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INTRODUCTION

Sustained excellence is a commonly-heard mantra in the University sector, especially in these austere times. It is a goal for which we should all aim, but it is one few actually achieve. It was therefore a source of great pride for the department, School, College and University that Julian Cooper was bestowed with an OBE in the 2012 Queen's New Year's Honours List. Julian, who has been a loyal member of CREES for over forty years including over a decade as CREES director, has conducted pioneering work into the Soviet and Russian economies, particularly in the defence industry. Moreover, he has played a prominent role in shaping British opinion not just on economic matters, but Russia more broadly. Julian's OBE, however, was not a one off achievement for CREES. Indeed, it follows hard on the heels of an OBE awarded to another former director of the Centre, Phil Hanson.

Whilst it would be presumptuous of us to claim the activities of all members of CREES in the past year merit the award of a gong from the Queen, as this annual report clearly illustrates, we have all been active in striving for excellence in our scholarship. Outgoing CREES director, Derek Averre, who navigated the Centre through significant and difficult institutional change, was awarded another grant from the UK government for research into arms control in the post-Soviet world, meaning by the time the latest grant ends his research will have been funded for twenty-four years in succession. It is hard enough to win grants, but to win a succession of grants from governments in an era of austerity is a truly impressive achievement. Derek was not the only one to have success in winning grants. Kasia Wolczuk won an award under the ESRC's Rising Powers scheme and Jeremy Morris was granted money under the EU's FP7 Marie Curie scheme for research into development policies in the post-socialist world.

With the onset of the Research Excellence Framework, much of British academia has become concerned with the impact of research, but the work of CREES has always had strong policy relevance and is of clear benefit to the user-end community. In the past year, not only have a number of colleagues presented to numerous academic audiences, but we also have all engaged in briefings, presentations and discussions with policymakers from *inter alia* the Ministry of Defence, the Department for International Development, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, the European Parliament, NATO and the US State Department. My personal highlights of the year were presenting on the 2012 parliamentary elections in Slovakia to scholars and the Washington based policy-making community at the Woodrow Wilson Center, and giving a talk on party politics in East-Central Europe at the US State Department's Foreign Service Institute to diplomats about to take up postings in the region.

At the heart of scholarship is publication. Although as the list of publications in this report show, we have all been actively contributing to scholarly debate, I was particularly delighted to see published a special issue of *East European Politics* edited by David White examining Russian party politics which stemmed from a conference David organized a couple of years ago which brought together Britain's foremost experts on party politics in the country, many of whom have a strong CREES connection. Moreover, I am very much looking forward to seeing in print three publications which were completed in the 2011-12 academic year: two special issues of *Europe-Asia Studies*, one on the many faces of the Caucasus edited by Galina Yemelianova and colleagues, the other on new media in post-communist Eastern Europe and Eurasia edited by Jeremy Morris and Natasha Rulyova; and Richard Connolly's monograph stemming from his prize-winning PhD. We are not, however, resting on our laurels. Several articles and books are close to completion from CREES academics including a number from Deema Kaneff on "rural globalization" and development and modernization in Ukraine.

All of the department's achievements are greatly aided by the hard work and dedication of our administrative staff. In 2012 we celebrated 25 years of service given to the department by Marea Arries. Combining Marea's quarter century with CREES with Tricia Carr's association

with the department amounts to an aggregate of no fewer than six decades of service. Although Marea and Tricia have much more on their plate than just administering CREES these days, as the acknowledgements in almost all PhD theses written by CREES students testify, we are all fortunate to have the benefit of their tireless devotion to the cause.

The 2011-12 academic year is a landmark academic year for CREES. Thanks to the recommendations of the University's Europe Review five members of the department, Arfon Rees, Jeremy Morris, Natasha Rulyova, Tanya Lipatova and Jelena Pozdnjakova, have been transferred over to the College of Arts and Law. Although we are very sad they are no longer departmental colleagues, we are delighted that all have been given the status of Associates. We encourage them, all of our associate members, honorary staff, alumni and friends to maintain and strengthen your links with us. This is particularly important as we gear up for 2013 when we mark the 50th anniversary of CREES.

Dr Tim Haughton
Director, CREES
December 2012

CONFERENCES AND EXTERNAL PRESENTATIONS

In Birmingham

Dr Connolly gave a presentation on 'Russia's Accession to the WTO: Implications for Russo-British Trade' at the West Midlands Economic Forum in Birmingham in July.

Professor Cooper gave a seminar presentation as a speaker on Russia on 'In the Shadow of Communism: Transformations, Survivals and Legacies' in November.

Dr White gave a presentation to the British-Russian Society in April on 'Russia's Winter of Protest and Prospects for Putin's Third Term.'

Elsewhere in UK

The British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies (BASEES) Annual Conference, took place at Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge University in March and a number of members of the Centre participated. Dr Connolly presented a paper on 'Obstacles to Investment in Russia: The Role of Intra-Elite Rule of Law'; Dr White delivered a paper on 'Raising the Costs of (Electoral) Authoritarian Rule: the Awakening of Russian Political Opposition?'; and Dr Yemelianova presented a paper on 'Islam, Nationalism and Politics in Contemporary Kazakhstan' at a Roundtable on 'Kazakhstan under President Nazarbayev'.

