



REPORT FORM FOR NETWORK ACTIVITIES

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Present appointment and employing institution

Professor of Human Geography University of Birmingham
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Role in activity

Organizer and convenor

2. Activity details

Type and title of activity

International Conference: "Spaces of Nationhood: Landscape and Identity after Communism"
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Location

University of Birmingham

Date

From: 7 Sept 2009	To: 9 Sept 2009
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Brief Description of activities carried out (confirmed list of participants attached)

<p>The conference "Spaces of Nationhood: Landscape and Identity after Communism" was held at the University of Birmingham from 7-9 September 2009. The conference involved 18 participants (see attached list). The group of participants was strongly interdisciplinary, coming from cultural studies, history, geography, sociology, ethnography, Russian studies, and German studies. It was also an international group, with colleagues from the USA, Russia, and Poland. The conference convened in 7 sessions, with a final session devoted to a group discussion. Critical interaction and debate were lively throughout the meeting. In the final session participants decided to set up a formal network on "Territory and Identity"</p>
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3. Achievement of stated aims and objectives

Please summarise how the stated aims and objectives of the activities proposed have been achieved and how these have helped to further the aims and objectives of CEELBAS.

The principal aim of the conference was to allow the CEELBAS community to make a distinctive intellectual and scholarly contribution to the study of a) society and culture in contemporary Eastern Europe, and b) the mechanisms and forms of national identity construction. The body of presented papers, together with the formal and informal interactions around them, achieved this goal very impressively. A wealth of material dealing with these issues was presented from a variety of intellectual and disciplinary perspectives, which much enriched and deepened our overall understanding of them. This became particularly evident in the general discussion during the final session, where there was common agreement that the conference had succeeded in uncovering new dimensions and areas of significance in the study of political change, space and identity.

A second aim of the conference was to help consolidate and enhance the existing CEELBAS network. Again, this aim was achieved. The conference brought together participants from the main CEELBAS consortium members (Birmingham, Oxford, UCL) and from a number of other allied institutions. This mix was then enriched by the presence of three leading foreign scholars, from the USA, Russia and Poland. An important element was the participation of 2 post-grad students from CEELBAS institutions, who made excellent contributions to the discussion. As evidence of the networking success of the event, the participants decided unanimously to form a formal network on "Landscape and Identity", which we would like to organize under the auspices of CEELBAS. Some first steps have already been taken in this direction.

Finally, the intention was that the materials of the conference would provide the basis for a collected volume. This intention was confirmed by the participants, who felt that this could be best accomplishing by re-convening in 2010, this time with formal papers to be submitted which will form the basis for a scholarly collection. We are now making plans for a follow-up meeting, in Autumn 2010.

4. Outcomes

Please indicate the outcomes and 'value for money' of activities carried out.

- a major intellectual event, which provided enrichment for the individuals involved, the host department and institution, and the CEELBAS program;
- the formation of a scholarly network for the study of Landscape and Identity in post-communist societies (a webpage is currently being built);
- the creation of a real impetus for the project, which is now seeking to reconvene next year as part of the intention to produce a definitive collected volume.

5. Breakdown of total costs for workshops (please attach evidence of expenditure)

<i>Item</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Key speakers (Travel, accommodation and subsistence)	
TRAVEL: AIR	917.14
TRAVEL: RAIL	100.00
TRAVEL: CAR	210.40
TRAVEL: TAXIS	242.15
HOTEL ACCOMODATION	810.00
MISCELLANEOUS MEALS	30.75
TOTAL	2310.44
Postgraduate participation	NONE
Room/equipment hire	NONE
Administration costs	
POSTGRADUATE HOURLY SUPPORT	136.85
Printing and publicity (including conference packs)	NONE
Other (please specify)	
CONFERENCE LUNCH	209.67
TEA-COFFEE	86.00
CONFERENCE DINNERS (2)	810.43
VISA EXPENSES (PARTICIPANT FROM RUSSIA)	77.43
Total expenditure	2820.82
Total contribution invoiced to CEELBAS	3630.82

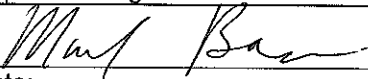
7. Dissemination and further research

Please give details of dissemination of the outcomes of the workshop/project and any further research planned.

The participants agreed to reconvene in 2010, in preparation for which formal written papers will be submitted. In these papers, the original presentations will be carried further and reworked in the light of the discussions and insights offered at the meeting. In addition, new papers will be commissioned looking more specifically and deeply at methodological and conceptual aspects of these questions. Eventually, these papers will form the basis for an eventual collected volume.

8. Signature and date

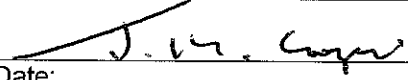
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Date: 10 Nov 2009

Institutional authorisation (if required)

Position:
Date:

Institutional CEELBAS Network Primary Contact


Date: 16/11/09

This form must be accompanied by an invoice from the applicant's institution, supported by receipts or other evidence of the expenditure incurred.

Please send the completed form to: CEELBAS Administrator, SSEES, UCL, Gower Street, London WC1E 6BT and by email to: ceelbas-network@ssees.ucl.ac.uk.

List of participants in the conference *Spaces of Nationhood: Landscape and Identity after Communism*

Mark Bassin (Birmingham)
Ewa Ocham (Manchester)
Robert Pyrah (Oxford)
Kate Brown (Maryland, USA)
Stefan Buzar (Birmingham)
Anton Popov (Warwick)
Konstantin Aksenov (St. Petersburg, Russian Federation)
John Round (Birmingham)
Hillary Pilkington (Warwick)
Dominique Moran (Birmingham)
Denis Shaw (Birmingham)
James Mark (Exeter)
Renate Rechten (Bath)
Joanne Sayner (Birmingham)
David Gillespie (Bath)
Mariusz Czepczyński (Gdańsk, Poland)
Rachel Platonov (Manchester)

postgraduate participants:

Gonzolo Pozo-Martin (SSEES)
Paul Richardson (Birmingham)