



## REPORT FORM FOR NETWORK ACTIVITIES

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### Present appointment and employing institution

CEELBAS Postdoctoral Research Fellow
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### Role in activity

Co-ordinator
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### 2. Activity details

#### Type and title of activity

International Workshop, 'Beyond Nationalism? : 20 <sup>th</sup> Century Cultural Processes in East-Central Europe'
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#### Location

L'viv, Ukraine
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#### Date

From: 25 Feb 2010	To: 26 Feb 2010
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Brief Description of activities carried out (please include or attach a confirmed list of participants)

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International workshop designed to address the theme of whether the continued emphasis in historical research and political science on the nation state, and processes of nationalism, is neglecting wider cross-regional processes situated in the cultural sphere. The main aim was to harness the input and talent of an emerging generation of younger scholars who rarely find a voice outside Ukraine in particular, and the target region more broadly, together with some leading younger scholars working on culture from CEELBAS institutions and at Princeton, USA. Papers addressed a range of cultural issues, and the workshop benefited from the insights of three keynotes at its close: Dr Nelly Bekus, Warsaw, an expert on Belarussian cultural affairs; Prof. Jacek Purchla, Krakow, and architectural and art historian working on Poland and beyond; plus the internationally renowned Ukrainian historian of Galicia, Yaroslav Hrytsak. A publication is planned for 2011, collating the most promising contributions. An evening screening of a contemporary Russian film, plus discussion and wine, as well as a buffet conference dinner in central L'viv, rounded out the networking and interactive aspects of the workshop.

A full analysis and report of the event may be found online here:

[http://www.ceelbas.ac.uk/research/culturalprocesses/lviv\\_conference](http://www.ceelbas.ac.uk/research/culturalprocesses/lviv_conference)

About 30 participants were involved, not including the sponsored or invited speakers, who comprised:

Tarik Amar (Academic Director, L'viv Center)

Sofia Dyak (L'viv Center)

Irina Matsevko (Event coordinator, L'viv Center)

Robert Pyrah (Coordinator and speaker, Oxford / CEELBAS)

Prof. Alex Wöll (Keynote lecturer; Greifswald - Ukrainicum)

Kateryna Ruban (Kyiv Mohyla Academy)

Uilleam Blacker (SSEES-UCL, London)

Olesya Khromeychuk (SSEES-UCL, London) [- unfunded]

Mayhill Fowler (Princeton)

Oksanna VYNNUK (Kyiv)

Oleksandr NADTOKA (Kyiv)

Agnieszka KUDELKA (Potsdam)

Julya Kysla (Budapest)

Prof. Jacek Purchla (Keynote panellist; Jagiellonian University and International Cultural Center, Kraków)

Yaroslav HRYTSAK (Keynote panellist; L'viv)

Nelly BEKUS (Keynote panellist; Warsaw)

### **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 Workshop set ambitious goals that were articulated by different speakers over the course of the two-day sessions: (1) to advance the research agenda within the humanities beyond the intense focus on questions of nationalism; (2) to offer an addendum to the (excellent and voluminous) work by established scholars working within set national traditions and set disciplines. 'Culture', that is to say, the study of cultural phenomena derived from the Arts as well as aspects of social practice, provided the unifying set of lenses through which these primarily younger scholars sought to find ways beyond established boundaries.

Inevitably an event of this scope cannot alone achieve such lofty aims, but there was a consensus that cultural phenomena such as those under scrutiny during the workshop merit greater attention, and that – especially over the course of the planned publication for 2011 – ways of doing so might be sketched out. If the workshop did not per se break apart existing academic approaches, the willingness to engage with cultural affairs using different disciplinary perspectives – while not in and of itself constituting interdisciplinarity – nevertheless reflects and complements the larger concern within area studies with 'multidisciplinarity', over the compass of several researchers sharing an interactive platform.

The particular value of the event was to give a voice to some dynamic and innovative younger researchers working primarily in Ukraine, whose work engages not only with topics that were stymied by earlier national and local academic regimes, but are applying advanced methodologies to match those in the West, and not least those used by the keynote Prof. Hrytsak.

These younger scholars were brought into the orbit of wider research currents through the workshop, facilitating not only much-needed academic exchange with those working /within/ our (= CEELBAS's) region of study, but also between Britain and the region, through the involvement of at least three CEELBAS-institution based younger researchers.

