

ELEVENTH ANNUAL UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA  
UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH CONFERENCE  
ON CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

MAY 3, 2008, UCLA

- 8:30-9:00** Coffee and Refreshments
- 9:00-9:10** Opening Remarks: Prof. Roman Koropecjy, UCLA Slavic Dept.
- 9:15-10:00** **Panel 1A: DEMOCRACY IN RUSSIA** (Haines 118)  
Chair: Sanja Lacan

Justine Miller, UCSB  
"Frames of the 2008 Russian Presidential Election"  
James Oglesby, UCSB  
"A Glorious Democratic Tradition"

- 9:15-10:00** **Panel 1B: MUSIC IN RUSSIA** (Haines 220)  
Chair: Sasha Razor

Masaya Tajika, UCI  
"The Russian Piano School"  
Ian Wong, Northwood High School  
"Russian Classical Music: A Journey from Obscurity to Recognition"

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**10:00-10:10 BREAK**

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- 10:10-11:30** **Panel 2: ARTS AND POLITICS** (Haines 118)  
Chair: Rachel Deblinger

Olga T. Dubrovskaya and Elena Kokhanovski, UCSB  
"The Politics of Russian Fashion"  
Johana Fiserova, UCLA  
"Pubs in the Czech Republic: Simply a Gentleman's Business"  
Kenneth Martinez, UCSB  
"Solaris: Philosophy through Science Fiction"  
Maia Lazar, UCSD  
"Africans as Representatives of Social Anxiety in Perestroika Russia"

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**11:30-11:40 BREAK**

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**11:40-12:40**            **Panel 3: LANGUAGE AND HISTORY** (Haines 118)  
Chair: Kristin Vitalich

Evan Cassidy, UCI

"A Comparison of the Russian and French Verb Systems"

Jonathan Poser, UCSB

"Class, Government, and Language in the Post-Revolutionary and Stalinist USSR"

Corinne A. Seals, UCSB

"From Russification to Ukrainization: A Survey of Language Politics in Ukraine"

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**12:40-13:40 LUNCH**

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**13:40-14:25**            **Panel 4: TOPICS IN CENTRAL AND  
EASTERN EUROPEAN LITERATURE** (Haines 118)  
Chair: Yelena Furman

Timea Antal, UCLA

"The Transformation of the Concept of Love in the Twentieth Century through the Work of Moricz Zsigmond"

Ilona Datkovskaya, UCI

"Ukrainian Nationalism and the Struggle for Independence in the Art of Taras Shevchenko"

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**14:25-14:35 BREAK**

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**14:35-15:35**            **Panel 5: TOPICS IN RUSSIAN LITERATURE** (Haines 118)  
Chair: Tonya Sergieff

Anna Godick, UCSD

"Karolina Karlovna Pavlova: How Personal Experiences Translate onto Paper"

Elen Kanayan, UCI

"The Cherry Stone and 'Love': Struggling to Accept the New World"

Emilia Bogdanova Liberty, UCSD

"Image and Themes of V. V. Mayakovsky in the Works of M. A. Bulgakov"

**15:35**

Closing Remarks & Presentation of Awards:  
Lecturer Katia McClain, UCSB Dept. of Germanic, Slavic &  
Semitic Studies