (Russian Analytical Digest) assessed the effects of the crisis on the financial stability of the Russian federation. The third area of research with which Richard is concerned relates to the development of high-technology and knowledge-based industries in Emerging Europe. During the past year, Richard has conducted an extensive literature review, constructed an extensive trade and production database, and has carried out a series of econometric tests on his data. This has laid the foundations for a number of publications over the course of 2010-11. These publications focus on issues of structural transformation in the Western Balkans, Russia and Emerging Europe more generally.

During the year Professor Cooper's research focused on the Russian economy, the impact on it of the global financial-economic crisis, and prospects for the diversification of the economy towards more knowledge-based development. Work continued on monitoring military economic developments and the state of Russia's R&D and innovation system.

Philip Hanson has worked mainly on the behaviour of the Russian economy during the global crisis and on post-crisis growth potential. Noting that the scale of economic decline in Russia was larger than in other large, emerging markets and in other oil exporters, he has advanced hypotheses to account for this, in which the poor business environment in Russia and the use of offshore holding companies by Russian firms operate on activity levels in a downturn through changes in inventory levels. He has also continued to work on outward foreign direct investment (OFDI) from Russia, and why it has held up better during the crisis than inward FDI.

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 advising government officials.

Politics and Security Studies

Stephen Aris successfully completed his PhD thesis entitled 'The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation and security in Central Asia'.

Maya Atwal, postgraduate student, continues to make good progress with her thesis entitled 'Investigating the Democratic Effects of State-Sponsored Youth Participation in Russia: Nashi and the Young Guard of United Russia' and has managed to combine this with some undergraduate teaching at Aston, UCL and Birkbeck. She is expected to submit her thesis in 2010. In 2009 she presented at two conferences (see Elsewhere).

Dr Averre continued his research into Russian foreign and security policy and arms control/non-proliferation issues, making numerous conference and seminar presentations on these topics and contributing written evidence to the House of Commons Foreign Affairs Committee inquiry into 'Global Security: Non-Proliferation'. He contributed to activities of the Centre for Studies in Security and Diplomacy at the University of Birmingham.

Sorin Denca made good progress on his PhD thesis entitled 'European Integration and Foreign Policy in Central and Eastern Europe' and is on target to complete at the end of the summer 2010.

Dr Haughton's research has followed four main themes. Firstly, he has continued to examine the intricacies and complexities of Czech and Slovak party politics. Secondly, along with a number of colleagues he examined the impact of EU membership on party politics in Central and Eastern Europe which has resulted in a special issue of the *Journal of Communist Studies and Transition Politics* which he edited and was published in December 2009 (to be reprinted as a book by Routledge in August 2010). Thirdly, with Kevin Deegan-Krause (Wayne State University) he is examining the use of populist appeals by parties in Central and Eastern Europe. Fourthly, he spent much of the 2008-9 academic year working on an ESRC-funded project, *Preference Formation in the New EU Member States: Slovenia, Slovakia and the Czech Republic*, which has already yielded publications in the *Journal of Common Market Studies* and *Europe-Asia Studies* with more in the pipeline.

In January 2009 Victoria Hudson commenced a CEELBAS funded PhD project on the topic of Russia's development of 'soft power' in its foreign policy. Good progress in researching this nascent topic has been made, and an initial fieldwork trip to Ukraine is being planned for the January 2009 elections there.

Dr Sean Roberts, postgraduate student, submitted his thesis in October and has since been teaching Soviet and Russian politics at the University of Leicester. Sean presented a paper on United Russia at the CREES annual conference.

Aglaya Snetkov, postgraduate student, is now well on the way to completing the first draft of the thesis. The thesis, entitled 'Russian official discourse on Chechnya', will be submitted in 2010.

Dr White's ESRC-funded two-year project, 'The future of political opposition in Russia's managed democracy', commenced in March 2009. The research will build on earlier work on the liberal opposition and will be of a comparative nature, drawing on literature relating to one party dominant regimes.

Dr Wilkinson completed her doctoral thesis, entitled 'Interpreting Security: Grounding the Copenhagen School in Kyrgyzstan' at the end of May and successfully defended it on July 14, 2009. In addition, she has contributed to two forthcoming book projects, writing chapters on international agency in Kyrgyzstan and the context-sensitive application of securitization to fieldwork-based studies.

