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## **INTRODUCTION**

In 2009-2010 CREES continued to play a full part in the activities of the School of Government and Society, established as a result of University restructuring in 2008, and to build on the excellent result achieved at the 2007 Research Assessment Exercise in terms of publications and impact-related activities as we move towards the 2013 Research Excellence Framework. CREES has, as well as sustaining its own programme of activities, been central in carrying forward European Studies at the University of Birmingham, organising an impressive programme of European Research Institute events as well as contributing to the Graduate Centre for Europe. The Centre maintains research and teaching collaborations with other departments in the School of Government and Society and elsewhere in the University.

The Centre continued to lead national initiatives in research and teaching as one of three core UK institutions (with Oxford and UCL) in the ESRC-funded Central and East European Language-Based Area Studies (CEELBAS) scheme, and through the UK Russian Language Group for teachers of Russian at all levels of education. Informal feedback indicated that CEELBAS has been recognised as the best of the LBAS centres, including for forging links between academia and the policy community. It has also stimulated ‘new blood’ in the field, and has benefited enormously from the award of two post-doctoral fellows and ten PhD studentships in total (with an additional two studentships having been awarded to GEES). The Centre continues to host recognised international scholars and collaborate in international projects and networks, including with European studies associations such as the University Association of Contemporary European Studies. We are particularly fortunate in that former senior CREES staff, notably Bob Davies, Phil Hanson and Maureen Perrie, and students continue to make a substantive contribution to the CREES profile.

One highlight of the year was the nomination for a BUAFTA (only slightly less prestigious than a BAFTA) – the Birmingham University Award for Tremendous Achievement - of our very own Supremes: Tricia Carr, Marea Arries and Veta Douglas. The girls have, as ever, formed the hub of the Centre and have our undying gratitude and affection.

We were sad to note the departure of Dr Jeremy Smith, after several years of sterling contribution to the Centre’s research and teaching in history. Jeremy has taken up a post in Finland and we wish him and his family all the best for the future.

It remains a privilege to lead a Centre which is recognised internationally and nationally – if not always locally – as a leading research and teaching department in its field.

Derek Averre  
Director, CREES

## **CONFERENCES AND EXTERNAL PRESENTATIONS**

### **In Birmingham**

Dr Averre organised the conference ‘Russia: A Part of Europe or Apart from Europe?’ on behalf of the BASEES-UACES network in collaboration with the Centre for Russian and East European Studies (CREES) and the European Research Institute, University of Birmingham on 27–28 November 2009, at which Professor Julian Cooper and Dr Connolly delivered a paper on ‘Russia-EU Economic Relations’.

Dr Connolly gave a presentation on ‘The Global Financial-Economic Crisis and the Russian Economy’ at the Security and Conflict Studies Workshop entitled ‘Sources of Insecurity’ at the University of Birmingham in September 2009 and in December he presented 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' at The University of Aston. In January he spoke on 'The Global Financial-Economic Crisis and Emerging Europe' at a Cross-College Europe Seminar entitled 'Europe and the Crisis', at the European Research Institute, University of Birmingham.

Professor Cooper spoke at a conference in December on 'Soft Power, Hard Choices – What next for Europe's Neighbourhood Policy', at Aston University (sponsored by the European Commission External Relations and the European Commission Representation in the UK; organised by ex-CEELBAS postdoctoral fellow, Dr Nathaniel Copsey). Dr Averre also spoke at this conference on 'Soft Power, Hard Choices: What Next for Europe's Neighbourhood Policy?'

Dr Haughton organised two ERI Cross college Europe Seminars:

- **Democracy and Its Opponents in Contemporary Europe** (30 November 2009): among the speakers were Daniele Albertazzi and Duncan McDonnell (Italian Studies), Karin Bottom (INLOGOV), Tim Haughton (CREES) and David White (CREES)
- **Europe and the Financial Crisis** (27 January 2010): among the speakers were Stefan Bouzarovski (GEES), Richard Connolly (Economics), John Fender (Economics), Rainer Hillebrand (IGS/POLSI) and Luca Rubini (Law).

### **Elsewhere in UK**

Dr Averre presented a paper on 'A Reluctant Troika? US, EU and Russian Perceptions of European Security' in March at the University of Glasgow.

