DIRECTOR’S LETTER

After an excruciatingly hot, yet also pleasantly quiet, summer, the Institute is quickly filling up with undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, and visiting scholars. Before delving full-speed into the upcoming fall semester, I would like to stop for a moment and look back, with pride and gratitude, at the accomplishments of the IERES community in 2011-12 under the energetic leadership of the outgoing institute director, Prof. Henry Hale. This past year alone, the institute hosted a whopping 93 events, ranging from lectures by politicians currently in office, such as Estonia’s Minister of Foreign Affairs, to brownbag presentations, roundtables, and workshops. The celebration of the institute’s 50th anniversary in December 2011 turned into a high-caliber intellectual event gauging the democratic changes in Europe and Eurasia in the past two decades. We also welcomed prominent Russian economist Sergei Guriev at the 2012 James R. Millar Memorial Lecture, as well as journalist and activist Evgeniia Albats, among many others.

The symbiotic partnership between IERES and PONARS, the vibrant scholarly network headed by Henry Hale and Cory Welt, has once again benefitted both sides. And the newest member of our family, the Central Asia Program, helmed by Marlene Laruelle and Sebastien Peyrouse, will further enhance our institute’s research and publication dynamic. The members of our institute are > p. 2

CENTRAL ASIA PROGRAM ILLUMINATES STRATEGIC REGION

Since 9/11, most Americans have become familiar with Afghanistan and Pakistan, but few pay much attention to the other “-stans”. The Central Asia Program (CAP), a non-partisan initiative funded by the Elliott School’s Project Initiation Fund and hosted at IERES, is working to change that. IERES Research Professors Marlene Laruelle and Sebastien Peyrouse are the main drivers behind the program, which seeks to improve our understanding of this relatively unknown part of the world. CAP promotes multi-disciplinary study of the five post-Soviet Central Asian states—Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan—while placing them in the context of their neighborhood, which includes Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Xinjiang, Mongolia, the Volga-Ural region of Russia, Kashmir, and Balochistan. CAP’s goal is to provide high-quality research on contemporary Central Asia, making it possible > p. 2
following these and related developments with a keen eye.

Perhaps the most interesting feature of IERES is the composition of its membership: from junior scholars to tenured faculty, from Ph.D. students to research professors - together with our highly efficient staff that makes the Institute’s complex mechanisms work, they form a community boasting an exceptional degree of international and interdisciplinary diversity.

I look forward to a host of events planned for this Fall and the forthcoming Spring semester, including the PONARS policy conference, a high profile event on the politics of protest organized by Sharon Wolchik, and an address by Ireland’s ambassador to the U.S.

At the beginning of this academic year, the IERES community welcomes a new resident member, historian Gregg Brazinsky. We also mourn the loss of our loyal senior member Carl Linden, who belonged to IERES since the 1960s, when it was still called the Sino-Soviet Institute.

Likewise, I am happy to welcome the incoming and returning European and Eurasian Studies students to IERES and look forward to seeing them at our events this year. Engaged students play a key role in ensuring the vibrancy of IERES’s intellectual life.

As the new director of IERES, it is my honor and privilege to continue the intellectual and administrative paths laid out by my esteemed predecessors and work closely and trustingly with the Institute’s affiliates, guests, and staff.

- Peter Rollberg

for policy-makers, academics, diplomats, and businesspeople to work together in explaining the development of the region’s societies and finding effective ways to address their challenges.

Central Asia often falls through the cracks of regional studies since it does not fit easily into Asian studies, where China, Japan, and Korea are the major players, or European analysis. Moreover, scholars working on the region tend to be geographically compartmentalized in the US, Europe, Russia, Asia, and the region itself. Working across regions, institutions, and academic disciplines will help provide a more comprehensive set of tools to better grasp what is happening in this ancient crossroads, where centuries of trade has mingled east and west. The program is focused on a variety of research topics, including domestic and external security challenges, development, resource management, energy security, private sector sustainability, state-building, demography and health, migration, and the overall regional geopolitical environment.