During the period under report Dr Yemelianova completed her book "Radical Islam in the former Soviet Union", based on her finding within the Nuffield Foundation-funded project on Islamic radicalisation in the former USSR. The book was published in January 2010.

In March 2009 Dr Yemelianova was awarded a grant of £4,990 from the CEELBAS (Centre for East European Language-Based Studies) and a grant of £2,391 from the ASSC-seed corn fund of the College of Social Sciences for organization of the international multi-disciplinary conference entitled 'The Caucasus and Central Asia: Theoretical, Cultural and Political

Challenges' at the University of Birmingham, 3-4 July 2009. The Conference, which attracted over 60 participants, was a founding conference for the University of Birmingham Research Group on the Caucasus and Central Asia. The conference contributed to advancing the Caucasus and Central Asia studies and to turning the University of Birmingham into a centre of expertise on the region.

In August and September 2009 Dr Yemelianova (principal applicant), together with Kazakh colleagues, worked on the British Council funding application for Strategic Partnership between the University of Birmingham and the Kazakh-British Technical University for the duration of three years, budget of £44, 956. The application was submitted on 8 October 2009. From September 2009 Dr Yemelianova, together with Dr Smith, introduced a new MSc Pathway on the Caucasus and Central Asia which includes modules on (1) The Caucasus, The History, Culture and Contemporary Politics, (2) Nationalism, Ethnicity and Religion in the post-Soviet Caucasus and Central Asia and (3) Central Asia: Islam, Nationalism and Globalisation.

Honorary Research Fellows

In between maternity leaves, Dr Sarah Whitmore completed work on her ESRC project 'Parliamentary Oversight in Ukraine and Russia', submitting the project final report and writing an article on the Russian case 'Watchdogs or Showdogs? What was the point of parliamentary oversight in Putin's Russia', which was presented at the PSA Legislative Studies Group conference in June 2009.

Sociology and Anthropology

Kathryn Cassidy has been writing up her thesis on 'Region and Identity: A study of everyday discourse and practice in Bukovyna' and she has already produced drafts of several of her chapters. In addition she has won a Marie Curie 6 month fellowship which will allow her to carry out further fieldwork and to spend a number of months at University institutions in Romania.

Dr Deema Kaneff's research interests include (1) Migration of British citizens to Bulgaria; (2) Poverty and migration in Europe and (3) Marginal spaces and the global economy. This year research publication activities have been largely focussed on the submission of an edited volume on poverty and migration. To this end a contract with Anthem Press was won earlier this year and since then the editorial work surrounding this volume, including the writing of the Introduction to the volume, have been at the focus of publication activity. Delivery date is January 2010. Some progress has also been made on a journal paper and on a co-authored book. In addition preparations are well underway for the submission of two research grants (relating to topics number 1 and 3 above).

Larisa Kossyguina passed her viva on 1 July 2009 for her PhD thesis entitled 'The Russian Migration Regime and Migrants' Experiences: the Case of Non-Russian Nationals from Former Soviet-Republics'.

Michael Rasell has completed a draft of his PhD thesis entitled 'Disability, Well-Being and the Welfare State in Russia' and is presently redrafting parts in preparation for submitting his thesis in early 2010. In addition he won a fellowship at the Wissenschaftszentrum in Berlin and during this time he has also visited the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, in Halle.

Geography

Adjoint Members

Dr Stefan Bouzarovski's research interests revolve around the socio-economic, environmental and political aspects of energy production, transport and consumption (especially energy equity, security of supply and energy pipelines). He is also interested in post-socialist and post-industrial urban geography, as well as the spatial expression and representation of flows and networks. His work is focussed on Central, Eastern and Southern Europe. Most of his research activities over the past year have taken place under the auspices of the international project on 'Energy policy risks and spatial development in Central and Eastern Europe' which he co-ordinates. A number of articles coming out of the project have been accepted for publication in peer-reviewed geography, urban studies and energy journals. He is currently working on several co-authored papers on the geographies of energy and local public participation in Central Eastern Europe, as well as a research monograph on the changing nature of urban residential space in the region.

