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## INTRODUCTION

*The Centre for Russian and East European Studies (CREES) turned 50 years old in 2013. To celebrate this landmark and to showcase the expertise and contributions of CREES staff and alumni, the Centre organized a series of special seminars and an expanded annual conference.*

*The CREES 50th anniversary celebrations highlighted the breadth of expertise and interests in the Centre. Many of the events focused on developments in Russia. In March, for instance, a former and a current member of staff, Edwin Bacon and David White, spoke on 'Putin, Protest and Pussy Riot: A Turbulent Year in Russian Politics'. Earlier that same month Pekka Sutela (from the Bank of Finland) and Shinichir Tabata (from Hokkaido University) discussed the state of the Russian economy. As I write, we are also looking forward to a roundtable discussion, 'Living in Interesting Times' with our own Julian Cooper and David White alongside a rising star in the field, New York University's Joshua Tucker, who had taken courses in CREES as a Masters student and who recalls the decisive impact Mike Berry and Judy Batt played in his own academic career.*

*The expertise and interests of CREES, however, have always gone beyond just Russia. This broader focus was in evidence in many of the special events over the course of the year. The 50th anniversary celebrations began with a panel discussion in November on the many faces of the Caucasus to mark the publication of a special issue of Europe-Asia Studies featuring not just current members of staff in Birmingham, Galina Yemelianova and Cerwyn Moore, and one of our outstanding doctoral researchers, Nino Kemoklidze, but also former CREES colleague Jeremy Smith and the Georgian Ambassador Giorgi Badridze.*

*February's special panel discussion on 'Elections and Authoritarianism in the post-Soviet world' involved not just CREES's own Kataryna Wolczuk and Matthew Frear discussing Ukraine and Belarus, but also Sarah Birch from Essex who placed developments in the post-Soviet region in broader perspective. Developments in Central Europe were also well represented. On an invitation from Deema Kaneff, Dieter Segert from the University of Vienna spoke on whether Eastern Europe after 1989 was a 'laboratory for the sustainability of democracy'. Earlier in the year Honorary Director General of the European Commission Graham Avery and PhD alumna, Lara Scarpitta, who now works at the EU Delegation in Ankara, spoke about the future of EU enlargement. Although I was proud to see how well the career of one of my former PhD students was progressing, my personal highlight of the year was the visit of Former Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic, Iveta Radicova, who delivered a lecture to staff and students on the eurozone crisis.*

*The main focal point of the year's celebrations, however, was a specially enhanced Annual Conference. Staff, students and alumni gathered in Windsor Great Park for a series of stimulating panel discussions and speeches. On Saturday evening all participants congregated with CREES's founding director Bob Davies and four other past directors (Ron Amman, Julian Cooper, Kataryna Wolczuk and Derek Averre) to raise a glass to the Centre's achievements over the past five decades.*

*Nonetheless, however golden the past has been, in this golden anniversary year we have been looking forward to the future, continuing to contribute actively to both scholarship and policy-relevant work. No event summed this up better than the 'Eurasian Economic Integration: Rhetoric and Reality' seminar held in July. Organized in collaboration with the Russian and Eurasian programme of Chatham House the seminar launched a new edited volume by Kataryna Wolczuk*

*and Rilka Dragneva-Lewers which contained contributions by several CREES colleagues including Richard Connolly, Julian Cooper and Matt Frear.*

*The end of the 2012-13 academic year brought another institutional change for CREES. Following a proposal by the Head of the Department of Political Science and International Studies (POLISIS), David Dunn, and in conjunction with the Head of the School of Government and Society, Mark Webber, CREES' departmental staff became members of POLISIS. The move puts CREES on a surer financial and institutional basis, but also allows CREES to act - in that awful management phrase – as a 'hub' for work on Russia, Central and Eastern Europe and Eurasia across the University. Early indications are already very positive. Nevertheless, there are dangers. As a political scientist I'd emphasize that institutional frameworks can shape and explain a lot, but there is an important role for agency. To my colleagues across the University, our alumni and friends, I encourage you all to be active and involved. CREES' future is in our hands. Let's build on the achievements of the past fifty years and make sure the next fifty are just as glorious.*

***Dr Tim Haughton***  
***Director, CREES***  
***December 2013***

## **CONFERENCES AND EXTERNAL PRESENTATIONS**

### **In Birmingham**

Dr Averre delivered a POLISIS seminar entitled 'The Syria Conflict: a View from Moscow' in October 2013 and in December he made a presentation to the British-Russian Society on 'Russia and Security in the 21st Century'.

Dr Connolly gave a presentation on 'The Eurozone Debt Crisis: Implications for Innovation' at a Conference on 'European Sovereign Debt Crisis' at Aston University Centre for Europe, Birmingham in January, 2013.

Veysel Erdemli, postgraduate student, gave a presentation at the 'Conducting Fieldwork in Eastern Europe' panel at the 'School of Government and Society Annual Postgraduate Colloquium' in March entitled 'Georgian Immigrants in Turkey'. In November he delivered a talk at the 'ESRC Festival of Social Science' on 'Perceptions of the "Social Sciences" and Doing Fieldwork in Turkey' at the session on 'Making Social Policy and Government work for us: a Realistic Ambition?'