Kyrgyzstan presents an interesting example of CAP’s work since it is the only country in the world that hosts a US and a Russian military base in close proximity to each other. Despite the pervasive authoritarian culture in the neighboring countries, Kyrgyzstan currently boasts a parliamentary democracy with a lively political system. Unlike nearby Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan, however, it has very few energy resources of its own and must depend on imports.

CAP sponsors a wide variety of talks and its website (www.centralasiaprogram.org) publishes numerous analyses from scholars in the region and around the world. One of the program’s most recent outputs was a special issue of IERES’s journal Demokratizatsiya: The Journal of Post-Soviet
Democratization. The articles in this special issue examine the role of patronal politics in Central Asia. Former IERES Director Henry Hale defines patronal presidentialism as “the exercise of political authority primarily through selective transfers of resources rather than formalized institutional practices, idea-based politics, or generalized exchange as enforced through the established rule of law.” The articles in the issue examine the relationship between the president and his family, oligarchs, and bureaucrats in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Turkmenistan, as well as the functioning of regional elites in Uzbekistan and Tajikistan. Like CAP itself, the collection of essays in Demokratizatsiya seeks to define the field of Central Asian studies by providing illuminating new ways to think about what is going on in this strategic part of the world.

Insight: Peter Rollberg Assumes Post as IERES Director

This summer Peter Rollberg accepted the dean’s invitation to serve as IERES director for the next two academic years. The previous director, Henry Hale, stepped down after three years as the director in order to pursue research projects in Russia and Azerbaijan; he will be based in the field for most of the next year.

As director, Henry greatly developed the institute from the strong base that he inherited from his predecessors. Under his leadership, the Institute significantly expanded its resources and capabilities, with the addition of new research professors and its successful proposals for more external grants from sources both outside GW and within the university. This growth included bringing the PONARS Eurasia project with its three core staff members to IERES and the establishment of the Central Asia Program and the Arctic projects (described in greater detail in separate articles). Additionally, at the beginning of 2012, IERES began publishing the refereed scholarly journal Demokratizatsiya: The Journal of Post-Soviet Democratization. Today, the Institute is increasingly seen as one of the leading centers for the study of Europe and Eurasia, a process that will continue evolving under Peter’s new management.

Peter is a professor of Slavic Languages, Film Studies, and International Affairs. An expert on Russian and Soviet cinema, he is the author of an authoritative historical dictionary covering this topic. The 2009 volume brims with reference material on cinema in the Russian empire, the Soviet Union, and post-Soviet Russia, including entries on filmmakers, performers, cinematographers, composers, producers, studios, genres, and films. He also recently published an essay examining the field of Eurasian Cultural Studies in Demokratizatsiya.

He earned a PhD at the University of Leipzig in 1988, moving to the United States in 1990. He initially taught at Duke University and arrived at GW in 1991. During his time in Foggy Bottom, he won the prestigious Bender (1999) and Trachtenberg (2001) Teaching Prizes. Among the other significant experience he brings to the position, he has served as director of the University Honors Program and chair of the Department of Romance, German, and Slavic Languages and Literatures.

Peter plans to continue building on IERES’s past successes and will work to define new areas of excellence. Of course, some things will remain the same, including the long-standing IERES tradition of monthly happy hours and a friendly environment to spur creative research.
IERES Mourns the Passing of Carl Linden

Professor Emeritus Carl A. Linden, 82, died on April 2, 2012. He taught at GW from 1971 to 2001, and led an honors course for three additional years. As a scholar, he was best known for his book on Nikita Khrushchev: Khrushchev and the Soviet Leadership, 1957-1964. As Robert C. Tucker pointed out in the introduction to the book, which described the weakness of Khrushchev’s power base, Linden predicted the leader’s demise well before his Politburo colleagues removed him from office in a conspiratorial coup. Carl’s views contradicted Western conventional wisdom at the time, with many Sovietologists arguing that Khrushchev had a firm hand on the levers of power. Carl remained quite proud of this foresight and delighted in recounting it to younger scholars. In addition to political science, he was also deeply interested in philosophy and theology.