Russian Language, Literature and Music

Mike Berry has continued the revision of the Basic Course of the Birmingham University Reading Course in Russian for Social Scientist. Work on Part II (Lessons 26-50) is nearing completion. This has involved providing some new texts on the post-soviet period including some on topics such as International Relations which were underrepresented in the previous edition. New exercises have been provided in many of the lessons.

Dr Jeremy Morris worked on chapters for edited books he was invited to contribute to by US and British Russian Studies colleagues (see publications list, one publication due 2010). These were on the topic of Popular Culture and the Media in Russia. During study leave in Semester 1 of 2008 he worked on his monograph, completing two chapters of what will eventually be the first study of the Russian writer Evgeny Popov. He also received three grants from CEELBAS to work on curriculum development for Russian post-grad teaching. These grants were for work with Cai Wilkinson and Mike Berry.

EXTERNAL GRANTS

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Two One-day workshops on 'New Media and Society: Re-Imagining Politics and Social Practices in the Information Age. £5000, CEELBAS, March-May 2010, Principal Investigator: Dr Natalia Rulyova

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There were no new publications this year.

THESES AND DISSERTATIONS**Completed**

- S Aris The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation and security in Central Asia (PhD; supervisor DL Averre)
- R Connolly Economic Structure and Political Outcomes in Post-Communist Europe (PhD; supervisors TJ Haughton and JM Cooper)
- R Hornsby ‘Protest and Dissent in the Khrushchev Era, From the Secret Speech to Sinyavsky and Daniel’ (PhD; co-supervisors JR Smith, M Ilić and A Titov)
- L Kossyguina ‘The Russian Migration Regime and Migrants' Experiences: the Case of Non-Russian Nationals from Former Soviet-Republics’ (PhD; co-supervisors HA Pilkington and D Kaneff)
- S Roberts ‘Dominant Power Politics and ‘Virtual’ Party Hegemony: The role of United Russia in the Putin Period’ (PhD; supervisor DJ White)
- L Scarpitta ‘The Impact of the EU's Accession Conditionality on the Framing of Justice and Home Affairs Policies in Post-Communist Romania’ (PhD; co-supervisors TJ Haughton and SO Green)
- M Skrybant ‘The Relationship between Workers and Intellectuals in Poland 1976-1982/3’ (PhD; Co-supervisors Jeremy Smith and TJ Haughton)
- C Wilkinson ‘‘Interpreting Security: Grounding the Copenhagen School in Kyrgyzstan’ (PhD; supervisor DL Averre)
- M Yasuda ‘Russia’s WTO Accession and the Impact on Regional Economies’ (PhD; supervisor JM Cooper)

In Preparation

- J Andy ‘The Role of the Military in Soviet Politics, 1953-1964’ (PhD; co-supervisors JR Smith and M Ilić)
- M Atwal ‘Investigating the Democratic Effects of State-Sponsored in Russia: Nashi and the Young Guard of United Russia; (PhD; supervisor DJ White)
- O Barbullushi ‘Under the Gaze of Europe: Albanian Foreign Policy in the Post-Communist Era’ (PhD; co-supervisors TJ Haughton, K Wolczuk)
- K Cassidy ‘Understanding Post-Socialist Bukovyna: Economic Survival tactics in the Ukrainian-Romanian Borderlands’ (PhD; co-supervisors D Kaneff and K Wolczuk)
- S Denca ‘European Integration and Foreign Policy in Central and Eastern Europe’ (PhD; co-supervisors DL Averre and N Copsy)