Dr Haughton delivered a talk on 'The Uses and Pitfalls of Interviewing as a Research Tool' at the Graduate Centre for Europe Annual Conference at the University of Birmingham in March 2013 and in May (with Kevin-Deegan Krause) he gave a paper on 'In with the New (Again): Annuals, Perennials and the Patterns of Party Politics in Central and Eastern Europe' at the POLISIS European Politics Research Group seminar.

### **Elsewhere in UK**

The British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies (BASEES) Annual Conference, took place at Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge University in March. Dr Elena Denezhkina gave a presentation on 'Power and Personality in a Russian Region: the Sverdlovsk Saga'; Dr Shaw presented a paper on 'Science and Environmental Control: Soviet Geographers and the Great Stalin Plan for the Transformation of Nature'.

Dr Averre made a presentation on ‘Russia: Part of a Euroatlantic or a Eurasian Security Community?’ at St Antony’s College, Oxford in February 2013.

Dr Connolly gave a presentation on ‘The Russian Financial System in Comparative Perspective’ at the Russian Banking Forum in London in November, 2012 and in December he spoke on ‘Russia’s Role in International Organisations: The WTO and the ECU’ at a Russo-British Chamber of Commerce event in London. In February he delivered a talk on ‘Prospects for Economic Reform in Russia’ at an Event on the Russian Economy at Chatham House, Royal Institute for International Affairs in London and in March he presented a paper on ‘Russia’s Accession to the WTO: Implications for Economic Reform’ at the Russia Forum in Westminster, London. In May he gave a talk on ‘The Financial Sector in Russia: Future Prospects’ at a Seminar on Russia’s Financial Sector Development at the Centre for Financial System Innovation, London and in July he made a presentation on ‘A History of Violence: Social Order Development in Putin’s Russia and Implications for Public Policy’ at the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London.

Professor Cooper chaired a seminar at Chatham House, London, on the World Economic Forum’s scenarios for Russia in September and in October he made a presentation on ‘The Eurasian Customs Union: Viability, Attributes and Implications’ at a seminar at Chatham House, London. In February he gave a talk at The Great Britain-Russia Society, London, on ‘What is the Eurasian Customs Union?’

Dr Haughton made a presentation on ‘Splitting the Difference: Assessing the Degree of Stability and Volatility of Party Politics in Post-Communist Eastern Europe (1990-2010)’ at the Elections, Public Opinion and Parties (EPOP) Annual Conference at the University of Oxford in September 2012.

Dr Morris gave an Invited Paper in November 2012 on ‘Ethical Issues in Doing Qualitative Research in Russia’, at the Advanced Training Methods One-day Seminar at the University of Glasgow.

Dr White presented a paper at the UACES Conference, Edinburgh, entitled ‘The Moscow Protests: the Challenge of Mobilisation and the Political-Civil Society Nexus’ in April and in June at a conference on ‘Contentious Politics and the Non-Systemic Opposition in Russia’ he spoke on ‘Brothers-in-arms or at Daggers Drawn? The Relationship between the Russian Systemic and Non-Systemic Opposition’.

Dr Wolczuk presented papers on ‘Eurasian Integration’ in a panel on ‘Eurasian Integration and its implications for the EU’ during the UACES Annual Conference at the University of Leeds in September. In July she co-organised and spoke at the seminar on ‘Eurasian Economic Integration: Rhetoric and Reality’. This seminar was organised in collaboration with the Russian and Eurasian programme of Chatham House, which is a leading think-tank on international security. The keynote speech was delivered by Tatiana Valovaya, Member of the Board (Minister) for Integration and Macroeconomics of the Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC). The seminar involved contributions from several CREES scholars, including Julian Cooper, Richard Connolly and Matt Frear.

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

Mike Pushkin delivered an invited lecture at the Performing Arts Department, Coventry University, in October 2012 on ‘Erdman’s play *The Suicide* and the Politics of Russian Theatre since the 1960s’. In February he gave a talk on ‘Lev Berg, Ellsworth Huntington and Climate Change in Central Asia’ at the AHRC workshop on ‘Geographies and Geographers of the ‘Silk Road’’, at the Royal Geographical Society in London and in April he gave a seminar entitled ‘Science and the Manipulation of Nature: the Scientific Basis for the Great Stalin Plan for the

Transformation of Nature, 1948-1953' at the Centre for Russian, Caucasian and Central European Studies, l'École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales in Paris. In July he presented a paper on 'The Science behind the Great Stalin Plan, 1948-1953: Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Century Precedents' at the 24<sup>th</sup> International Congress for the History of Science, Technology and Medicine at the University of Manchester.

## **Overseas**

Dr Averre organised the 'Russia and the EU: the Future of Europe and Eurasia' conference held at the Institute for Europe, Moscow 15-16 April 2013, funded by UACES, BISA, BASEES and the University of Birmingham. The Guest speaker was HE EU Ambassador to Moscow, Fernando Valenzuela.