Dr Averre delivered a paper entitled 'Russia-EU Relations Post-Election' at the University of Edinburgh in February as part of the 'Putin's Russia? A Mid-Election Roundtable' (with Paul Chaisty, St. Anthony's Oxford, and Stephen White, University of Glasgow). In April at the Roundtable on 'EU Foreign Policy' at the London School of Economics, he presented a paper on 'Russia and the EU: Poles Apart?'. Later in April he participated in a roundtable on 'NATO and Russia' at the US Joint Intelligence Operations Center, RAF Molesworth and in July he made a presentation on Russia: Part of a EuroAtlantic or a Eurasian Security Community? at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst.

Dr Connolly made several presentations in May; he spoke on 'The Economic Significance of Russia's Accession to the WTO' at the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London, on

‘Prospects for the Privatisation of the Russian Banking System’ to the Russo-British Chamber of Commerce event in London and on ‘Post-Election Prospects for Russia’ at the Joint British-German Seminar on Russia in London. In June he delivered a paper on ‘Infrastructure and Economic Growth in Emerging Europe’ at an EU-EBRD event at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, London.

In October Dr Connolly made a presentation on ‘WTO Accession and the Russian Economy’ to the UCL Scholar’s Forum, UCL Law School in London and in November he delivered a talk at the Russian Banking Forum in London on ‘The Russian Financial System: External Factors’.

Professor Cooper presented a talk on ‘Customs Union of Russia, Belarus and Kazakhstan’ at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London in January and in May he gave a talk on ‘The Development of the Eurasian Economic Union’ at St Antony’s College, Oxford. In June at a CEELBAS Workshop on ‘Russia’s Skolkovo in Comparative and Historical Context’ at University College London, he delivered a paper on ‘Science-Technology Policy and Innovation in the USSR’ and in July at the Russia Midlands Business Club, Middleton Hall, Warwickshire he spoke on ‘Putin’s Russia’ together with Dr Connolly. Later that month he spoke on ‘Eurasian Economic Integration’ at the Russian Economic Forum (a cross-Whitehall forum, with a TV link to the British Embassy, Moscow), at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in London.

Dr Haughton, together with Fernando Casal Bertoa and Kevin Deegan-Krause gave a paper on ‘Splitting the Difference: New Models for Assessing the Stability and Volatility of Political Party Systems’ at the ‘Elections, Public Opinion and Parties Annual Conference’ at the University of Oxford in September 2012.

Dr Kaneff was invited to give a seminar on ‘Rural-Urban Relations in a Global Context’ at the Department of Social Anthropology, University of St. Andrews, Scotland in November and in January she was invited to speak at a conference on ‘The Economies of Favour after Socialism: A Comparative Perspective’ at Wolfson College, Oxford University where she gave a paper entitled ‘Economies of Favour amongst Local Elite: A Comparison Between Rural Bulgaria and Rural Ukraine’.

Professor Perrie gave a keynote address entitled, ‘Apocalypse and Insurrection: Old Belief among the Don Cossacks in the 1680s’, to the symposium, ‘Visions of the Future: Religion, Apocalypse and Dystopia in Slavic History and Culture’, organised by the BASEES Study Group on Religion and Spirituality in Russia and Eastern Europe, held at the University of Sheffield in October 2011. Later that month she gave a talk entitled, ‘How Terrible was Ivan? The Ever-Changing Reputation of the First Russian Tsar’, to the Oxford University History Society.

In February at a conference on ‘Russian Elections’ at the University of Nottingham Dr White presented a paper on ‘Taking Politics to the Streets: Political Opposition in the Ascendancy in Russia?’

Dr Wolczuk presented a paper on ‘EU’s Law Export to the Eastern Neighbours’ during the UACES Conference, Cambridge, in September 2011 and in December she participated in a seminar entitled *Ukraine 2020: Three Scenarios*, which took place at Chatham House in London. The *Ukraine 2020* report, which was published by the Center for Global Affairs, University of New York, was presented during the seminar. The Report focuses on three possible scenarios for Ukraine’s political development. In March 2012 Dr Wolczuk delivered a seminar on ‘The Customs Union or an Association Agreement? Ukraine’s Dilemmas and Responses’ at the School of Slavonic and East European Studies, University College London and in June she participated in a ‘Ukraine Seminar’ at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office,

London. In September Dr Wolczuk participated in an RAF Molesworth Intelligence V-Table on 'Ukrainian and Georgian Parliamentary Elections' to discuss the elections with the US military intelligence community across the world and later that month she delivered a seminar on 'Ukraine' to the Joint Arms Control Implementation Group (JCIG) as well as NATO officials at RAF Henlow.

Dr Yemelianova gave a presentation on the 'Advance of Area Studies through Partnership between the University of Birmingham and KBTU in March at an International Forum Going Global, QE II Conference Centre, London. She also delivered lectures on 'Islam in Eurasia' within the MA programme on War and Conflict at Kings College London.