- A Duda ‘When “It’s time” to say “enough!” Youth Activism before and during the Rose and Orange Revolutions in Georgia and Ukraine (PhD; co-supervisors K Wolczuk and DJ White)
- M Frear ‘Political Change in Independent Belarus’ (PhD; co-supervisors K Wolczuk and DJ White)
- T Gladkikh ‘Erosion of National Identity? The Role of the International Business Environment in Shaping the National Identities of Russian and British Business People’ (PhD; supervisor JM Cooper)
- E Gyulazyan ‘Caucasian Diplomacy: its Essence, Implications and Interrelation with Security in Europe’ (PhD; co-supervisors DL Averre and JR Smith)
- K Hoffman ‘Capabilities of Regional integration in the Post-soviet Space’ (PhD; supervisor JM Cooper)
- V Hudson ‘Soft Power as a Tool of Russian Foreign Policy’ (PhD; co-supervisors DL Averre and NE Rulyova)
- D Ionescu ‘Weakness of the EU Evaluation of a Candidate: Lessons to be Learned from the Bulgarian/Romanian Experience’ (PhD; supervisor TJ Haughton)
- D Leitch ‘The Role of International Advice and Assistance in the Reform of Urban and Regional Policy in Ukraine and Moldova’ (PhD; supervisor K Wolczuk)
- I Opdahl ‘Energy in Russian Foreign Policy in the CIS Under Putin’ (PhD; supervisor JM Cooper)
- A Prodromidou ‘Russian Energy Elites, Energy Politics and Russian Foreign Energy Policy in the Caspian’ (PhD, co-supervisors DL Averre and JM Cooper)
- M Rasell ‘Disability, Well-being and the Welfare State in Contemporary Russia’ (PhD; co-supervisors JM Cooper and D Kaneff)
- E Sleptsova ‘Ukrainian Foreign Trade: Integration with the EU’ (PhD; Co-Supervisors JM Cooper and K Wolczuk)
- A Snetkov ‘From Weak to Strong – The Evolution of Russian Security Conceptions and State Identity Under Putin: A Case Study of Russian Official Discourse on Chechnya 1999-2009’ (PhD; Co-supervisors DJ White)

SEMINARS

The Birmingham Russian History Seminars on ‘*Russian Political Thought*’ funded by CEELBAS

November 2008

Erik van Ree (University of Amsterdam) ‘*Socialism in one country*’ and the myth of ‘*World Revolution*’ in *Socialist Thought*

Discussant: Christopher Read (Warwick)

January 2009

Derek Offord (Bristol) *Conceptions of the People in Nineteenth-Century Russian Thought*
 Discussant: Maureen Perrie (Birmingham)

Current Affairs Seminar

The following meetings took place, organised by David White.

October 2008

Professor Julian Cooper (CREES) 'The Russia-Georgia Five-Day War: Causes, Costs and Consequences'

Jeremy Smith (CREES) 'Saakashvili's Folly and the Weight of Georgia's Ambiguous Past'

Speaker: Mike Bradshaw (Leicester) 'The Kremlin, State Champions and the Supermajors: the Politics of Foreign Investment in the Russian Oil and Gas Industry'

Speaker: Matthew Frear (CREES) 'Bombs, Boycotts and Ballot Boxes: Belarusian Parliamentary Elections 2008'

Speaker: Judy Batt (CREES) 'The Western Balkans on the Road to the EU: an Overview'

November 2008

Speaker: Erica Richardson (London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine) 'Health Care Reform in Georgia: Can Markets Work Miracles?'

Speaker: Maya Atwal (CREES) 'The Pro-Kremlin Youth Group, Nashi: Post-Election Future and Democratic Effects?'

Speaker: Martin Smith (Royal Military Academy Sandhurst) 'NATO-Russia Relations: Will the Future Resemble the Past?'

Speaker: Professor Julian Cooper (CREES) 'The Russian Economy and the World Financial Crisis'

December 2008

Speaker: Ulrike Ziemer (CREES) 'Russians are the Good Ones': Armenian Youth Between Social Exclusion and Inclusion in Southern Russia'

January 2009

Speaker: Tim Haughton (CREES) 'Too Few Es? Sweetening the European Pill and the Czech EU Presidency'

Speaker: Dr Ann Kennard (UWE) 'The Balkans Peace Park Project: a Vehicle for Cultural Survival in a Border Region of Former Conflict'

Speaker: Richard Connolly (CREES) 'The Next Phase of the Crisis? Financial Vulnerabilities in Emerging Europe'

February 2009

Speaker: David White (CREES) ‘Scheming, Splits and Sell-Outs: Another Bad year for Russia's Democratic Opposition’

Speaker: Robert Nalbandov (St Andrews) ‘Logic of Appropriateness and Logic of Expected Consequences: A Battle or a Synergy? The Case of Georgian Conflicts’

Speaker: Mark Harrison (Warwick) ‘The Frequency of Wars has been Rising since 1870: Should we worry? What should we do?’