Carl was born in Greenwich, Connecticut, and raised in Rye, New York. He was a 1951 international affairs graduate of Syracuse University, where he was elected to the Phi Beta Kappa honor society. He received a master’s degree in Russian studies from Harvard University in 1956. He earned a doctorate in political science and international affairs from George Washington University in 1965.

Carl did intelligence work with the Air Force during the Korean War and was a political analyst for the CIA-affiliated Foreign Broadcast Information Service from 1956 to 1965, followed by five years of teaching courses in Western thought at St. John’s College in Annapolis.

One of Carl’s great passions was the C&O Canal and he served as a board member and past president of the C&O Canal Association and edited its quarterly newsletter, Along the Towpath. He was a leader in the restoration and preservation of the canal’s Monocacy Aqueduct, which had been designated one of the most endangered historic places in the US. He was involved with the group for over 50 years.

Later in life he converted to Catholicism and became deeply religious, going most days to mass at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Washington, where he also served as a eucharistic minister. His wife of 25 years, Marcia Gage, passed away in 1988. He was the father of six children and grandfather to three.

Long after he retired, Carl visited IERES frequently and participated in its lectures and discussions. He had been a close friend of former Director Jim Millar and enjoyed spending time with him. IERES staff members remember Carl for his genial manner and warm sense of humor. He helped preserve many of the Institute’s records, which are now housed in GW’s Gelman Library. Through his dedication to our field and warm personality, Carl helped shape the Institute into the welcoming place it is today.

NSF Grant Boosts IERES Arctic Program

In August, the National Science Foundation (NSF) awarded a team of IERES scholars a grant for $561,377 to build a Research Coordination Network (RCN) that will promote Arctic urban sustainability in Russia as part of the NSF’s Science, Engineering, and Education for Sustainability (SEES) program. In addition to enriching IERES’s already vast acronym vocabulary, the new network will be a multi-disciplinary, international effort examining the interconnections among resource development, climate change, and evolving demographic patterns with the goal of providing advice to U.S., Russian, and other policy-makers on how to develop Arctic oil and natural gas deposits and their related...
infrastructure in a way that produces minimal impact on the environment. The project will run for the next five academic years.

The key members of the team behind the new effort are IERES Assistant Director Robert Orttung, Research Professor Marlene Laruelle, Geography Assistant Professor Nikolai Shiklomanov, and Research Scientist Dmitry Streletsky. Orttung has written extensively about regional developments in Russia. Laruelle is almost finished with a book manuscript examining various aspects of Russia’s Arctic developments entitled The Land of Tomorrow? Russia’s Strategies in the Arctic. Shiklomanov and Streletsky have conducted extensive field research in Arctic regions measuring the amount of permafrost that is thawing as a result of climate change.

In preparing and implementing the grant, this GW-based group will work with a wide range of experts from the US and abroad, including Timothy Heleniak (University of Maryland), Aleksandr Pelyasov (Center for Northern and Arctic Economies in Russia), and Elena Wilson Rowe (Norwegian Institute of International Affairs), who will be a visiting scholar at IERES during the 2013-14 academic year.

One of the main activities of the research network will be convening annual conferences, which will take place alternately at GW and a location in Russia. These events will bring together a wide range of academics and policy-makers to facilitate networking among scholars studying Arctic issues in the US, Canada, Europe, and Russia. At the meetings, participants will summarize their ongoing research results in concise papers (2,000 words) and presentations, and seek ways to collaborate with colleagues working in other disciplines. Between the annual meetings, scholars will connect through the publication of their conference papers on a dedicated website and an e-mail listserv devoted to the topic.

The network has already established a close working relationship with Norway’s University of Tromso, which won a one million dollar grant from the Norwegian Research Council this summer to pursue research projects similarly focused on Arctic urban sustainability. As part of that project, GW scholars will receive approximately $250,000 in funding for research, travel, and student education purposes.