The networking component of this events should also not be downplayed, in tandem with the intellectual capital generated; the host institution, the L'viv Center for Urban History of East Central Europe ([www.lvivcenter.org](http://www.lvivcenter.org)) already does much vital work 'on the ground' to link Ukrainian with other regional scholars; CEELBAS involvement – plus the addition of one excellent Princeton-based younger scholar – guaranteed a component from Britain and the anglosphere and helped strengthen our horizontal integration into local, grass-roots academic networks, such as those represented by this non-aligned academic Center.

#### **4. Outcomes**

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

I believe the workshop represented excellent value for money, not least because the CEELBAS element was complemented by extensive 'on-the-ground' support from the L'viv Center, who provided some accommodation, refreshments, and a state-of-the-art venue, all free of charge to us. In addition, many of

the scholars who travelled to take part did so using internal trains, which saved a lot on costs, allowing us to bring other scholars by air from further afield. Low subsistence costs locally also helped matters, especially with regard to food sourcing and catering.

The immediate tangible outcome is a ready network of younger researchers from Ukraine and beyond who are in regular contact over Facebook, email, and meet informally in the region; a group from Kyiv (see list above) recently obtained a group project summer scholarship (2010) in Warsaw and have maintained contact and scheduled meetings with Drs Pyrah and Bekus, as well as Agnieszka Kudelka and (more informally) Uilleam Blacker.

A longer term outcome will be the planned collected volume on culture. Plans are currently being discussed to merge the best results of the workshop with another workshop that followed a few days later at the same venue, on a similar theme, but to focus the book specifically on the city of L'viv (for details of the second workshop, organised by Dr Katarzyna Kotynska of the Jagiellonian University in Krakow, with whom Dr Pyrah is in contact, see: <http://www.lvivcenter.org/en/chronicle/news/?newsid=324>).

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

<i>Item</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>Key speakers (Travel, accommodation and subsistence)</b>	£299.15 £252.67 £356.34 £475.14 £565.73 £256.50 £250.23 £10.98 £1.92 £153.00 £163.10
<b>Postgraduate participation</b>	£23.26 £36.86 £28.16 £74.91
<b>Room/equipment hire</b> Provided by the Center for Urban History of East-Central Europe, L'viv	
<b>Administration costs</b> N/A	
<b>Printing and publicity (including conference packs)</b> Covered by the Center for Urban History of East-Central Europe, L'viv	
<b>Other (please specify</b> workshop dinner	£412.08
<b>Total expenditure</b>	£3,360.03
<b>Total contribution invoiced to CEELBAS</b>	£3,360.03

**6. Breakdown of total costs for projects (please attach evidence of expenditure)**

<i>Item</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>Staff costs</b>	
<b>Equipment/technical costs</b>	
<b>Administration costs</b>	
<b>Other (please specify</b>	
<b>Total expenditure</b>	
<b>Total contribution invoiced to CEELBAS</b>	

### 7. Dissemination and further research


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

As per point 4: a publication is planned, collating the best contributions.  
At present, the preferred outcome would be a larger, collaborative volume edited by Drs Pyrah and Katarzyna Kotynska of the Jagiellonian University in Krakow, on the theme of L'viv as a 'mirror' of cultural processes. This approach fulfils the ancilliary CEELBAS aim of 'vertical' integration between institutions, as well as 'horizontally' so between or among disciplines. Plans are currently under discussion, but should the institutional framework and publishing options prove difficult, there may be scope to generate a second volume from the workshop(s) in Dr Pyrah's planned new series with Legenda publishing (Oxford), on Culture and Identity in East Central Europe, the first volume of which will be published in September 2010 (details here: <http://www.mhra.org.uk/cgi-bin/legenda/legenda.pl?catalogue=b9781906540876>).

In addition, a substantive report on the conference was published on the CEELBAS website, together with photographs.

### 8. Signature and date

Applicant's signature


Date: 15 June 2010

Institutional authorisation (if required)

CM Davis
Position: Chair, Management Committee for REES
Date: 18/6/10

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CM Davis
Date: Co-Director, CEELBAS 18/6/10

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Interim Head Research Accounts

31.8.10.

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

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