March 2009

Speaker: Judy Batt (CREES/CSSD) ‘Bosnia-Herzegovina - the Protectorate in Crisis’

Speaker: Mark Bassin (GEES) ‘Lev Gumilev and the Ecology of Ethnicity’

Speaker: Derek Averre (CREES) ‘From Priština to Tskhinvali: Ten Years after Operation Allied Force’

Speaker: Stephen Fortescue (University of New South Wales) ‘The Russian Policy Process during the Medvedev Presidency’

May 2009

Speaker: Tim Haughton (CREES) ‘Small Alpine Republic or Just a Remnant of Yugoslavia? Slovenia’s Choices for Europe’

Russian Films

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

Russian Television

In 2007-8 the Centre received RTR Planeta and ORT. A number of other East European channels can also be received

OTHER PUBLIC OUTPUT

Dr Averre gave an interview to SKY TV and several interviews with radio and print media.

Dr Bouzarovski gave an interview for Radio Free Europe on the subject of energy security in Europe and Russia. Since its publication on the web on the 23rd of May, the interview was carried by more than a dozen different internet news services specialising in energy issues, and was discussed on various blogs.

Professor Hanson wrote 11 briefs for clients of Oxford Analytica and was quoted on numerous occasions by *Rosbizneskonsul't* (Moscow) and *Dziennik* (Warsaw)

Dr Haughton continued his on-going consultation with The Foreign and Commonwealth Office and the US State Department including a presentation at the State Department on ‘Prospects for the Czech EU Presidency’, US State Department, Washington DC on 18 December 2008.

Larisa Kossyguina contributed to the organisation of the filming of a video about research activity undertaken by the University of Birmingham in the area of migration studies (the ESRC Festival of Social Science 2009). The film can be viewed at <http://www.birmingham.bham.ac.uk/new.shtml>

Ingerid Opdahl gave the following interviews for Norwegian newspapers:

Dagens Næringsliv, 7 November 2008, “Må dempe stormaktsambisjoner [Will have to reduce great power ambitions]”, interview.

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She also gave contributed to a radio discussion on ‘Georgia One Year On’ to the Norwegian Broadcasting Corporation, Programme 2, Dagsnytt Atten, on 6 August 2009.

Dr Wilkinson gave an interview for Radio Netherlands ‘Newline’ about the Kyrgyz government’s decision to order the closure of the US airbase Manas on 19 February 2009.

Dr Wolczuk gave lectures on internal developments and foreign policies of Ukraine and Belarus to Belgian civil servants, judges and military personnel during a training course organised by the Royal Institute of International Affairs in Brussels in September 2008 and 2009. She also gave numerous interviews to the BBC and international media on political developments and foreign policy of Ukraine as well as historical disputes in Polish-Russian relations.

ANNUAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE

St Catharine’s Foundation Lecture by Guest Speaker: Mr Miroslav Lajcak (Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic) spoke on “Russia, Eastern Europe and Western Balkans: Parts of European Solutions?”

Roundtable on How and Why does the Communist Past Influence Contemporary Politics?

Chair: Dave White (CREES)

Nat Copsey (CREES), Judy Batt (CREES) and Tim Haughton (CREES).

Split session

a) Orientalism and Russian Identity in the 20th Century

Chair: Tim Haughton (CREES)

Mark Bassin (Birmingham-GEES): ‘Is there Room for Russia in Eurasia?: The Ethno-National Dilemma of Neo-Eurasianism’

Vera Tolz (Manchester): ‘Post-Colonial Scholarship as a ‘Descendant’ of Russian Oriental Studies of the Early Twentieth Century’

Galina Yemelianova (CREES): ‘The Discourses of Orientalism and the Legacy of Soviet Oriental Studies’.

b) ‘Power, Participation and Opposition in Russia’

Chair: tbc

David White (CREES): ‘Political Opposition in Russia: a Comparative Perspective’

Maya Atwal (CREES): ‘Power, Patronage and Participation: the Case of ‘Molodaia Gvardiia Yedinoi Rossii’

Sean Roberts (CREES): United Russia

Roundtable on ‘The Global Economic Crisis and its Impact on Russia and Eastern Europe’

Chair: Silvana Malle (University of Verona/CREES)
 Julian Cooper (CREES) ‘Russia’
 Evghenia Sleptsova (CREES) ‘Ukraine’
 Richard Connolly (CREES) ‘The Baltics’
 Svetlana Makarova (SSEES) ‘Central and Eastern Europe’