These projects grew out of the GW Arctic Working Group, which began meeting in 2011. The working group brings together GW scholars active in the fields of geography, sociology, and political science to address various Arctic issues. This group won a $21,000 Elliott School Project Initiation Fund grant that is sponsoring a conference on November 19, 2012, which will ultimately result in an edited volume bringing together authors from a variety of disciplines to examine how energy development, climate change, and evolving demographic patterns are influencing the sustainability of urban developments in Russia’s Far North.

Overall, these projects will lay the foundation to make IERES an internationally-recognized center for Arctic research at a time when policy-makers, businesspeople, and academics are devoting increasing attention to the northern reaches of our planet. The Arctic is expected to be a major new source of oil and natural gas as more fields, both on-shore and off-shore, become accessible to drilling. It may provide a shorter trade route linking western European and Asian markets. Meanwhile, all of these developments raise considerable security questions for the countries involved. Such changes require careful study and thoughtful analysis to ensure that current generations use the Earth’s endowments in a way that leaves new possibilities for those who come after us.
IERES Launches Publication of
Demokratizatsiya

At the beginning of 2012, IERES took over responsibility as publisher of the journal Demokratizatsiya: The Journal of Post-Soviet Democratization. This journal is one of the leading publications in the area of post-Soviet studies, and circulates a wide range of articles examining the political, economic, and social changes that have taken place in the Soviet space since 1985. The journal accepts manuscripts on a regular basis and also organizes a variety of special issues, with all submissions subjected to peer review.

Since the beginning of 2012, Demokratizatsiya has published three issues. The first two included revised versions of papers initially presented at IERES’s December 2011 conference examining “Twenty Years Since the Collapse of the Soviet Union: What Have We Learned?” The third issue focused on Central Asia. Future issues will publish some of the articles that have been submitted from authors around the world and will likely include special issues devoted to the media in the former Soviet states and the evolution of Ukrainian politics.

Copies of the journal are available at IERES. The IERES website has free versions for downloading onto iPad and Nook e-book readers. Additionally, GW users can access the journal online at metapress.com.

IERES Welcomes New Faculty Members

Evgeny Finkel joined the Department of Political Science this fall as an Assistant Professor. He earned a PhD in Political Science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and, prior to coming to GW, spent a year as a Research Fellow in the Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence at Yale University.

Evgeny was born in the USSR, in the city of L’viv in current-day Ukraine. When he was twelve, his family moved to Haifa, Israel. He received a BA in Political Science and International Relations at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and studied at the University of Wisconsin-Madison from 2007 to 2012.

Evgeny’s dissertation, which he is currently turning into a book, analyzes variation in the behavior of victims of genocides and mass killings by focusing on the actions of Jews during the Holocaust. His other research examines reforms, identity, and social stability in Eurasia. Evgeny’s work has been published (or is forthcoming) in Comparative Politics, East European Politics and Societies, Democratization, Genocide Studies and Prevention, Global Society, Osteuropa, and several edited volumes.

Sebastien Peyrouse is a new research professor at the Elliott School. His main areas of expertise are political systems, economic development, and religion in Central Asia, as well as Central Asia’s geopolitical positioning in relation to China, India and South Asia. He has authored or co-authored seven books on Central Asia in French. In English, he is the author of Turkmenistan. Strategies of Power, Dilemmas of Development (M. E. Sharpe, 2011), and the co-author of The ‘Chinese Question’
in Central Asia. Domestic Order, Social Changes, and the Chinese Factor (Hurst, Columbia University Press, 2012) and of Globalizing Central Asia. Geopolitics and the Challenges of Economic Development (M.E. Sharpe, 2012). He has also co-edited China and India in Central Asia. A new “Great Game”? (Palgrave Macmillan, 2010), and Mapping Central Asia: Indian Perceptions and Strategies (Ashgate, 2011). At IERES, he will be working with the Central Asia Program and developing comparative frameworks to improve our understanding of Asia and the Middle East.