Professor Cooper gave a talk on 'Dialogue with Russia: Moving from a Resource Based to a Knowledge Based Economy' in November at a conference in Wilton Park and in December he made a seminar presentation on 'Russia and the Global Economic Crisis' at the University of Cambridge and was also invited to participate in a conference entitled 'Towards a New European Security Architecture' at the International Institute for Strategic Studies in London. In February he participated in a CEELBAS-EBRD seminar in London on 'Knowledge Economy Prospect in SE Europe' and also gave a talk on 'The Economic Dimension of Russian Military Reform' at a Chatham House seminar on 'Russian Military Reform'. In May he chaired another Chatham House seminar on 'Ukrainian Economy' where the speaker was Anders Aslund and in June he delivered a talk on 'The Key Challenges of Russia's Modernisation' at a Chatham House/CEELBAS seminar on 'Agents of Russia's Modernisation'.

Dr Haughton delivered a paper on 'Vulnerabilities, Accession Hangovers and the Presidency Role: Slovakia, Slovenia and the Czech Republic's Choices for Europe' at the School for Slavonic and East European Studies, University College London in October 2009.

### ***Honorary Senior Research Fellows***

Professor Malle chaired a panel on 'Consensus and Controversy: Unfinished Business' at a Conference on 'Privatisation in Russia: Decisions and Outcomes, 1991-1997' in November at St Anthony's College, Oxford.

## Overseas

The VIII World Congress of the International Council for Central and East European Studies (ICCEES) took place in Stockholm from 26-31 July 2010. Participants included leading economists from Italy, Finland and Sweden and also Richard Connolly, CEELBAS Postdoctoral Fellow at CREES. Julian Cooper convened a panel on 'Russia and the Global Financial-Economic Crisis'. Professor Cooper has presented papers at all but one of the eight ICCEES world congresses held to date. He also chaired two other panels and for one was also discussant. Dr Deema Kaneff co-organised a panel entitled 'Postsocialist Development in a Global Economy' which included papers from scholars from universities in Germany, Hungary, Britain and Ireland. Deema also presented her paper, entitled: "The Market is Far Away": Positioning Rural Ukraine in the Global Economy'. Professor Hanson served as an invited member of the International Academic Committee for the Congress and also chaired one plenary session and delivered two papers. Professor Silvana Malle delivered a paper on 'What is the Impact of the Financial Crisis on Russia's Economic and Political Structure', at a panel on 'Economic Developments in Russia' and acted as a chairperson in another two panels, one on the 'Russian Economy' and the second on 'Energy Issues'.

Dr Averre attended the UACES Annual Conference in Angers in September 2009 where he gave a paper on 'The Future of the EU-Russia 'Strategic Partnership': Some Security Considerations' and in December at the Transatlantic Strategy Forum: European Union, United States and Global Governance: Major Trends and Challenges, in Brussels, he delivered a paper entitled 'The US, the EU and Russia: A 'Strategic Partnership' or a New *détente*?'. In April he spoke on 'Security Governance and Russia' at the EU Institute for Security Studies, Paris and later that month at the GARNET Conference, Brussels, he gave a talk entitled 'European Security Governance: Rethinking Russia's Role'. In June he delivered a paper at the ECPR 5<sup>th</sup> Pan-European Conference, Porto on 'EU-Russia Relations: A Partnership for Modernization?' and in September 2010 at the UACES Annual Conference, Bruges, he spoke on 'Triangulation or Strangulation? The US, the EU and Russia in European Security Governance'.

Professor Cooper gave a seminar presentation in December on the 'Global Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Russia's Military Potential', at the Centre d'études et recherches internationales, Sciences-Po, Paris (convened by Professor Marie Mendras, newly appointed head of policy planning department, French Ministry of Foreign Affairs). In January he spoke on 'Developments in Russia' at the NATO Defence College in Rome.

Dr Haughton delivered a paper 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 in September 2009 and also spoke on '(The Lack of) Critical Junctures in Czech Politics' at Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic. In November he gave a presentation on 'Party Politics in the Czech Republic' to the roundtable 'The European Union, the Awkward Uncle in the Castle and the Course of Czech Politics in the Past Two Decades' at the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies Annual Congress in Boston. Dr Haughton presented a talk on 'Preferences, Presidencies and Vulnerabilities: Slovakia, Slovenia and the Czech Republic's Choices for Europe' at Osnabrueck University in January and to the Slovak Foreign Policy Association/Comenius University, Bratislava in February. In April he gave a presentation on 'Vulnerabilities, Accession Hangovers and the Presidency Role: Explaining New Member States' Choices for Europe' at the University of Vienna/Institute for Advanced Studies/Austrian Political Science Association, Vienna.