Split session

a) The Kosovo Question in International Context

Chair: Jeremy Smith (CREES)
 Nino Kemoklidze (CREES): ‘The Kosovo Precedent and the Moral Hazard of Secession’
 Derek Averre (CREES): ‘The Kosovo Question in Russia’s Foreign Policy’
 Odeta Barbullushi (CREES): ‘The Other Albanian or the Neighbour “like us”?’
 Continuities and Discontinuities in Albania’s Kosovo Policy’
 Jelena Obradovic (CREES): ‘Serbian Reactions to Kosovo Independence’

b) Law as an Instrument in the Formation of ‘Otherness’

Chair: Victoria Hudson (CREES)
 Larisa Kosygina (CREES): ‘Construction of the Other through National Law: the Legislative Framework of the Russian Migration Regime and non-Russian Citizens from Former Soviet Republics in Russia’
 Gulara Guliyeva (University of Birmingham): ‘The Latvian Citizenship law as a Mechanism of Exclusion of Russian-Speaking Minorities’
 Egor Fedotov (University of Aberdeen): ‘Explaining the Varying Degrees of International Norm Implementation in Ukraine and Romania: Norms, Politics, and Language Rights’

Energy Panel

Chair: Mike Bradshaw (Leicester)
 Mike Bradshaw (Leicester): ‘The Kremlin, National Champions and the International Oil Companies: The Political Economy of the Russian Oil and Gas Industry’
 Caroline Kuzemko: ‘Russia-UK Energy Relations’
 Ingerid M Opdahl (CREES): ‘Nuclear Power, Electricity, and Russia’s Foreign Policy in the FSU’
 Phil Hanson: The Russian State and the Oil Industry: Ownership or Just Control? (in absentia)

TRAVEL AND VISITS

Visits by Centre Staff, Associate and Honorary Members

Dr Haughton was a Visiting Scholar at the Center for European Studies, Harvard University (Fall Semester).

Dr Kaneff spent August 2009 as a Visiting Fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle, Germany.

Alexandra Prodromidou was a visiting postgraduate researcher at the Higher School of Economics in Moscow during her fieldwork between March-May and September-November 2008. For the second period of fieldwork she received funding from the British Association of Slavonic and East European Studies for postgraduate research activities.

Mike Pushkin visited the Faculty of Foreign Languages and Area Studies, Moscow State University in November as the Dean’s invited guest at the Jubilee to mark the 20th Anniversary of the Faculty and to receive ‘Rector’s Gratitude’ Award.

Visitors to the Centre

In March John McClintock from the European Commission delivered a talk entitled 'The EU's Common Agricultural Policy: Profound Wisdom or Utter Nonsense?'

In May the academic and novelist Professor Vladimir Novikov, Faculty of Journalism, Moscow State University, and his novelist wife Olga Novikova, visited Birmingham and met with colleagues from CREES, as well as with David Lodge.

PRIZES AWARDED TO STUDENTS

The Elisabeth Koutaissoff prize for the best first year undergraduate beginning Russian was won by Charlotte Hamling.

The Baykov Prize for the best second year undergraduate was not awarded this year.

The Konovalov prize for the best final year undergraduate student was awarded to Laura Hills.

The 3rd year EPSE prize was awarded to Fabian Neuner.

The Grayson Prize for the most outstanding postgraduate student taking a Russian Master's degree was awarded to James White.

APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONALIA

Tim Haughton married Tereza Novotna in Prague on 10 July 2009.

David White married Sue on October 2009.

Mike Pushkin was awarded the 'Gratitude of the Rector' from Academician VA Sadovnichii, Rector of Moscow State University: 'For support in many years of collaboration between Birmingham University and Moscow State University and in connection with the 20-th anniversary Jubilee of the Faculty of Foreign Languages and Area Studies', Moscow, 21 November 2008

Lara Scarpitta joined the European Commission Delegation in Bosnia and Herzegovina in November 2008 as a political adviser.

Odetta Barballushi was appointed the Head of the Politics Department at the European University in Tirana.

EPSE finalist, Fabian Neuner, was appointed President of the Guild of Students for 2009-10.