### IERES Visiting Scholars 2012-2013

**Masafumi Asada** is a research fellow at the Slavic Research Center, Hokkaido University, Japan, where he received his Ph.D. in 2010. Currently he is interested in transnational historical studies of Northeast Asia. At IERES his research topics are the Soviet management of the Chinese Changchun Railway from 1945 to 1955 and American and British policy toward the Sino-Soviet border conflict in 1969. He will organize a conference addressing the Chinese Eastern Railway, which is the main topic of his Ph.D. dissertation, at IERES in January 2013. masada@gwu.edu (July 2012–March 2013)

**Dariga Chukmaitova,** who is originally from Kazakhstan, earned her Ph.D. at Claremont Graduate University. Her dissertation examined “Sector-switching” in Kazakhstan's healthcare industry. The study examines why doctors switch from the national to the private system. dariga@gwu.edu (September 2010–December 2012)

**Hasan Demiroğlu** is an assistant professor of general Turkish history from Trakya University in Edime, Turkey. He is a fluent Russian speaker and his project examines “Turko-Russian relations between 1856 and 1876.” demiroglu@gwu.edu (July 2012–October 2012)

**Rebecca Chamberlain-Creanga** is working on “Manufacturing Separatism: Transnational Economy, Identity, and Politics on a Post-Soviet Frozen War Front” while at IERES. She holds a Ph.D. in Social Anthropology from the London School of Economics. Rebecca has studied and worked in Eurasian conflict zones for the past twelve years, supported by several Title VIII research grants, a Rotary Foundation Fellowship and a Marshall Scholarship. Her areas of interest include war, identity and statecraft, political change and public opinion, gender, culture and economic transformation. racc@gwu.edu (February 2011–December 2012)

**Mami Hamamoto** is a research fellow at the Graduate School of Humanities and Sociology, the University of Tokyo, Japan, specializing in the history of Russian Muslims, especially Tatars. At IERES, she is examining the activities of Tatar merchants in the 19th century and at the beginning of the 20th century. hamamoto@gwu.edu (September 2011–September 2013)
**Siri Holland** is a political adviser to the Labour party group in the Norwegian parliament, following the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs. She holds a master’s degree in law from the University of Oslo, Norway, and is the recipient of the 2012 Ambassador Robert D. Stuart Fellowship. At IERES, she is working on politics and energy within the context of the international economy. She will also be spending time at the Europe Program of the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) while in Washington. sholland@gwu.edu (August-December 2012)

**Oleg Kozlovsky** is a Fulbright Visiting Researcher working on his dissertation, which examines the influence of Ukraine’s Orange Revolution on Russian political life. His academic interests include non-violent political resistance movements, democratic revolutions, as well as use of new media for advancing freedom and democracy. Oleg is known in Russia as a civil rights activist, change agent, and blogger. (September 2012-May 2013)

**Sinae Hyun** is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of History, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Born and raised on Jeju Island, Republic of Korea, she came to the U.S. to pursue graduate studies focusing on Southeast Asian and Cold War history. Currently, she is working on a dissertation entitled “Indigenizing the Cold War: Civic Actions of the Thai Border Patrol Police and Postcolonial Nation-Building in Southeast Asia, 1945-1982.” Her research attempts to bring Thai local history into the larger context of indigenizing Cold War developments by investigating the interconnectedness between the postcolonial nation-building process and the U.S.’s intervention into local politics in Southeast Asia. (September 2012-June 2013)

**Leo Jansons** is a PhD student of Modern History at the University of Latvia in Riga. His dissertation takes a multi-dimensional look at the Baltic Question – the “strange existence” of the Baltic States after June 1940. He will examine documents in the US National Archive to analyze the Baltic Question from the American institutional point of view, the first undertaking of this kind. (April 2012-September 2012)

**Ivan Kurilla** is a Department Head at Volgograd State University, Russia. Kurilla was a recipient of Kennan Institute grants and a Fulbright scholarship. His books include Partners Across the Ocean: America and Russia in 1830-1850 (in Russian) (Volgograd, 2005) and Russia and the United States: Mutual Representations in Textbooks (co-ed., Volgograd, Kennan Institute, 2009). He has published articles in the Journal of American History, Problems of Post-Communism, Demokratizatsiya: Journal of Post-Soviet Democratization, and in many Russian academic journals.