Honorary Senior Research Fellows

Professor Hill made a presentation on 'Technology and Trade in the Cold War' to The Great Britain-Russia Society, at Pushkin House, London in October 2011 and in June he delivered a talk on 'Soviet Industrial Technology' to Eton College Slavonic Society, Eton College.

Honorary Research Fellows

Dr John Barber gave a paper on 'The Leningrad Affair Revisited' at the Hoover Archives Workshop, Stanford University in 30 July 2012.

Dr Richardson was invited to give a lecture on 'Health Systems and Community HIV Services: Friends, Competitors or Strangers?' *Action for Global Health Discussions*, International HIV/AIDS Alliance, Brighton in January 2012.

Overseas

Dr Averre presented a paper on 'Russia's and the EU's integration strategies in the shared neighbourhood: conflict or cooperation?' at the conference on 'Deutsche Gesellschaft fuer Aussenpolitik' in Berlin in November 2011. Later that month he co-organised the Second EU – Russia International Conference 'Prospects for a Strategic Partnership' in Brussels (this was a collaborative effort between the Association for International Affairs (AMO), the University of Birmingham (UoB) and the EU-Russia Centre Brussels).

Dr Connolly gave a paper entitled 'State Industrial Policy and the Development of High-Technology Industry in Russia: The Case of Rosnano' at the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in Paris, France in January and in July he presented a report on 'The Economic Significance of Russia's Accession to the WTO,' to the International Trade Committee of the European Parliament in Brussels, Belgium. In September he spoke on 'The Return of State Capitalism in Russia and Post-Socialist Europe' at the CRCE colloquium in Lake Bled, Slovenia. Also in September, Dr Connolly delivered a paper on 'State Industrial Policy and the Development of High-Technology Industry in Russia: The Case of Rosnano' at the MODNORTH Workshop in St. Petersburg, Russia. In November he made a presentation on 'The Role of Large Emerging Economies in the Global Economy,' at the Department of Economics, University of Verona and in December he gave a talk on 'The Economic Significance of Russia's Accession to the WTO,' at a seminar on Russia's Accession to WTO, European Parliament, Brussels, Belgium.

Professor Cooper delivered a seminar paper at the NATO Defense College in Rome on '2020 and Beyond: an Economic Strategy for Post-Crisis Russia'.

Dr Houghton delivered a paper on 'Bucking the Live Fast Die Young Trend: Hardy Perennial Parties in Central and Eastern Europe' at the APSA Annual Conference, Seattle in September

2011 and in November he organised a conference, ‘Motors of Change, Sources of Stability: Party Politics in Central and Eastern Europe’ at the Johns Hopkins University’s School of Advanced International Studies. Participants at this event included Milada Anna Vachudova (UNC, Chapel Hill) and Kevin Deegan-Krause (Wayne State). Together with Kevin Deegan-Krause, he made a presentation at this event on ‘Annuals and Perennials: Explaining the Rise and Fall of Political Parties in Central and Eastern Europe’. At the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Annual Conference in Washington DC in November he presented talks entitled ‘Hungry for More: the Electoral Success of Fidesz and Other Perennials Parties in Central and Eastern Europe’ and ‘Smer: Changing Directions, Same Destination’. At the Council for European Studies’ Conference of Europeanists, Boston in March he delivered presentations on ‘In with the New (Again): “Annuals”, “Perennials” and the Patterns of Party Politics in Central and Eastern Europe’ with Kevin Deegan-Krause and ‘A Law Unto Themselves: Money, Regulation and the Development of Party Politics in the Czech Republic’.

Also in March Dr Haughton gave a talk on ‘EU Enlargement to the East: the Effectiveness of the Carrots and Sticks of Conditionality’ at George Mason University, Virginia; he also spoke on ‘The Gorilla in the Room: the 2012 Parliamentary Elections in Slovakia’ at the Woodrow Wilson Center in Washington DC – this is published at <http://www.wilsoncenter.org/event/the-gorilla-the-room-the-2012-parliamentary-elections-slovakia>. A further seminar was delivered on ‘Political Parties in East-Central Europe’ for the US Department of State’s Foreign Service Institute in Washington DC.

In April at the MPSA Conference in Chicago Dr Haughton presented papers on ‘In with the New (Again): “Annuals”, “Perennials” and the Patterns of Party Politics in Central and Eastern Europe’ and ‘Exit, Voice and Legacy: Explaining the Patterns of Party Politics in Slovakia’. He also organised the Journal of Common Market Studies Annual Review Lecture (delivered by Erik Jones) at the Johns Hopkins University’s School of Advanced International Studies, and spoke on ‘Exit, Voice and Legacy: Explaining the Patterns of Party Politics in Slovakia’ at George Washington University’s Postcommunist Politics and Social Science Workshop. In May Dr Haughton made a presentation on ‘An SUV on a Road to Nowhere? Solidarity, Unanimity and Vulnerability in the European Union’ at the Principal Financial Group Center for Global Citizenship’, Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa. In June he contributed to the workshop ‘A Comprehensive Framework for Understanding Party System Change’, at the ECPR Research Sessions in Florence.

