



# Russia and Eastern Europe into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Looking Back, Looking Forward

CEELBAS Postgraduate Student Conference  
Wednesday 17 – Thursday 18 March 2010  
St. Antony's College and Wolfson College, University of Oxford

The collapse of communism was a shock; post-communist developments continue to surprise. With many scholars taking stock of the profound changes in Russia and Central/East European states since the fall of communism 20 years ago, the Centre for East European Language Based Area Studies (CEELBAS) is supporting a conference on key issues in REES for postgraduate students from its member universities (Bath, Birmingham CREES, Cambridge, Kent, Manchester, Oxford REES, School of Oriental and African Studies, Sheffield, University College London SSEES, and Warwick). This event will be hosted by the postgraduate students in Oxford's Russian and East European Studies programme. It is hoped that this conference will enable the participants to engage with, and contribute to, the inter-disciplinary dialogue on post-communist processes of change that has been promoted by CEELBAS. Information about CEELBAS can be found at: <http://www.ceelbas.ac.uk/>

The one-and-a-half-day conference in Oxford is both student-run and student-focused. The event will be split into plenary sessions and subject-specific split sessions. The plenary sessions will combine talks by leading academics and 10-minute presentations by PhD or second-year masters students on their ongoing research. These sessions will be centred on the following broad themes:

- Politics and International Relations
- Economics of Transition
- Identity, Ethnicity and Memory

The split sessions will be structured around more specific topics. These may include: Cities; Health, Wealth, Welfare and Demography; Migration and Diasporic Citizenship; New Dimensions of Social Inequality; Contemporary Cultural Processes; Foreign Policy; Knowledge-based Economies and Societies; Security and Energy Politics; Identities and Solidarities; Political and Economic Processes. All students can apply to make 5-minute presentations on their research at these smaller gatherings. It is hoped that all participants in these sessions will benefit from the discussions in a less formal environment.

**All students** wishing to attend the conference should register their interest with Oxford REES Administrator Alexia Lewis <[alexia.lewis@area.ox.ac.uk](mailto:alexia.lewis@area.ox.ac.uk)> stating the days you will attend, whether you intend to present; if you would like to attend the dinner, and if you will need accommodation. Accommodation is available but limited, with preference given to presenters.

**Submissions:** Any students who would like to make a presentation should also submit an abstract by email to Daria Luchinskaya <[daria.luchinskaya@st-annes.ox.ac.uk](mailto:daria.luchinskaya@st-annes.ox.ac.uk)> by the **26<sup>th</sup> of February 2010**. The abstracts should not exceed 200 words in length for plenary sessions and 100 words for split sessions. Please include your name, institution and course of study (PhD, MPhil/MRes, MSc etc).

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