**Hong Sub Lee** is Associate Professor in the Department of International Relations at the Korea National Defense University in Seoul. He will research the prospects for democratization in Russia during his time at IERES. hongsublee@gwu.edu (August 2012 – July 2013).

**Yanan Li** is a Ph.D. candidate in diplomacy at the School of International Studies at Peking University in China. She is currently conducting research on China's foreign policy toward Southeast Asia during the late Cold War. Her areas of interest also
include China’s foreign relations and Chinese foreign policy decision-making. She received her MA in Diplomacy and BA in International Politics from the School of International Studies at Peking University. (October 2012 – July 2013)

Katharina Matro is a Ph.D. Candidate in Eastern European History at Stanford University. The title of her current research project is “Making Prussia Polish: The Transformation of Rural Communities in Poland’s New Western Territories, 1944-1960.” Her dissertation project examines the transformation of rural communities in the territories accorded to Poland after World War II. In her work, she asks how war, forced migration, and regime change transformed life in the estate villages of the former Prussian nobility. kmatro@sgwu.edu (September 2012- June 2013)

Roman Moskalik is a William and Helen Petrach Scholar at IERES, where his project is “Strategies of Multinational Negotiations and Policy Advocacy: Lessons for Ukraine.” Since 2003 he has been an Associate Professor at Ivan Franko National University in Lviv, Ukraine. He received his Ph.D. at that university in 2002. He also worked as a senior researcher at the Lviv branch of the National Institute for Strategic Studies under the auspices of Ukraine’s President (2006-2008). He researches the issues of commercial diplomacy, multinational negotiations, and public advocacy. He is the author of books on commercial diplomacy, trade policy, world agriculture, and international technology diffusion. moskalik@gwu.edu (September - December 2012)

Niklas Nilsson is a Fulbright Visiting Researcher at IERES, where the working title of his research project will be "Democracy and Security in U.S.-Georgia Relations, 2003-2010." He is a Doctoral Candidate at Uppsala University and Sodertom University, where he focuses on the foreign policy implications of democratic rule-making, studied through the relationship between the U.S. and Georgia. Other research interests include international relations and security in the Caucasus and Central Asia, and Caspian energy politics. He is also associate editor of the Central Asia - Caucasus Analyst, a biweekly online journal jointly published by SAIS at Johns Hopkins University and the Institute for Security and Development Policy in Stockholm. nnilsson@gwu.edu (September 2012 – May 2013)

Margaret Paxson is senior associate at the Kennan Institute of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. Her research project is entitled "Remembering the Good: Legacies of Rescue and Resistance in the Plateau Vivarais-Lignon." She is researching how the extraordinary rescue efforts on the Plateau Vivarais-Lignon during the Holocaust are recalled—in story and in action—by the local community. She has studied memory patterns and social/moral questions in rural communities extensively in Russia and the Caucasus. paxson@gwu.edu (January–December 2012)

Jean-François Ratelle completed his Ph.D at the University of Ottawa in 2012. His main research interests include the micro-dynamics of violence, civil wars, terrorism, Islamic radicalization, the North Caucasus, and the Balkans. His Ph.D. dissertation deals with the recent upsurge of insurgent violence in the North Caucasus. The author engaged in ethnographic-based research that focused on the pathways toward insurgent participation in Dagestan and in the North
Caucasus. He conducted 13 months of ethnographical research in Russia, including 6 months in the North Caucasus (Dagestan, Chechnya, and Kabardino-Balkaria).