Dr Kaneff presented a paper on ‘Privatising the UK Borders: Human Rights and the British Visa Regime’ in a panel on ‘The Anthropology of Security’ at the EASA Biennial Conference entitled ‘Uncertainty and Disquiet’ in July in Nanterre University, France. In November she was invited to give a lecture at the Centre for the Study of Wider Europe in NUI Maynooth, Ireland on ‘The Market is Far Away’: A Failed Attempt to Incorporate Rural Ukraine into the Global Economy’.

In August 2012, Nino Kemoklidze, postgraduate student presented a paper entitled ‘The Myth of Ethnic Peace? Georgian-Abkhaz Relations in the Post-Stalinist Era’ at a workshop on ‘Georgian Nationalism and Soviet Power: The March 1956 Events in Context’ in Mekkijärvi, Finland and also at a conference on ‘Small Nations Bordering a Great Power: Finland and Georgia Compared’ at the University of Eastern Finland, Joensuu, Finland.

Professor Malle was invited to participate at the Roman Baths VIII Workshop, NATO Defense College in May 2012 and at the Annual Colloquium of CRCE (Centre for Research into Communist Economies) in September in Slovenia where she spoke on ‘State corporatism in Russia: an outline of main features and problems’. Also in September she was invited to give a presentation at the ‘Workshop on Corporatism and Business Cycle’ in Verona.

Dr Wolczuk gave a presentation at the Euro-Atlantic Forum Ukraine and the EU on the Brink of the New Association Agreement: Free Trade, Energy Security and Democracy' in January 2012 in Kyiv. The Forum was organized by the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung and sponsored by a number of international think-tanks. She also participated in an international high-level debate 'Ukraine-EU relations: at the Rubicon' organized by the European Policy Centre (Brussels) and the Ukrainian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Kyiv in May 2012. Also in May, at the invitation of the Representation of the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung in Poland, Dr Wolczuk participated in the discussion of the Eastern Partnership and German foreign policy with the current and former members of the Polish and German parliaments in Warsaw. In June she presented during a seminar 'Analysing the Impact of the EU on Domestic Change in the Eastern Neighbourhood, at CERI, Science-Po, Paris.

Dr Yemelianova delivered a paper on 'Conceptualising Ethnic Conflict in Eurasia, International Conference on Ethic Conflict, in December at the Stockholm International Peace Institute (SIPRI).

Honorary Senior Research Fellows

Professor Wheatcroft presented two papers to the Annual Conference of the High School for Economics, Moscow in April 2012 and in June he delivered a paper to The International Conference on the Great Famine in Kazakhstan in the Palace of Independence in Astana. He also participated in the roundtable discussion on the 'Famine' with Kazakh historians. This coincided with the unveiling of famine monuments around Kazakhstan, and the declaration of this date as a date of commemoration for victims of repression and famine.

Honorary Research Fellows

Dr Renz convened a Roundtable on 'Medvedev's first term in office: has anything changed in Russia?' and acted as discussant, at the Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies (ASEES) in Washington in November 2011 and in April she was invited to speak at a Special Workshop on the 'Changing Character of War' at the International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention in San Diego. Expenses partially covered by ISA workshop funding.

Dr Richardson made a presentation on 'Health Systems Strengthening, Pandemic Preparedness and Risk Communication in the NIS' at Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), Movement for Health (NGO), Ministry of Health of Ukraine *International Meeting on Crisis Communication in the Framework of Pandemic Preparedness in Ukraine*, in 22-23 March 2012, in Kyiv, Ukraine. In August she delivered a talk on 'Issues and Trends in Healthcare Delivery and Human Resources' to the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Belarus, WHO Regional Office for Europe & European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies, Sub-Regional Policy Dialogue, *Exploring new skills and roles for health professionals to improve access to and quality of health care:—* Minsk, Belarus

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Professor Cooper continued to act as an Associate Fellow of Chatham House and as a Member of the Europe Panel of the British Academy.

Professor Davies continued to serve as an Honorary Vice-President of the Society for Cooperation in Russian Studies. He is an Honorary Life Member of BASEES.

Dr Haughton acted as a member of the Editorial Board of *Mezinarodni vzťahy* and *East European Politics*. He was appointed a member of the Editorial Board of *Slavonic and East*

European Review. He was external examiner for the MA programme at University College London's School of Slavonic and East European Studies and an external examiner for a DPhil at Oxford University. He commented for the Slovak daily *Pravda* on the 2012 parliamentary elections.

In June 2012 Dr Kaneff was invited to review the first 3 years of the 'Wiener Osteuropaforum' (Vienna East European Forum/Centre at the University of Vienna) and along with a second international expert decide on the future funding of the Centre – ie, whether it should be funded for a further 3 years or indeed on a longer term basis.

Dr Kaneff is one of two international consultants for a Bulgarian project on 'Bulgarian Churches Abroad: Orthodox Values of National Identity' which began in January 2012 involving scholars from the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences.

Professor Malle was an invited member of the Scientific Committee of the Journal of Eurasian Studies, Seoul, Korea dal 2012: www.elsevier.com/locate/euras.

Ingerid Opdahl, postgraduate student, acted as a member of the Reference committee for the Russia and Eurasia programme at the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs, from 2012.

Professor Perrie continued to serve as a member of the editorial advisory board (*obshchestvennyi soviet*) of the *Izvestiya Ural'skogo gosudarstvennogo universiteta*, Seriya 2: Gumanitarnye nauki (Proceedings of the Urals State University, Humanities series). She reviewed a research grant application for the Riksbankens Jubileumsfond, Sweden, in May 2012.

Dr Renz has been acting as Associate editor for *Political Studies* since September 2011. She has also been appointed External Examiner for the MA Politics at Nottingham Trent University from 2012 to 2016.

Dr Wolczuk acted as a member of the Editorial Board of the *Review of Central and East European Law*. She prepared a co-authored a study on 'Energy Security in the Eastern Partnership Countries' for the Committee of Foreign Affairs of the European Parliament in February 2012. She acted as external examiner for a PhD at Queen's University, Belfast during the year. Dr Wolczuk acted as a member of the Advisory Board of the Polish-American-Ukrainian Cooperation Initiative (PAUCI) Warsaw / Kyiv and also as a member of the Advisory Board of the East European Studies Distance Learning Programme, the Free University Berlin. She regularly acts as an Expert to the Committee of Foreign Affairs of the European Parliament.

Dr Yemelianova continued to serve as a Member of the editorial boards of *Europe-Asia Studies* (Glasgow) and *World of Eurasia* (Ufa, Bashkortostan). She carried out external examining in November 2011 at School of Oriental and Asian Studies, University of London and in March at the University of Manchester.

RESEARCH

History

R W Davies is continuing his work on the final stage of the series *The Industrialisation of Soviet Russia*, in collaboration with Dr Oleg Khlevnyuk and Prof. Stephen G. Wheatcroft. This is to be published by Palgrave/Macmillan in two volumes, Volume 6, *The Years of Progress: the Soviet Economy, 1934-1936*, and Volume 7, *Repressions and the Threat of War: the Soviet Economy, 1937-1939*. Volume 6, due to be completed in 2013, deals with a period in which

industry expanded rapidly, agriculture began to recover from the previous crisis, and the standard of living of the population improved. Simultaneously, with the rise of nationalistic Japan and Nazi Germany, the Soviet Union devoted an increasing proportion of its resources to defence. Volume 7 will deal with one of the darkest periods in Soviet history, preceding the German invasion in June 1941, and will also summarise the series as a whole.

Professor Perrie continued her research on 17th-century Russia, focussing on Old Believers. She also wrote a short paper (presented in absentia) for a conference held in Moscow in February 2012 to mark the 80th birthday of the distinguished historian Professor SM Kashtanov, a Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences. The paper dealt with REF Smith's work on the enserfment of the Russian peasantry. Bob Smith, who died in 2010, was a member of CREES in the 1950s and 1960s, and subsequently Professor of Russian at Birmingham. He was a close friend of Professor Kashtanov at a time when academic cooperation between Russian and Western historians was difficult to maintain, and Professor Perrie's paper was written as a tribute to both Smith and Kashtanov.

Honorary Senior Research Fellows

Wheatcroft has a number of ongoing research projects, and hopes to be initiating new ones in Astana. Wheatcroft is continuing his collaboration with R.W.Davies on the Economic History of the USSR in the late 1930s. He is completing an analytical survey of demographic data covering the Soviet famine of 1931-33 for the current series of volumes of archival materials on the famines headed by Viktor Kondrashin. Wheatcroft is continuing to work with a team of international scholars on the famine, and now that the famine in Kazakhstan has been formally commemorated (May 31, 2012) he hopes to be running projects on the Kazakh famine and on comparative famines (especially other Soviet famines, the Chinese Great Leap Forward Famine and food problems in times of war). He is also continuing to work with Sheila Fitzpatrick on their Australian Research Council project on re-evaluating Soviet Stalinism.

Economics and Statistics

Dr Connolly's research on the comparative political economy of Russia and the wider post-socialist region focuses on industrial development and structural transformation, trade and investment, financial sector development, and the integration of the region into the wider global economy.

Science, Technology and Industry

Malcolm Hill's research over the past year has focused on the Russian iron and steel industries in the nineteenth century, as an extension of previously published work on Russian industrial development in the 1700s. He has also carried out further research on Soviet industrial technology during the Cold War, and continues work on post-Soviet environmental policies.

Honorary Research Fellows

John Westwood has continued to observe developments on Russian Railways and has participated in endeavours to establish tourist railways in the former Soviet bloc.

Politics and Security Studies

Dr Haughton's research in the 2011-12 academic year was mostly focused on an exploration of the sources of stability and instability of party politics in Central and Eastern Europe and was supported by a grant from the Austrian Marshall Plan Foundation. The year also brought two unexpected elections in Slovenia and Slovakia which provided the raw material for additional

academic articles. He also undertook preliminary explorations into the role of the past in the politics of the present which he intends to use as a springboard for a larger project. His co-authored article *Money, organization and the state: The partial cartelization of party politics in Slovenia* written with Alenka Krasovec of the University of Ljubljana was selected by the Slovenia Research Agency as an example of 'extraordinary achievement in the field of social sciences in 2011'.

Dr White continued to focus on the role of political opposition in Russia during 2011-12 building on his ESRC-funded project of 2009-11. The renewed interest in Russian opposition following the large-scale demonstrations in the wake of the flawed parliamentary elections of December 2011 has increased the importance and significance of this research. Two further articles have been submitted to refereed journals and are currently under review.

Kataryna Wolczuk conducted research on relations between the EU and the post-Soviet states within the framework of her ESRC project on 'Exploring the Role of the EU in Domestic Change in the Post-Soviet States'. This is an international project in collaboration with Dr Laure Delcour (IRIS, Paris). The project is jointly funded by the ESRC and ANR (France) under the scheme 'Open Research Area in Europe'. Together with Dr Delcour she conducted extensive fieldwork in Georgia, Armenia, Ukraine and Moldova as well in Brussels in the autumn 2011 and spring 2012.

During the year Dr Wolczuk also secured a second ESRC grant for the project 'Russia and the EU in the Common Neighbourhood: Export of Governance and Legal (In)Compatibility' under the 'Rising Powers' call with Dr Rilka Dragneva-Lewers as a co-applicant (School of Law, UoB). The project, which is due to start in Jan 2013, will investigate how and with what effect Russia engages in the export of governance to the post-Soviet states in Europe and its implications for the EU's system of regional governance. The total funding of the project is just over £380,000 and the project's duration is 3 years.

Katharina Hoffman, postgraduate student, made strong progress on her thesis on regional integration in the post-Soviet space, using Ukraine and Azerbaijan's participation in the CIS and GUAM as case studies. The thesis carries a promise of delivering an innovative approach to understanding the dynamics of regional integration in the post-Soviet space.

Duncan Leitch, postgraduate student, has made very good progress on his thesis on explaining the impact of assistance to Ukraine's reform of public administration. His research integrates approaches and insights from Russian and East European Studies, International Development and Political Science and draws on his own experience of delivering technical assistance to the region.

Nino Kemoklidze, postgraduate student, has made very good progress in researching ethnic conflict in Georgia, which included extensive fieldwork in the country. In 2011-12 she was awarded the Kirkcaldy Postgraduate Scholarship from the University of Birmingham. She gave a guest lecture for the master's module 'Ethnic and Ethno-Religious Conflict in Eurasia' where she spoke on 'Civil War and Ethno-National Violence in Georgia'. She also gave two guest lectures for the master's module 'The Caucasus: History, Culture, and Contemporary Politics', on 'Post-Soviet State- and Nation-Building in Georgia'. Nino also gave a lecture on 'Immigration, Identity, Citizenship and the EU' on the undergraduate module 'Understanding European Identities', a module which she co-convened throughout the year.

Within the British Council-funded innovative international project entitled 'Innovative Teaching and Research through Academic Partnership' between the University of Birmingham and the Kazakh-British Technical University (KBTU), budget of £44,956 (012.04.2010-31.03.2013), Dr Yemelianova organized an exchange of academics and students between the

two Universities, arranged the involvement of Kazakhstani academics in teaching of the MSc Module of Central Asia: Islam, Nationalism and Globalization, organised the teaching of Kazakh language (in class and via skype) to students on MSc module on Central Asia at UoB; teaching by UoB academics of MSc module on Islam and Politics in post-Communist Societies; MSc module on Economics in post-Communist Societies and MA module on Development and Emerging Inequalities in post-Soviet Eurasia at the KBTU; joint research on Impact of Islam on Political System of Kazakhstan; organisation of a seminar on domestic and international politics of Kazakhstan with guest-speakers, organisation of joint panels, round-tables and workshops for disseminating the projects findings (panel at XII European Society for Central Asian Studies (ESCAS), University of Cambridge, 20-22 September 2011; a round-table at BASEES Conference, University of Cambridge, 30 March-2 April 2012); joint publications on issues of politics, ethnicity, Islam, language and education in Kazakhstan and wider Central Asia and engagement with policy-makers and representatives of media working on Kazakhstan and Central Asia via Dr Yemelianova's presentations and briefings at Eastern Europe & Central Asia Directorate (EECAD), DfID, FCO and at Chatham House. In September 2012, she submitted an article entitled 'Islam, Nationalism and Politics in contemporary Kazakhstan' which is based on her finding within the above project to *Nationalities Papers*.

Kamala Imranli, postgraduate student, made impressive progress by submitting her PhD on 'The Armenian Republic of 1918' in September (three months before the end of her registration).

Karena Avedissian successfully completed her field-work for her thesis on 'Social Movements in Southern Russia' in Kabardino-Balkaria and Krasnodar. In September 2012 she moved to part-time status.

Honorary Research Fellows

Bettina Renz's research interests are in two broad and interrelated subject areas. First, she has an interest in organisational change and modernisation of the Russian security sector in the post-Soviet era, including the governance of military organisations dealing with operations other than war and reform of the regular armed forces. The place of the security sector in Russian politics and society, as well as Russia's international cooperation in the security and military spheres, have been important facets of this work. Secondly, she has conducted research into Russia's perceptions of and approaches to 'new' security challenges, including migration, illegal drug trafficking and terrorism.

Sociology and Social Anthropology

Dr Kaneff's main task in this academic year, in terms of research, was to finalise several papers for publication on a range of topics: Rural globalisation; development and modernisation in Ukraine; and privatisation of the UK visa regime' All these papers have been submitted and are either in press or under review. Dr Kaneff has also been working on a grant application on the topic of rural globalisation, to be submitted to the Leverhulme Foundation. She has also fulfilled her obligations in terms of the British Council project on 'Innovative teaching and research through academic partnerships' which involved giving an intensive set of lectures to undergraduates at the Kazakh-British Technical University in Almaty. Looking ahead to the following year, the intention is to design a new module that will be a research-led course based on new research interests on globalisation. She continued to be an Associate Member of the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology in Halle, Germany.

Kathryn Cassidy, Postgraduate student, submitted her thesis (Region and Identity: A study of everyday discourse and practice in Bukovyna) and successfully defended it earlier in the year. She is presently finishing her corrections and is due to be awarded her degree in 2013.

Dr Morris completed a monograph on Soviet non-conformist literature and metafiction. He also submitted and published three peer-reviewed articles on ethnographies of post socialism for high impact journals as well as editing a special issue of *Europe-Asia Studies* on new media. He won as co-investigator a Marie Curie, International Research Staff Exchange Scheme (IRSES) grant on 'Imagining Development: A multidisciplinary and multilevel analysis of development policies and their effect in the post-socialist world.' (256,000 Euros total; Birmingham share, 32,000 Euros).

EXTERNAL GRANTS

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'Russia and the EU in the Common Neighbourhood: Export of Governance and Legal (In)Compatibility', £380,000, ESRC under the 'Rising Powers' Call, January 2013 to December 2015, Principal Investigator: K Wolczuk with Associate Staff Dr Rilka Dragneva-Lewers, School of Law, University of Birmingham.

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- J Andy Politics in the Soviet army. Civil-military relations in the Soviet Union in the Khrushchev era, 1953-1964 (PhD; supervisors R Smith/M Ilic)
- T Gladkihk Erosion of national identity? The role of the international business environment in shaping the cultural identities of Russian and British business people (PhD; supervisors JM Cooper/D Kaneff)

In Preparation

- K Avedissian Success and Failure of Social Movements in Authoritarian Contexts: the Cases of Krasnodar Krai and the Republic of Kabardino-Balkaria (PhD; supervisors G Yemelianova/S Wolff)
- M Benson What has been the impact of Jadidism (Islamic Modernism) on the national, political and religious development of the post-Soviet Volga and Crimean Tatars? (PhD; supervisors G Yemelianova/D Kaneff)
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- I Opdahl Energy and Russian Foreign Policy in the CIS 1995–2005 (PhD; supervisors R Connolly/JM Cooper)
- J Perera Russia's Nuclear Industry (PhD; supervisors R Connolly/JM Cooper)

SEMINARS

Current Affairs Seminar

The following meetings took place, organised by Matt Frear.

November 2011

Mansiya Kumisbayeva (Kazakh-British Technical University, Almaty): ‘Kazakhstan and the Customs Union’

December 2011

Derek Averre (CREES): ‘The EU-Russia Partnership’

January 2012

Erica Richardson (LSHTM, London): ‘Creating the Will for Political Change: Developments in Ukrainian Health Policy’

February 2012

Matthew Frear (CREES): ‘Belarus: prospects for a Minsk Spring?’

March 2012

Daniela Ionescu (CREES): ‘Evaluating Corruption or Pushing up Vested Interests? The European Commission and the Case of Corruption in Bulgaria and Romania’

OTHER PUBLIC OUTPUT

Dr Connolly acted as commentator for BBC News 24 (May 30th, 2012) when he spoke for 8 minutes on Russia’s role in the Syrian conflict.

Dr Houghton gave a presentation on ‘The Gorilla in the Room: the 2012 Parliamentary Elections in Slovakia’, at the Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington DC. Podcast available at: <http://www.wilsoncenter.org/event/the-gorilla-the-room-the-2012-parliamentary-elections-slovakia>

Professor Perrie provided the publisher with an endorsement for Paul Bushkovitch, *A Concise History of Russia* (Cambridge University Press, 2012).

Dr White gave interviews with Radio WM and Radio Hereford and Worcester (June 2012) on the topic of possible incidences of racism at the European football championships in Ukraine/Poland.

During the reported period Dr Yemelianova continued to give regular interviews for various BBC, Russian and Kazakh radio and TV programmes on ethnic and religious issues in Muslims regions of the former USSR.

Dr Yemelianova had been a regular participant, or interviewee in television and radio programme, including Sky television news, BBC Radio (Russian Service), Voice of Russia (London), TV and Radio programme on Islam in Sweden, Bulgaria and Kazakhstan.