### *Honorary Senior Research Fellows*

Professor Malle was invited to participate at the Centre for Research into Post-Communist Economies (CRCE) conference on 'Demographics and Migration in Europe, East and west,

including Russia in Kranj, Slovenia' in September and in October was invited to participate in a NATO Defense College meeting on 'Russia and Wider European Security' at a time of Summits.

### ***Honorary Research Fellows***

Dr Renz was invited to speak on 'Internal Security Developments', at a seminar on 'Medvedev's first two years in office' at the Aleksanteri Institute in Helsinki in September 2010 and in November she was asked to give a seminar on 'Russia's Participation in Stabilisation Operations' at the Oxford Leverhume Programme on the Changing Character of War (CCW) seminar series in Oxford. She also contributed to the United Kingdom's Joint Command and Staff College's Advanced Command and Staff Course in the form of a lecture and seminar on 'Russian Security'. The audience were around 300 officers from the British armed forces and 20 other states. This is an ongoing annual engagement since 2007.

## **BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

Dr Averre served as a member of the editorial board of journal *European Security*.

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 The British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies (BASEES).

Professor Hanson continued as an Associate Fellow of the Chatham House Russia and Eurasia Programme and as Senior Common Room Member, St Antony's College, Oxford and also as Trustee for the Centre for Research in Post-Communist Economies, London. He also continued to serve on the Editorial Boards of *Post-Communist Economies* and *Eurasian Geography and Economics*.

## **RESEARCH**

### **History**

#### ***Honorary Senior Research Fellows***

Professor Davies continued his work for the final volume of *The Industrialisation of Soviet Russia*. With the assistance of Michael Berry, he collected material from Soviet newspapers and journals covering the period 1936-1939. He submitted to the ESRC the final report on his grant RES-00-1443, *Soviet Economic Policy and Development from the XVIII to the XIX Party Congresses, 1934-1939*. The project examined the mutual impact of Soviet state economic policy, development and structure in the years 1934-9. In the years 1934-6 the economy developed rapidly after earlier investment and sacrifices. In 1937-9 growth was harmed by the Stalin terror-repressions of 1936-8, and by the need to increase military expenditure in view of the threat from Nazi Germany and Japan.

Continuing her work on popular attitudes towards the legitimacy of the first Romanov tsars, Professor Perrie researched the Zaporozhian Cossacks' perceptions of Tsar Aleksei Mikhailovich in the mid-17th century, and also the views held by Old Believer Don Cossacks in the 1680s of the joint tsars Ivan and Peter Alekseevich. She wrote draft texts on these topics which may eventually become chapters of a monograph.



## **Economics**

Richard 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.

Julian Cooper's research focused on the impact of the global financial-economic crisis on Russia, prospects for modernisation of the Russian economy, Russia-EU economic relations, and the economics of defence and security. Work is underway on a book devoted to the post-communist economic development of Russia and future prospects within the emerging global economic order.

Philip Hanson worked on current Russian economic policy; inward and outward foreign direct investment and the late writings on the fall of communism by Alexander Zinoviev. Papers on all these topics were published during the year. Hanson has begun work on modernization policies in Russia and on a comparison of the Russian and Turkish economies.

### ***Honorary Senior Research Fellows***

Professor Harrison worked on a variety of projects ranging from the historical national accounts of Russia in the Great War and Civil War to accounting fraud among Soviet managers and global patterns of interstate conflict since 1870, with the intention of submitting papers to journals. With Jeremy Smith he co-organized the CEELBAS Midlands Russia Seminar (£1,780 from the Centre for East European Language Based Studies). He also chaired the Ed A. Hewett Prize committee of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies.

## **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**

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.

Dr Haughton's work in the 2009-10 academic year was focused on three main areas. Firstly, he completed work on an ESRC-funded project examining the European preferences of three new EU Member States: Slovakia, Slovenia and the Czech Republic. In addition to articles

published in *Europe-Asia Studies* and the *Journal of Communist Studies and Transition Politics* during this year, he also had a working paper published in the Harvard University's Centre for European Studies working paper series. Secondly, he continued to examine the interaction between the domestic and European level of politics which is discussed in a forthcoming article in *Political Studies Review*. Thirdly, given the impending Czech and Slovak elections he devoted a large slice of his research time to following the twists and turns of both election campaigns yielding a short article in *West European Politics* and providing the basis for a large research project into party system (in)stability in Central and Eastern Europe.

