On the Move: Migration and Mobility in Central and Eastern Europe and Eurasia

Interdisciplinary Conference
April 5-7, 2013 · Washington University Alumni House

The conference is co-sponsored by the “Migration, Identity, State” & Eurasian Studies Research Clusters in International and Area Studies and the Volkswagen Foundation.
FRIDAY, APRIL 5

Welcome
Anika Walke, “Migration, Identity, State” Research Cluster

Undergraduate Student Panel
Chair: Andy Sobel, Washington University
Katie Ayaniyan, International and Area Studies:
Conflict Management in the Southern Caucasus: National Narratives and Geo-Politics
Erin Humphries, International and Area Studies:
Understanding Russian Decision-Making in Eurasia and Georgia
Matthew Lee, International and Area Studies:
Afghanistan’s Bane: The Crippling Legacy of the Durand Line

Graduate Student Panel
Chair: En Li, Ph.D. Candidate, Washington University
Paula Doumani, Ph.D. Candidate, Dept. of Anthropology:
Mobility, Technology Transfer, and Material Culture at the Heart of Eurasia:
Prehistoric Nomads of Kazakhstan
Jacob Labendz, Ph.D. Candidate, Dept. of History:
“In unserem Kreise”: Czech-Jewish Activism and Immigration in America, 1939-1994

Reception with Light Refreshments
Welcome
Tim Parsons, Director of International and Area Studies
Jan Musekamp, Volkswagen Foundation Postdoctoral Fellow

Keynote
Leslie Page Moch, Michigan State University:
Repertoires and Regimes of Human Mobility: On the Move in 20th Century Eurasia

Welcome
Nicoje Svobodny, Eurasian Studies Research Cluster
Paul Michael Lützeler, Volkswagen Foundation Liaison at Washington University

Panel I: Visions of Mobility
Chair: Lynne Tatlock, Washington University
Jan Musekamp, European University Viadrina, Frankfurt/O./ Washington University:
Paris - St. Petersburg: Shrinking Spaces in the 19th Century
Harriet Murav, University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign/ Stanford Humanities Center:
Technology, the City, and Literature: Bergelson and Shklovsky in Berlin
Nathan Wood, University of Kansas:
“A main station at one’s front door”: Bicycles, Automobiles, and Dreams of Personal Mobility in Poland, 1885-1939

cont. SATURDAY, APRIL 6

Panel II: Circulating Identities
Chair: Lori Watt, Washington University
Chia Yin Hsu, Portland State University:
The Ruble in Manchuria: The Circulation of Money and Conceptions of National Sovereignty at the Chinese and Russian Frontier, 1890s-1920s
Chris Ward, Clayton State University:
Far from Home: Railway Workers’ Experiences Abroad during Construction of the Baikal-Amur-Railway (BAM), 1974-1984
Adrian Wanner, Pennsylvania State University:
Recent Post-Soviet Immigrant Writers in Germany: Russians, Jews, or Germans?

Lunch
1 PM

Panel III: Bodies in Motion
Chair: Hillel Kieval, Washington University
Keely Stauter-Halsted, University of Illinois-Chicago:
Sex-Trafficking as a Migration Problem in Partitioned Poland
Elizabeth Blake, Saint Louis University:
Composition and Authorship in the Manuscripts of Sybiracy from the Interrevolutionary Era
Tobias Brinkmann, Pennsylvania State University:
Invisible Borders and Missing Migrants: Retracing the Journeys of Russian Subjects through Central Europe and Canada, 1880-1914

Panel IV: Life in Translation
Chair: Derek Pardue, Washington University
Anna Winstein, University of Oxford, UK / Ballets Russes Cultural Partnership, Boston:
Dynamic Bohemians: The Russki Artisticheki Kruzhok v Parizhe
George Gasyik, University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign:
Andrzej Stasiuk and the Myth of the Literary Gastarbeiter
Nicole Svobodny, Washington University:
Performance-walks in the Diary of Vaslav Nijinsky

Dinner (for participants)
7 PM
Pick up for transit to “Bosna Gold” at Knight Center
6:45 PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

Breakfast
9 AM

Concluding Roundtable
Moderator: Anika Walke, “Migration, Identity, State” Research Cluster

The End
11:30 AM