K Wolczuk has given several interviews to newspapers and publications such as the *European Voice*, *Radio-Free Europe* and the Chinese weekly '*Weekly life*'. In particular she gave an interview on Ukraine for '*Today*' programme on BBC Radio 4, in June 2012. She also gave an interview to the Ukrainian daily '*Den*', which was published in Ukrainian and English versions of the newspaper - <http://www.day.kiev.ua/222787> (original, in Ukrainian); <http://www.day.kiev.ua/223155> (translation of the interview, English version of *Den*)

ANNUAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE

St Catharine's Foundation Lecture by Guest Speaker: Caroline Humphrey "Normal heroes' and the Economy of Favours in the Post-Soviet Economy: the case of Higher Education"

Cross Border Trading and EU Migration

Chair: Deema Kaneff (CREES)

Vesselina Ratcheva (Dept. of Anthropology, University of Sussex)

'Asking for EU Conditions: Different Solutions to Irredentism and Migration in the Serbian Borderlands'

Kathryn Cassidy (School of Geography, Queen Mary, University of London)

'Gendering Europe through the Remittance and Cross Border Economies of the Ukrainian-Romanian Borderlands'

Milena Kremakova (Dept. of Sociology, University of Warwick)

'Duty, morality and 'marfa': merchant seafarers' smuggling practices in socialist and postsocialist Bulgaria'

Jan Grill (Dept. of Social Anthropology, University of St. Andrews)

'Roma Migrants and Economy of Suspicion: Reflections on Slovakian Borderlands of EU, Trading Cigarettes and Migration to UK'

Round Table: "The Customs Union of Russia-Kazakhstan-Belarus: The Eurasian alternative to the EU?"

Chair: Derek Averre (CREES)

Kataryna Wolczuk (CREES) 'The Eurasian Customs Union and Ukraine: In Search of a New Member'

Rilka Dragneva (University of Manchester)

Duncan Allan (Foreign and Commonwealth Office) 'The Eurasian Union: 'A Pole of the Contemporary World''

Julian Cooper (CREES)

Matt Frear (CREES) 'Belarusian Perspectives on the Customs Union: Opportunity or Threat?'

Postgraduate Round Table

Timothy Frayne: 'The Resource Curse in Azerbaijan and Alternate Explanations'

Youngmo Jung: 'Russia and Pipeline Politics in the Far East'

Salvatore Freni: 'Institutions and Ethnic Minorities in Georgia'

Alain Perusset: 'Russia's accession to the WTO: why such a lengthy business?'

Yeani Shin: 'Infrastructures and Economic Development in the Russian Far East'

Russia's Place in the Shifting World Order

Derek Averre, CREES: 'Russia: Part of a European or a Eurasian 'Security Community'?'

Richard Sakwa, University of Kent: 'The Cold Peace: Russo-Western Relations as a Mimetic Cold War'

Richard Connolly, CREES: 'Russia's External Economic Relations: Patterns and Trajectories'

Discourses on Power

Dr Adrian Campbell (IDD) 'Imperial Discourse: Russia and the Roman Empire'

Dr Arfon Rees (CREES) 'Russianism or Prussianism?'

Dr Elena Denezhkina (CREES) 'The Discourse of Russian Governance: between 'Europe' and 'Asia''

TRAVEL AND VISITS**Visits by Centre Staff, Associate and Honorary Members**

Dr Haughton was an Austrian Marshall Plan Foundation Fellow at Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies in Washington DC.

Dr Kaneff spent July 2011 at the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology writing up a conference paper for publication

Nino Kemoklidze spent August in Georgia carrying out fieldwork and also visited the University of Eastern Finland to attend and present at a number of seminars, workshops and conferences.

Visitors to the Centre

Dr Dmitrii Redin, Head of the Department of Russian History at the Urals Federal University, Ekaterinburg, in October 2011.

PRIZES AWARDED TO STUDENTS

The Elisabeth Koutaissoff prize for the best first year undergraduate beginning Russian was won by Kristina Veroslavova for 1A and Jennifer Howard for 1B.

The Baykov Prize for the best second year Russian language undergraduate was awarded to Ceri Sayce.

The Konovalov prize for the best final year undergraduate student was awarded to Katharina Remshardt.

The EPSE prize for the best 1st year student would be awarded to Denise Xiang-Ru Ho; the EPSE prize for the best 2nd year student would be Almos Csaba Molnar; the EPSE prize for the best 3rd year student would be Andrius Juozapaitis.

The Grayson Prize for the most outstanding postgraduate student taking a Russian Master's degree was awarded to Alain Perusset

APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONALIA

Dr Haughton was shortlisted for the University Awards for Excellence in Doctoral Supervision in 2012. He was promoted to Reader in European Politics.

The title of Professor Emeritus for Silvana Malle was approved by Decree of the Ministry of Education, University and Research in October 2011 and publicly conferred by the Magnifico Rettore of the University of Verona on 20 February 2012.

Sir Roderic Lyne was awarded an Honorary degree in July 2012 at the recommendation of the Centre.

On May 31, 2012 Stephen Wheatcroft retired from his position as Professor in the School of Historical and Philosophical Studies at the University of Melbourne and became a Professorial Fellow at Melbourne University. On August 8, 2012 he took up a position as visiting Professor at the Nazarbayev University in Astana, Kazakhstan.

Prof Cooper was awarded an OBE in the Queen's New Year's Honours List.