Dr Renz's central research interests continued to focus on the policy of security and defence in contemporary Russia. Due to a number of invitations to contribute to edited collections and to present at conferences Dr Renz continued to further her research interest in Russian civil-military relations. However, her work on Russian military reform remained the central pillar of her research. She continued to work on a co-authored monograph on Russian military reform with Dr Rod Thornton, which will be published by Reaktion books.

Dr Whitmore was on maternity leave from October 2009 – August 2010 and (in the main) was not research active during this time. However, during September she submitted the End of Award Report for her ESRC project on 'Parliamentary Oversight in Russia and Ukraine' and submitted a paper falling out of this project to *Europe-Asia Studies*. In March she presented an expert evaluation on the final report of a project 'Raising the Effectiveness of Ukrainian Parliamentarism' by the Westminster Foundation for Democracy and Laboratory of Legislative Initiatives at a conference in Kyiv. She is currently working on a paper on 'dominant' parties in Russia and Kazakhstan with Dr Rico Isaacs (Oxford Brookes University).

### **Russian Language, Literature and Music**

The revision and updating of the University of Birmingham Basic Reading Course in Russian for Social scientists was completed by Mike Berry under the auspices of a CEELBAS project led by Jeremy Morris. The revision incorporated the results of a frequency count of Russian newspaper materials from 1997 and most of the texts were updated to include many recent texts and some new topics including especially international relations.

Mike Berry continued to provide research assistance for Professor R W Davies in gathering material in connection with his work on the economic history of the USSR.

Following the death of Professor R E F Smith early in 2010 the manuscript of his book on the history of Costume in Russia up to Peter the Great has been collected together and a start has been made on preparing this for publication in some form by Mike Berry.

### **EXTERNAL GRANTS**

Arms Control and Economic Transition, £64,480, UK Government, 1 June 2010 to 31 May 2011, Principal Investigator: Dr DL Averde

## PUBLICATIONS

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### **Birmingham Slavonic Monographs**

There were no new publications this year.

### **THESES AND DISSERTATIONS**

#### **Completed**

- R Connolly The Economic Sources of Political Change in Post-communist Europe (PhD; co-supervisors JM Cooper and TJ Haughton)
- S Denca ‘European Integration and Foreign Policy in Central and Eastern Europe: The Cases of Hungary, Slovakia and Romania’ (PhD; co-supervisors DL Averre and N Copsey)

#### **In Preparation**

- J Andy ‘Politics in the Soviet Army. Civil-Military Relations in the Soviet Union in the Khrushchev era, 1953-1964’ (PhD; co-supervisors JR Smith and M Ilic)
- M Atwal ‘Nashi and the Young Guard’ (PhD; supervisor DJ White)
- MJ 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 Cultural Identities of Russian and British Business People’ (PhD; co-supervisors JM Cooper and D Kaneff)
- 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)
- 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 ‘Social Citizenship, Disability and Welfare Provision in Contemporary Russia: Views from Below’ (PhD, supervisor JM Cooper)



- E Sleptsova 'Exports from Ukraine to the European Union: Macro, Micro - and Political Economy Factors' (PhD, co-supervisors JM Cooper and K Wolczuk)
- A Snetkov The Evolution of Russia's Security Discourse 2000-2008: State Identity, Security Priorities and Chechnya' (PhD; supervisor DJ White)

## SEMINARS

### Current Affairs Seminar

The following meetings took place, organised by David White.

#### *September 2009*

Julian Cooper (CREES): 'Russia's Crisis Choice: To Muddle Through or Modernise?'

#### *October 2009*

Richard Connolly (CREES): 'The Severity of the Economic Crisis in Emerging Europe: Causes and Consequences'

Matthew Frear (CREES): 'From Belarus with Love: A "Return to Europe" under Lukashenka?'

Professor Frances Millard (Essex): Poland – 20 years after the collapse of communism

David White (CREES): 'According to the Kremlin's Script: No Surprises in Russia's Regional Elections'

#### *November 2009*

Dr Bettina Renz (Nottingham): 'Military Reform in Russia'

Professor Marie Mendras (LSE) Rewriting history in Russia

Dr Derek Averre (CREES):

Oscar Pardo Sierra (POLISIS): 'Sailing Against the Wind? Georgia and the EU'

#### *December 2009*

Dr Tim Haughton (CREES): 'Stable Parties, Unstable Politics: The Czech Republic 20 Years after the Velvet Revolution'

Dr Ewa Ochman (Manchester): 'Soviet War Memorials, Urban Spaces and the Reconstruction of National Identities in Post-communist Eastern Europe'

#### *January 2010*

Professor Judy Batt (CREES/CSSD): 'The Western Balkans on the agenda of the Spanish EU Presidency'

Dr Rilka Dragneva Lewers (Manchester): Resistance or Receptiveness: The Dynamics of Legal Reform in the Post-Soviet States

#### *February 2010*

Dr Natalya Rulyova (CREES): 'The Russian Media under Medvedev: *Glasnost* Upside Down?'