Dr Connolly made a presentation on 'The Role of Large Emerging Economies in the Global Economy' at the Department of Economics, University of Verona, Italy in November, 2012 and in December he delivered a talk on 'The Economic Significance of Russia's Accession to the WTO' at a Seminar on Russia's Accession to WTO at the European Parliament in Brussels. In March he presented a paper on 'Social Order Underdevelopment in Russia: The Role of the Financial Sector' at the Bank of Finland Institute for Economies in Transition (BOFIT) seminar in Helsinki, Finland and in May 2013 he gave a presentation on 'Russia's Accession to the WTO: Implications for Economic Reform and EU-Russia Relations' at a Seminar on Russia's Accession to WTO at the European Economic and Social Committee and the Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation in Brussels. In August he spoke on 'On the Doorstep of Modernity? Economic Development in Putin's Russia' at the MODNORTH Conference in Oslo, Norway. In September he delivered a paper on 'Violence and Disorder in Underinstitutionalised Societies: Evidence from Russia' at the Centre for Research into Post-Communist Economies (CRCE) colloquium at Lake Bled, Slovenia and later that month he presented a paper on 'In the Shadow of Violence: Social Order Development in Russia and Implications for Economic Development' at the RANEPa Public Policy Conference at the Russian Institute for the National Economy in Moscow, Russia. He also gave a paper entitled 'On the Doorstep of Modernity? Obstacles to Social Order Development in Putin's Russia' at a Russian Studies Seminar at University of Uppsala, Sweden.

Professor Cooper was an invited participant at the Gaidar Forum in Moscow in January and in March he delivered a lecture on 'The Military and the Soviet and Russian Economies' at the University of Verona, Italy, and also spoke at a roundtable on 'Opportunities, Prospects and Problems of Trade with Russia'. In April he gave a seminar presentation entitled 'Different This Time? Russia and Prospects for Eurasian Economic Integration' at the Swedish Defence Research (FOI), Kista in Stockholm and in September he spoke at a Roundtable on 'Russia: Prospects for a Unique Russian Path' at the Swedish Defence Research Agency (FOI), Kista, in Stockholm.

Dr Haughton delivered a paper on 'Drivers, Conductors and Fellow Travellers: the EU and Party Politics in Central and Eastern Europe in the First Decade Since Accession' at Brigham Young University and the University of Denver, Park City, Utah in October 2012 and in February (with Karin Bottom), he made a presentation on 'At the Margins, But Not Necessarily Marginal: The EU and the Development of Party Politics in Central and Eastern Europe' at the conference 'European Union Enlargement Ten Years On: Transcending the East-West Divide?', at the Josef Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver. In March (with Danica Fink-Hafner and Alenka Krasovec) he spoke on 'Party System Dynamics in Slovenia: Earthquakes, Tremors and Fault Lines' at the ECPR Joint Sessions, Mainz. In June (with Fernando Casal Bertoa and Kevin-Deegan Krause) he made a presentation on 'Splitting the Difference: Assessing the Degree of Stability and Volatility of Party Politics in Post-Communist Eastern Europe (1990-2010)' at the Council of European Studies conference in Amsterdam where he also delivered a talk on 'Exit, Choice and Legacy: Explaining the Patterns and Directions of Party Politics in Slovakia'.



Dr Morris gave a specially Invited Paper in October 2012 on ‘Actual Internet Use in the Russian Margins’ at Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, South Korea at a conference on ‘Space, Memory, and Identity: The Local Experiences of Russia and Korea’ in Seoul for the Panel on Privatisation and Modernisation. In February he gave an Invited Paper entitled ‘Moral Economies of Consumption in Russia’ at the inter-institutional seminar series ‘L’univers des choses soviétiques’, hosted jointly by École des hautes études en sciences sociales, CERCEC - Centre d’études des mondes russe, caucasien et centre européen, and Centre de recherches sur l’Histoire des Slaves, Pantheon-Sorbonne University.

Dr Wolczuk participated in the DAAD-sponsored conference entitled ‘Kyiv Between the European and Eurasian Unions: The Impact of Brussels and Moscow on Ukrainian Domestic Affairs’ which took place 12-13 September in Kyiv. On the invitation of the German Association for East European Studies (DGO), she took part in the conference ‘1913 TransNational: Change in Eastern Europe 2013’ to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the German Association for Eastern Europe (DGO), 7-8 March 2013, Berlin. In April she gave a presentation on the Association Agreement between the EU and Ukraine on a panel with the Head of the EU Delegation to Ukraine, Jan Tombinski. Kataryna Wolczuk delivered two papers at the ISA Annual Convention, San Francisco. The papers were entitled ‘Explaining the EU’s Impact in the Eastern Neighbourhood’ and ‘Mesmerized by Enlargement: The new Member States and EU Law Export to the Eastern Neighbours’. She also acted as a discussant on a panel on Eurasian integration. In May she visited the University of Lucerne (Lucerne, Switzerland) to deliver a lecture on ‘European Influences on Reform Processes in Eastern Europe’.

Dr Yemelianova, together with Svetlana Zhanabayeva, presented a paper on ‘Advancing Area Studies in the UK: The Case of Strategic Partnership between CREES and KBTU (Kazakhstan)’, presented at the British Council ‘Going Global 13’ Conference at the World Trade Centre in Dubai in March 2013, which was attended by RH David Willetts, Ministers of Higher Education and VCs from over 100 countries. In May she gave a talk on ‘Islamic Radicalisation in Europe and Eurasia: A Comparative Perspective’ at the conference on ‘Muslims in Europe’ in Copenhagen.

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

In September 2012 in Slovenia, Silvana Malle presented a paper at the Panel on ‘Pros and Cons of State Capitalism – with examples of Asia, Russia, South America and Europe’ at the CRCE Colloquium 2012 on ‘The Lure of State Capitalism’ and later chaired a panel on ‘Russia: Unofficial Asset-Grabbing and Official Anti-Corruption Campaigns’ at the CRCE Colloquium on ‘Filling Institutional Voids: Market Self Organisation or Organised Crime’. In November she participated in a conference meeting on the ‘Future of Trade Unions and Unions Research’ in Berlin and in January she delivered a presentation on ‘Russia from WTO and the OECD’ at the Gaidar Forum-2013, on ‘International Research and Policy Conference Russia and the World: Challenges of Integration’ in Moscow. In May she gave a talk on ‘Modernisation from above: why, where and how’ in the panel ‘Modernisation, Civil Society, and Corruption’ at the Nordic Russian and Eastern European Studies Conference Intentions, Interactions and Paradoxes in Post-Socialist Space in Helsinki.

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

Mike Pushkin presented a paper on ‘Andrei Voznesensky: Poet global’noi vospriimchivosti [Andrei Voznesensky: Poet of global perception]’ at the International Likhachev Scientific Readings at St Petersburg Humanitarian University of the Trade Unions, St Petersburg, Russia in May 2013 in Section 5: National Literatures in the Historical Dialogue of Cultures.

Dr Erica Richardson gave a presentation entitled ‘Health System Challenges and Responses to the Crisis’ Workshop 1: The Effect of the Financial Crisis on Health Systems in Russia and other CIS Countries at the 15th European Health Forum on ‘Gastein, Crisis and Opportunity: Health in an Age of Austerity’ in Austria in October 2012. In November she gave a presentation at a High Level Meeting: ‘Health Systems in Transition: Republic of Moldova’ at the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Moldova, WHO Regional Office for Europe, European Observatory on ‘Health Systems and Policies and European Union’, at the National Health Forum on ‘Healthy Moldova: Policies, Achievements and Opportunities’ in Chisinau, Republic of Moldova.

Dr Shaw presented a paper at the ‘Soviet Geographers and the Great Stalin Plan for the Transformation of Nature’ at the 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the European Society for the History of Science and Technology in Athens in November 2012 and in March he co-convened the International Workshop on ‘Conceptualizing the Natural Environment: Critical Reflections from Russia, Eighteenth-Twentieth Centuries’ at the European University, St Petersburg. His presentation was on ‘Mastering the Regional Environment: Soviet Geographers and the Great Stalin Plan for the Transformation of Nature, 1948-1953’. The workshop attracted about 20 presenters and participants from Russia, the UK, Europe, USA and Canada. In April he gave a seminar on the ‘Science and the Manipulation of Nature: the Scientific Basis for the Great Stalin Plan for the Transformation of Nature, 1948-1953’ at the Centre for Russian, Caucasian and Central European Studies, l’École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales in Paris. In August he delivered a paper entitled ‘Science and Environmental Control in the USSR: the Great Stalin Plan for the Transformation of Nature, 1948-1953’ at the Biennial Conference of the European Society for Environmental History in Munich.

## **BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

Dr Connolly served as a member of the editorial board of the journal *Eurasian Geography and Economics* and also for the BASEES/Routledge *Russian and East European Series*.

Dr Haughton continued as co-editor of the *JCMS Annual Review of the European Union*. He also continued to serve on the editorial boards of the journals *Slavonic and East European Review* and *East European Politics* and also served as a member of the International Advisory Board of *International Issues* and *Slovak Foreign Policy, Mezinarodni vzťahy* and *Stredoevropske politicke studie*.

Dr White is a member of the ESRC Peer Review College. He guest-edited a special issue of *East European Politics* on party politics in Russia.

Dr Wolczuk served as a member of the Editorial Board of the *Review of Central and East European Law*. She also served as a member of the Advisory Board of the Polish-American-Ukrainian Cooperation Initiative (PAUCI) Warsaw / Kyiv and as a member of the Advisory Board of the East European Studies Distance Learning Programme, the Free University Berlin.

Dr Yemelianova served as a Member of the National Advisory Board of *Europe-Asia Studies*.

## **RESEARCH**

### **History**

Professor Perrie continued to work on early modern Russia. She wrote an essay, entitled ‘How backward was pre-Petrine Russia?’, for a Festschrift for Manfred Hildermeier’s 65<sup>th</sup> birthday. She also contributed an article on Samuel Purchas (1577-1626) as the first English historian of the Russian Time of Troubles, for a memorial volume for Ruslan Skrynnikov, to be published as a special issue of *Canadian-American Slavic Studies* in 2014. She also wrote a review, commissioned by the editors of the journal *Kritika* for its ‘Classics in retrospect’ series, about the

work of the semioticians Boris Uspenskii and Viktor Zhivov on the sacralisation of the Russian monarch.

In March 2013 Dr Yemelianova successfully completed her project of Strategic Partnership between the University of Birmingham and the Kazakh British Technical University, 2010-2013. The findings of the project were presented at three international conferences (see above) and in the article 'Islam, National Identity and Politics in Contemporary Kazakhstan', *Asian Ethnicity*, 24 October, 2014.

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

Mark Harrison pursued his research on secrecy and surveillance in the Soviet Union. He has two papers published or forthcoming on the costs of secrecy. A recent paper in *Europe Asia Studies* considers those costs of secrecy that arose from effects on behaviour. A forthcoming paper in the *Journal of Economic History* considers procedural costs. Work in progress considers the KGB as an economic regulator responsible for secrecy and surveillance in the economy. He continues to be a research fellow at the Hoover Institution, Stanford University.

### **Economics and Statistics**

Richard Connolly carried out research on the political economy of industrial and technological development in Russia. This research will form the basis for a monograph on the politics of industrial development in post-Soviet Russia.

### **Politics and Security Studies**

Professor Cooper's research has focused on the Russian economy, in particular the economics of the military and the development of Eurasian Customs Union. A report was written for the Swedish Defence Research Agency (FOI) on the analysis of Russian military expenditure and two chapters provided for a book on Eurasian economic integration edited by Rilka Dragneva and Kataryna Wolczuk, published in October 2013.

There were four main strands to Tim Haughton's research in the 2012-13 academic year. The primary focus of his work was on seeking to find an explanation for the stability and instability of party politics in Central and Eastern Europe. An article is forthcoming in *East European Politics*, further papers are under review and a joint-authored book is planned. Linked to that project Dr Haughton worked with Kevin Deegan-Krause (Wayne State) and Fernando Casal Bertoa (Leiden) on a paper seeking to provide better measurements of volatility. Thirdly, in collaboration with Birmingham colleagues Nicholas Martin and Pierre Pursiegle, he edited a volume on the aftermaths of war in 20<sup>th</sup> century Europe due for publication in 2014. Fourthly, he continued to co-edit with Nathaniel Cosey, *The JCMS Annual Review of the European Union*.

Dr White's research continued to focus on political opposition in Russia. As part of his British Academy-funded project David visited Moscow in September 2013 where he met with a number of opposition leaders and activists, many associated with Aleksey Navalny's team. Two further outputs from the project will be published in 2014.

Dr Sarah Whitmore completed a co-authored article with Dr Rico Isaacs (also of Oxford Brookes University) for their project comparing the personalised dominant parties in Russia and Kazakhstan, which was accepted by *Democratization*. As well as continuing her research on

United Russia, she also worked on her project exploring the significance and meanings of protests in the parliament of Ukraine, conducting field work during summer 2013.

Kataryna Wolczuk continued research for two externally funded research projects: 1) ESRC-ANR funded project: 'Exploring the Role of the EU in Domestic Change in the Post-Soviet Space' (with Laure Delcour, France) and 2) ESRC-funded project: 'Russia's export of Governance to the 'shared neighbourhood': Implications for the EU and Legal (In)Compatibilities' (with Rilka Dragneva from the School of Law, University of Birmingham).

During 2012-13, Dr Wolczuk and Dr Averre also participated in a consortium with French and other European partners for the project on the 'Security-Democracy Nexus in the Caucasus' (CASCADE). Of the total 18 project applications submitted by various consortia, CASCADE came first and will receive full funding from the European Commission. The total value of the project is €2,5mln with funding €360,000 for the University of Birmingham. The duration is 3 years (2014-16).

### **Sociology and Social Anthropology**

Veysel Erdemli worked on his PhD tentatively entitled "Tradition and Belonging: Georgian Associations in Turkey". The topic was about the role of Georgian associations in terms of protecting cultural traditions and constructing a sense of belonging. A period of preliminary fieldwork from August to September was spent in Georgia and Turkey. The required 60 credits of research methods training was completed and the annual progress review passed successfully. In the 2013-14 Spring term, two modules will be taken; one is optional, another one is compulsory. Veysel plans to submit the literature review part of the project at the end of April 2014 and then to visit both Georgia and Turkey for nearly 8 months' fieldwork.

Dr Kaneff 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.

Dr Morris continued Russian ethnographic fieldwork in summer 2013 which included collaboration with researchers from Jena University on new free trade unions in Russian automotive plants. This was partly funded by CAL, University of Birmingham, CEELBAS and Hans Bockler Stiftung. He was also in this period a Visiting Research Fellow at Higher School of Economics, Moscow. His edited book on Informal Economies will appear in December 2013 with Routledge.

Erica Richardson continues to work on health system reform in countries of the former Soviet Union at the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies, and she has developed a particular interest in the issue of equity in access to health services. Alongside work on health systems Erica has been busy collaborating on a diverse range of papers drawing on data from the Health in Times of Transition study (an FP7-HEALTH collaborative research project).

### **Geography**

Denis Shaw's AHRC and ESRC research projects, which examined aspects of the history of Russian and Soviet scientific thought on the environment and which he held with Dr Jonathan Oldfield (Glasgow), came to an end in May and June, 2013 respectively. A concluding international workshop, organized by the two grantholders, was held at the European University in St Petersburg in March 2013 and attracted about 20 participants from Russia, UK, Europe, USA and Canada. Denis and Jonathan are now publishing a book on their principal findings as well as a series of journal articles. A number of conference presentations have been made or are planned in the near future.

Denis Shaw and Jonathan Oldfield were awarded a British Academy Small Research Grant for a two-year study entitled 'M.I. Budyko (1920-2001) and Soviet Contributions to Climate Change Science 1945-1991', beginning in February, 2014. This will enable them to continue their research into one aspect of their joint research, visiting archives and libraries in St Petersburg and Moscow as well as various centres in the UK.

### Russian Language and Literature

Michael Pushkin presented a paper entitled 'Andrei Voznesenskii: poet global'noi vospriimchivosti' [Andrei Voznesensky: poet of global perception] at the International Likhachev Scientific Readings conference, St Petersburg, 16-17 May 2013. He is co-translator with pianist, music lecturer and Skryabin specialist Simon Nicholls on the first complete English translation of all the composer Skryabin's published prose and verse: Simon Nicholls (ed. and tr.) and Michael Pushkin (tr.), *Alexander Skryabin: Notebooks* (already completed and due for publication by Toccata Press in spring 2015 to mark the centenary of Skryabin's death). He was English language advisor/co-translator on the titles (completed April 2013) for Chekhov's *Three Sisters* at the Fomenko Workshop theatre, Moscow, which has pioneered tablet computers as an alternative to surtitles for foreign spectators and the hard of hearing.

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Arms Control and Economic Transition, £201,000, UK Government, 2012-2015, Principal Investigator: Dr Derek Averre

European Commission Marie Curie Action International Research Staff Exchange scheme (IRSES) entitled 'EuinDepth - European Identity, Cultural Diversity and Political Change', budget for CREES €123,500, coordinated by Dr Derek Averre

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V Hudson ‘Russian Soft Power’ in Ukraine (PhD; supervisor DL Averre/NE Rulyova)

K Imranli ‘The Establishment of the First Armenian Republic’ (PhD; supervisor EA Rees/G Yemelianova)

L Cooley ‘Transformation or Regulation? Understanding the European Union’s Approach to Conflict Resolution in Bosnia, Macedonia, and Kosovo’ (PhD; Supervisor M Pace/TJ Haughton/T Diez)

### *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)

N Coombs ‘Lev Kamenev: A case study in moderate Bolshevism’ (PhD; supervisor EA Rees)

L Davies ‘Cold War or Cool Peace? A Conceptual Analysis of the Contemporary Russo-European Relationship’ (PhD; supervisors DL Averre/M Webber)

V Erdemli ‘Tradition and Belonging: Georgian Associations in Turkey’ (PhD; supervisors D Kaneff/G Yemelianova)

K Hoffman ‘Regional Organisations in the Post-Soviet Space: Domestic Origins of Cooperation Dynamics’ (PhD; supervisor K Wolczuk/DL Averre)

D Ionescu ‘Weaknesses of the EU evaluation of a candidate: Lessons to be learned from the Bulgarian/ Romanian Experience (PhD; supervisors H Macartney/G Timmins)

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- J Kennedy 'How do Russian Communities Develop Social Resilience to Industrial Risk?' (PhD; supervisors JB Morris/DL Averre)
- D Leitch 'The Contribution of International Technical Assistance to Public Administrative Reform in Ukraine: the Case of Regional Policy 2000-2012' (PhD; supervisors K Wolczuk/A Campbell)
- P Manolova 'Transitions from Education to Work of Bulgarian Social Science Graduates' (PhD; supervisors D Kaneff/JB Morris)
- 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

### CREES 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Seminars

**2nd October - "Eurasia. Does it Exist?"** Presentation on the British Council ENSPIRE project on strategic partnership between the University of Birmingham and the Kazakh-British Technical University, 2010-2013

#### **21st November - Why do Caucasian Studies Matter?**

Speakers included:

Giorgi Badridze (ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary of Georgia to the UK)

Nino Kemoklidze

Cerwyn Moore (POLSIIS)

Jeremy Smith (Karelian Institute, University of Eastern Finland)

Galina Yemelianova

#### **17th January - What Are Elections Good for? Authoritarianism and Democracy in the Post-Soviet Space**

Speakers included:

Sarah Birch (Essex)

Matt Frear

Kataryna Wolczuk

#### **23rd January - 27 Up: the Challenges and Prospects of EU Enlargement**

Speakers included:

Graham Avery (St Antony's College, Oxford and European Policy Centre, Brussels)

Lara Scarpitta (European Union Delegation to Turkey and PhD alumna, CREES).

#### **27th February - The EU Crisis - What Next?**

Speaker: Iveta Radicova (former Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic)

#### **6th March - Putin and the Russian Economy**

Speakers included:

Pekka Sutela (formerly Non-resident Senior Associate at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, and Principal Advisor at the Bank of Finland)

Shinichiro Tabata (Professor, Slavic Research Center, Hokkaido University)

### **18th March - Eastern Europe after 1989 - A Laboratory for the Sustainability of Democracy?**

Speaker: Dieter Segert (Institute for Political Science, The University of Vienna)

### **20th March - Putin, Pussy Riot and Protest: A Turbulent Year in Russian Politics**

Speakers included:

Edwin Bacon (Birkbeck College, London): 'Pussy Riot and the complexities of protest in Russia'

David White 'Protesting against Putin: still waiting for the Moscow Spring'

### **6th May - JCMS Annual Review Lecture - Rethinking European Integration (organised together with the Aston Centre for Europe at Aston University)**

#### **Panel Rethinking European Integration: Perspectives from the UK and Visegrad Countries**

Speakers included:

Nathaniel Copsey (Aston University, Birmingham)

Vladimír Bilčík (Comenius University, Bratislava)

Attila Ágh (Corvinus University, Budapest)

Tereza Novotná (Université Libre de Bruxelles, Brussels)

Leszek Jesień Collegium Civitas & KSAP, Warsaw

Chair: Ed Turner (Aston University)

#### **Keynote Speech: Is the European Union Losing its Credibility?**

Speaker: Gerda Falkner (Vienna University)

Discussant: Darina Malová (Comenius University)

Chair: Tim Haughton (CREES)

### **OTHER PUBLIC OUTPUT**

In May Dr Denezhkina gave interviews to BBC West Midlands and the Birmingham Mail. She also organised a ceremony in May at the Hall of Memory on behalf of the British-Russian Society honouring the veterans of the Northern Convoy. The event was reported in the Birmingham Mail. As president of the British Russian Society I lobbied the Prime Minister for the veterans to be allowed to receive the Ushakov medal from the RF and this was granted later in the year.

Dr Averre was involved in policy consultation with the European Parliament, the UK FCO and the Norwegian Defence Research Agency.

Dr Haughton's co-authored article with Alenka Krasovec of the University of Ljubljana, 'Money, Organization and the State: the partial cartelization of party politics in Slovenia' was selected by the Slovenia Research Agency as an example of 'extraordinary achievement in the field of social sciences' in 2011.

In October 2013 Dr Morris chaired the Norwegian Research Councils expert panel evaluating the Programme call Russia and the High North/ Arctic (NORRUSS), Russian Foundation for Humanities.

Mike Pushkin acted as language coach and translator of song texts for the production of the 'Russian Song Evening', Birmingham Conservatoire, 30 April 2013 (Russian)

On 23 December 2013 David White gave an interview for Radio 5 Live on President Putin's pardoning of Mikhail Khodorkovsky and Nadezhda Tolokonnikova and Maria Alyokhina of Pussy Riot. He also contributed a Birmingham Briefing on Aleksey Navalny's campaign in the Moscow mayoral elections for the University of Birmingham website.

In May 2013, Katarzyna Wolczuk presented the study (co-authored with Laure Delcour) on 'Approximation of Eastern Partnership countries' national legislation with EU legislation in EU

economic field'. Dr Wolczuk delivered her presentation before Euronest's Economic Committee during the session which was attended by MEPs and member of Eastern partners' Parliaments from Armenia, Georgia, Moldova, Azerbaijan and Ukraine.

Kataryna Wolczuk gave an interview for the TV Inter (Ukraine) in December 2012 and in January 2013 she and her project colleague, R Dragneva, were interviewed by Robert Coalson for Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty for a special report on the Eurasian Customs Union. In August Kataryna Wolczuk delivered a briefing on Eurasian integration and its implications for EU's eastern policy at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Norway in Oslo.

In March-April 2013 Dr Yemelianova, within her British Council-funded INSPIRE project, gave a series of lectures on Islam, Nationalism and State-Building in Central Asia and on the Western Studies of Central Asia at the Kazakh British University, the TURAN University; the University of Foreign Languages (all in Almaty, Kazakhstan); at the University of World Economy and Diplomacy (Tashkent, Uzbekistan), the University of Foreign Language and the University of Economics and Management (both at Samarkand, Uzbekistan).

Dr Yemelianova also held talks on further development of research collaboration between CREES and the Kazakh British University (with Professor Rinat Iskakov, Director of the International Department); the Oriental Institute (with sheikh Derbisaly, Director of the Institute and Professor Zaur Zhalilov); the TURAN University (with VC of the University); the University of World Economy and Diplomacy (Prof Nodir Jumaev, VC of the University); the University of Foreign Language (with Prof Sirojiddinov, VC of the University) University of Economics and Management (with Prof Kudratov, VC of the University).

During the period under report Dr Yemelianova gave numerous interviews to the BBC on the Boston bombings and other topics related to Islam-inspired violence in Eurasia and the wider world.

In January 2013 Dr Yemelianova gave an interview to newspaper *PULSE* on the Role of Media in the Rise of Islamophobia in Russia and Europe. See <http://pulse-uk.org.uk/interview/ya-ne-schitayu-islam-bolee-neterpimyim-chem-lyubyie-drugie-religii/>

## **ANNUAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE**

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Talk: Professor Ron Amann (Emeritus Professor, University of Birmingham (Former Director of CREES from 1983-89 and Permanent Secretary, Cabinet Office))

*St Catharine's Foundation Lecture by Guest Speaker: Ivan Krastev (Chairman, Centre for Liberal Strategies, Sofia, Bulgaria) "Is Russia More Democratic than China or the Other Way Round?" [cancelled due to illness]*

### Roundtable: Promoting Development in the Post-Communist Space: Theory and Practice

Adrian Campbell (IDD)

Duncan Leitch

Kataryna Wolczuk

Stefanie Harter (German Agency for International Cooperation)

### Sources of Economic Reform in Contemporary Russia

Chair and discussant: Richard Connolly

Philip Hanson (Chatham House): 'Liberal Insiders I: the Argument'

Elizabeth Teague (formerly FCO): 'Liberal Insiders II: Chubais, Shuvalov and Kudrin as Examples'

Silvana Malle (CREES/University of Verona): ‘Other Sources of Institutional Change’

### Embodiment and Emotion in Postsocialist Europe

Chair: Deema Kaneff

Jonathan Oldfield (University of Glasgow): ‘Emotional Engagements with the Field: A View from Area Studies’

Michael Rasell (University of Lincoln): ‘Champions and Heroes: Sochi 2014 and Russian Disability Politics’

Kathryn Cassidy (Queen Mary, University of London): ‘Spaces of Intimacy and Desire: The Emotional Geographies of Trading across ‘EU’rope’s Borders’

Tom Disney (GEES, University of Birmingham): ‘Ethnographic Perspectives on Emotion in Care: A Russian Orphanage’

### Party Politics and Participation

Chair: Tim Haughton

Paul Lewis (Open) ‘Party System Stability in CEE: New Perspectives’

David White ‘From Flawed Democracy to Electoral Authoritarianism: Studying Political Parties in Russia’

Luke March (Edinburgh) ‘Towards a Post-Communist Russian Left?’

Richard Sakwa (Kent) ‘Axiological versus Dialogical Politics in Contemporary Russia’

### Roundtable: Religion and the State in Post-Communist Eurasia

Chair: Arfon Rees

Galina Yemelianova: ‘The Role of Islam in Nation-Building in Kazakhstan under Nazarbayev’

Victoria Hudson: ‘The Role of the Russian Orthodox Church in Foreign Policy: the Case of Ukraine’

Cerwyn Moore (POLSYS, University of Birmingham): ‘Jihad and Islamism in the North Caucasus’

Edwin Bacon (Birkbeck): ‘Political Theology of Russian Orthodoxy’

### Russian Foreign and Security Policy

Chair: Derek Averre

Roy Allison (St Anthony’s College, Oxford): ‘The Russian Understanding of Military Intervention’

Lance Davies: ‘How Effective are Humanitarian Operations as a Medium for Russian Regional and International Engagement?’

Derek Averre: ‘Russia, the Syria conflict and arms control’

Graham Timmins (School of Government and Society/CREES): ‘EU-Russia Relations after the 2012 Russian Presidential Election: Business as Usual?’

## **TRAVEL AND VISITS**

### **Visits by Centre Staff, Associate and Honorary Members**

In April 2013, Professor Cooper spent two weeks on an internship at the Swedish Defence Research Agency (FOI), Kista, Stockholm, Sweden, working on a commissioned report on ‘Russian Military Expenditure’.

In July 2013 Professor Harrison attended the annual Hoover Institution Workshop on ‘Totalitarian Regimes’. He worked in the Hoover Archive on its microfilm holdings from the Lithuania Special (KGB) Archive.

Dr Haughton taught three half-day sessions and coordinated the final week of a three week intensive course ‘Building the European Union’ at Colorado College, USA in April 2013.

Dr Shaw visited the European University in St Petersburg in October, March and May to carry out research in the Russian National Library and in December he travelled to Finland to carry out research in the Finnish National Library. In March he carried out research for his AHRC research project in the Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin and the Bayerische Staatsbibliothek, Munich.

### **Visitors to the Centre**

Iveta Radicova, former Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic and HE The Slovak Ambassador to the United Kingdom, Miroslav Wlachovsky, March 2013

Giorgi Badridze, HE Georgia's Ambassador to the UK, November 2012

Graham Avery, Honorary Director General of the European Commission, February 2013.

Professor Shinichir Tabata, University of Hokaido, March 2013.

Professor Pekka Sutela, University of Helsinki, March 2013.

### **APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONALIA**

From August 2013, Julian Cooper became an Emeritus Professor of CREES, University of Birmingham.

Jeremy Morris was promoted to Senior Lecturer in Russian Studies.

Dr Jonathan Oldfield, who was lecturer in the School of Geography, Earth and Environmental Sciences and an associate member of CREES, 2003-2006, will return to the School in January, 2014, to take up an appointment at Reader in Russian Environmental Studies.