Olena Rybiy is a Research Scholar at the I. F. Kuras Institute of Political and Ethnic Studies (Ukraine), where she defended her PhD dissertation in 2011. She earned her BA and MA in Political Science at the National University of Kyiv Mohyla Academy. She joined IERES as a Carnegie Fellow and is working on the topic “Institutional Analysis of Political Reform in Post-Soviet Ukraine.” Her professional interests include political institutions and transformational processes in Ukraine and Ukrainian political parties on the eve of the 2012 parliamentary elections. (September 2012 – January 2013)

Albert Schmidt, professor emeritus at the University of Bridgeport, presently is editing an 18th century document on the doctrine of allegiance and its relationship to landholding in southeastern Lincolnshire. Also, he is continuing to work on his memoir, chronicling a life that began in 1925. Shortly he will return to a nearly completed essay on 18th century provincial architecture and town planning in Russia. albsch@gwu.edu (September 2012-December 2015)

Sufian Zhemukhov is a Heyward Isham Visiting Scholar in Russian and East European Studies, working on a project entitled “Diasporas, Genocide, and International Law: Russia and the Circassian Community in the Global Context.” He defended his PhD at the Institute of Ethnology of the Russian Academy of Sciences in 1997, and has worked in Nalchik as director of the Teacher Training Institute (2000-2004), and editor-in-chief of the newspapers Kabardino-Balkarskaia Pravda (2006-2007) and Voice of Kabarda (since 2011). He recently published an article on modern Circassian nationalism in Nationalities Papers. zhemukho@gwu.edu (October 2012 – December 2013)

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Selected IERES Publications

- Books, Chapters, Articles, Commentary

Books


Chapters & Articles


Marlène Lalouelle, "Israel and Central Asia: Opportunities and Limits for Partnership in a Post-Arab Spring World." Wider Europe, July 2012.


Marlène Lalouelle, "When the 'Near Abroad' Looks at Russia: the Eurasian Union Project as Seen from the Southern Republics." Russian Analytical Digest, No. 112, April 20, 2012, 8-11.


Sébastien Peyrouse, "Central Asia's Long-Term Questions Remain Unanswered After the Shanghai Cooperation Organization Summit." Wider Europe, July 2012.


Peter Rollberg, review of Dzhannik Faiziev, August. Eight (2012) in the online journal KinoKultura.


Commentary


Erwan Lagadec, "La réalité n’est pas celle du déclin de l’Occident et du triomphe des BRICS." ["Current trends do not spell the West’s decline and the triumph of the BRICS"]. Le Monde, June 19, 2012.


Cory Welt, "Can the U.S.-Russia 'Reset' Survive Russia’s Presidential Election?" Center for American Progress. March 1, 2012.


Recent Events at IERES

Behind the Headlines

"Roma and Racism: International Responses to a Civil Rights Struggle in Europe," Erika Schlager, Counsel for International Law, US Helsinki Commission, Susan Bell, OSCE Coordinator, Deputy Director Office of European Political and Security Affairs, Department of State, Zeljko Jovanovic, Director of Roma Initiatives, Open Society Foundations, Joelle Fiss, Senior Associate, Fighting Discrimination Program, Human Rights First, Michelle Kelso, Assistant Professor of Sociology and International Affairs, GWU, Co-sponsored with: Human Rights First, the National Democratic Institute, the National Endowment for Democracy, and the Open Society Foundation, May 3, 2012.


"Two Years Later: A WikiLeaks Effect?,” P. J. Crowley, Former Assistant Secretary and Spokesman at the Department of State, April 18, 2012.

"Foreign Banks, Reputation, and Sovereign Credit Ratings: Evidence from Transition Economies," Jana Grittersova, Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of California, Riverside, April 17, 2012.


Central Asia Program

(Funded by the Elliott School Project Initiation Fund)

"Informal Justice in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan,” Azita Ranjbar, Former Fulbright Fellow, Eric McGlinchey, Associate Professor of Government and Politics, George Mason University, May 25, 2012.

“The Crisis of Governance in Central Asia,” David Merkel, Former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs, Sean Roberts, Associate Professor of the Practice of International Affairs and Director of the International Development Studies Program at George Washington University, Philip Shishkin, Reuters, David Short, Senior Counsel, Trade & International Affairs, for FedEx Express, Co-sponsored with: The Asia Society, April 20, 2012.

“Turkish Religious Movements in the Caucasus and Central Asia,” Bayram Balci, Visiting Fellow, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, April 17, 2012


European and Eurasian Leaders


European and Eurasian Leaders “Reflections of a Former Prime Minister: Prime Minister Aznar of Spain,” José María Aznar, Former Prime Minister, Spain, Co-sponsored with: The International Affairs Society, February 1, 2012.


“The Eurozone’s Divided Sovereignty,” Nicolas Jabko, Associate Professor of Political Science, Johns Hopkins University, February 17, 2012.

“Competitive Regionalism and the Italian Crisis,” Luigi Bunoni, Associate Professor of Economic Sociology, University of Teramo, Italy, February 1, 2012.


“Revolutions as Negative Coalitions: Why Orange Was Just Red and Yellow (But Not Blue),” Mark R.
**Leaders in European and Eurasian Studies**

“Incomplete Assimilation among Muslims in France,” David Laitin, Professor of Political Science, Stanford University, April 20, 2012.

**Annual James Millar Lecture**


**PEERS**

“After Transition and War: Has the Caucasus Turned the Corner?” Cory Welt, Associate Director, IERES, Co-sponsored with: PEERS, April 19, 2012.


**Petrach Program on Ukraine**


“Informal Institutions in Hybrid Regimes: The Case of Ukraine,” Boris Matsiyevsky, Associate Professor, Ostroh Academy National University, Ukraine, March 27, 2012.


**Postcomunist Politics Social Science Workshop**

(Funded by the Heyward Isham Fund for Russian and East European Studies)

“Practicing Uyghurstan: Neighborhoods and Nationalisms among the Uyghurs of Kazakhstan,” Sean Roberts, Associate Professor and Director, International Development Studies Program, GWU, Discussant: Marjorie Mandelstam Balzer, Georgetown, May 16, 2012.


“Global Civil Society, Development Activism and the Third World Challenge to International Order,” Victor...
Nemchenok, Mellon Pre-Doctoral Fellow, IERES, University of Virginia, March 8, 2012.


“State-Society Relations in Hybrid Regimes: The Case of Azerbaijan,” Gökhan Alper Ataşer, Research Assistant, Middle East Technical University, February 9, 2012.


Alumni Notes

Among the winners of the 2012 Washington Post Hunt were team leader John Mackedon (MA EES ‘09), Madalina Cristoloveanu (MA, EES ’07) and another Elliott School grad, Nicole Mechem (MA IDS ’07). According to the newspaper, the Hunt is “a bizarre game in which brainy Washington Post Magazine readers fanned out across downtown D.C. to solve a series of mind-bending puzzles for a $2,000 prize.” The puzzles were all devised by humorists Dave Barry, Gene Weingarten and Tom Shroder. Although the team was called Nogganawhin, as in “not gonna win,” that initial pessimism turned out to be unwarranted. The victorious teammates used their winnings to subsidize the sagging economy by patronizing a local watering hole or two. They also made mugs with a picture of the giant check, and split the rest of the money.

Lessons learned at the Elliott School contributed to the triumph. “I guess the notion of working with different people with diverse skill sets was the key to our success. These puzzles are very random and esoteric - they require some real thinking outside of the box. Some puzzles made sense to some team members and others did not - collectively, though, they all came together. This is similar to group projects one encounters at the Elliott School - pairing someone whose focus is the Caucasus and Central Asia with someone who is involved in space policy can lead to some very interesting results!” Mackedon said. He is now a consultant for the World Bank.

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