Dr Tim Haughton (CREES): Co-operation, Conspiracy, Corruption and (In)competence: Political Parties in Slovakia and the Forthcoming Elections

Professor Julian Cooper (CREES): 'Medvedev's 'modernisation' of Russia: mantra, mirage and myth'

Professor Timothy Colton (Davis Center, Harvard) and Dr Kataryna Wolczuk (CREES): Ukrainian Presidential Elections

### **March 2010**

Dr Dominique Moran (GEES): 'Crime and Punishment: Russia's geography of imprisonment'

Dr John Round (GEES): Corruption title TBC

Dr Jeremy Morris (CREES): 'Negotiating worker identity and the nature of "precarious work" in the Russian margins'.

Dr Richard Connolly (CREES) Russia's place in the shifting global political economy

### **Russian Films**

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

### **OTHER PUBLIC OUTPUT**

Dr Averre gave several interviews with SKYTV and local radio stations.

While in Stockholm for the ICCEES Conference in April, Professor Cooper and Dr Connolly attended an expert lunch at the offices of East Capital, one of the largest investors in central and eastern Europe, where they were both invited to give their assessment of the long-term effects of the global recession on the region.

Professor Cooper gave a talk on 'Russia Today at the Business Briefing 2009 at the London Chamber of Commerce in September and in October he was a participant in a briefing on Russia' of the Foreign Secretary, David Miliband, at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in London.

Professor Cooper was interviewed at length in January by *Le Monde* (Paris) and cited in article on arms sales to Russia, issue 25-1-10, 'Les vents contraires du Mistral'.

The ESRC have published on their website a set of thirty tables prepared by Professor Davies entitled - SOVIET ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE 1930s: SOME BASIC DATA Professor Hanson wrote eleven daily briefs, each of c. 1200 words, for clients of Oxford Analytica. He was invited to participate in a BP away day on 'Russia' at Cliveden, Bucks, 13-14 May 2010 and on 19 May he made a presentation of 'Russia to 2020' at the head office of Finmeccanica, Rome. Throughout the year he participated in numerous round-tables at Chatham House, including chairing meeting with Alexander Voloshin, former head of Russian presidential administration (5 March 2010).

Dr Haughton worked alongside Michael Roberts, the British Ambassador to Slovakia during the 2010 parliamentary elections in Slovakia.

Dr Haughton was a frequent commentator for the leading Slovak daily *Sme*. Plus interviews with Bloomberg and Radio Free Europe.

## ANNUAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE

St Catharine's Foundation Lecture by Guest Speaker: *Professor Alena Ledeneva (UCL)*  
*'Why Russia cannot Modernise'*

Modernisation of Russia (Convenor: Richard Connolly)

Chair: Richard Connolly (CREES)

Julian Cooper (CREES): 'Can Medvedev Modernise?'

Derek Averre (CREES): 'The Impact of the Modernisation Discourse on Russia's International Relations'

Maureen Perrie (CREES) 'Modernisation under the Tsars and the Soviets'

Silvana Malle (Verona): discussant

Ideological and Political Stagnation in Russia (Convenor: Dave White)

Chair: Vickie Hudson (CREES)

Richard Connolly (CREES): 'Dual Economy and Russian Political Developments'

David White (CREES): 'The Poverty of Political Opposition in Russia'

Edwin Bacon: 'Where Now for the Putin Project?'

EU Enlargement and Conditionality: an Unfinished Story (Convenor: Kasia Wolczuk)

Chair: Derek Averre (CREES)

Tim Haughton (CREES): 'Half Full but also Half Empty: Conditionality, Compliance and the Quality of Democracy in Central and Eastern Europe'

Kasia Wolczuk (CREES): 'EU's Policy Towards Ukraine in the Aftermath of the Orange 'Revolution': Derailing of Conditionality'

Tereza Novotna (Boston University/IGS): 'Credit where Credit's Due: Secrets and Lies in the Czech Accession to the European Union'

Ethnography and the Margins (Convenor: Jeremy Morris)

Jeremy Morris (CREES): 'Beyond Coping: Informal Consumption in the Russian Margins – an Ethnographic Approach'

Kathryn Cassidy (CREES): 'Observing Illegality: Researching the Informal Economy of the Ukrainian-Romanian Border'

Anne White (Bath): 'The World Viewed from Poland B: Doing Migration Research on Poland's Eastern Border'

Discussant: Deema Kaneff

Politics of Regional Policy in Eastern Europe (Convenor: Elena Denezhkina)

Elena Denezhkina (CREES): 'State, Society and Sub-national Government in Eastern Europe'

Adrian Campbell (IDD/CREES): 'Moldova's Regional Puzzle'

Elizabeth Teague (FCO): 'What does the Debate over Regional Mergers tell us about Putin's Power Vertical?'

Greg Andrusz: 'Berlin, Moscow, Warsaw: A Historical View of the Politics of Architecture and Memorialisation'

Challenges to Central Planning in Post-War Socialist Economies (Convenor: Jeremy Smith)

Mark Harrison (Warwick), 'Forging Success: Soviet Managers and Accounting Fraud, 1943 to 1962'

Katalin Miklossy (Helsinki), 'Competition and Individualism as Key Concepts of the Reformist Experiment'

Nataliya Kibita 'Testing the Idea of Decentralization: Controlling Resources in the Ukrainian SSR during the *Sovnarkhoz* Rform 1957-1965'

Jeremy Smith (CREES) 'International Influence and the Modernization of the Soviet Economy: the Case of the Wine Industry in Georgia, 1955-1962'

## **TRAVEL AND VISITS**

### **Visitors to the Centre**

Prof Vladimir Baranovsky, Deputy Director, IMEMO, Moscow

Sir Andrew Wood, Chatham House

Dr Fraser Cameron, EU-Russia Centre, Brussels

Dr Roy Alison, LSE

Professor Mark Webber, Loughborough University

Dir Andrew Wood, Chatham House

Dr Andrew Monaghan, NATO Defense College, Rome

Dr Olga Potemkina, Head of section, IERAS Mosco

Dr Andrew Wilson, European Council on Foreign Relations

Dr Larure Delcour, IRIS, Paris

Dr Jackie Gower, King's College London

Dr Elena Korosteleva, Aberystwyth University

Prof Graham Timmins, University of Stirling

Dr Chris Joyce, Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Prof Martin Dangerfield, Wolverhampton University

HMA Michael Roberts, British Ambassador to Slovakia, gave a talk entitled 'The Strength of Soft Power: British Diplomacy and Central and Eastern Europe' on Wednesday 10 March 2010

Vivien Schmidt (Boston University) contributed a Europe: state of the Union debate on 12 October 2009.

Marking the 20th Anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall and the collapse of the communist regimes in Central and Eastern Europe former British Ambassador to Moscow Rodric Braithwaite and distinguished academic now member of the European Parliament, Professor Gyorgy Schopflin exchanged their reflections on the causes and consequences of the 1989 Revolutions in Central and Eastern Europe at a special seminar on 8 October 2009.

## **PRIZES AWARDED TO STUDENTS**

The Elisabeth Koutaissoff prize for the best first year undergraduate beginning Russian was won by Leszek Orciuch and Rhys Stevenson.

The Baykov Prize for the best second year undergraduate was awarded to Katharina Remshardt.

The Konovalov prize for the best final year undergraduate student was awarded to Simon Young.

The 1<sup>st</sup> year EPSE prize was awarded to Andrius Juozapaitis. The 3<sup>rd</sup> year EPSE prize was awarded to Andrew Ventham.

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

The Ashley Prize for the best PhD thesis in the School of Social Sciences was awarded to Richard Connolly.

**APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONALIA**

Congratulations to the Russian Language Team for winning the School Award for Excellence in Teaching and Supporting Learning which they received at a ceremony on the evening of 20<sup>th</sup> October 2009.

Kathryn Cassidy, CREES Doctoral Researcher, was appointed a Teaching Fellow in Human Geography at Queen Mary, University of London, starting from September.

Congratulations are due to Richard Connolly and Lucy on the birth of their son, George.

Dr Sarah Whitmore and Steven Fitchett had a second daughter, Vivian Sofia, on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2010

Dr Haughton was awarded the Slovak Studies Prize for the Best Article published in 2007 for his co-authored article, 'Slovakia's Neoliberal Turn' (*Europe-Asia Studies* vol 59 (6), (2007), pp 977-88).

Tim Haughton became a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy