



EURUS Newsletter

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Letter from the Director

I am learning quickly as EURUS director that the action never stops. We had an excellent re-cruiting cycle, welcoming 23 new MA students, stretching from the University of Victoria to Memorial University in Newfoundland, and numerous points in between. Our MA2 class has dispersed on research and exchanges to Belgium, Italy, Finland, and Russia. Recent graduates have found jobs in Public Safety Canada, the Canadian International Development Agency, and numerous other government agencies, NGOs, and companies in Ottawa and beyond. Watching our students develop intellectually and find their academic or career paths is a great highlight of the job.

The Institute also continues to develop on a number of other levels. Once again, after the addition of Dr. Crina Viju in 2009, we welcome a new member to our core faculty. Dr. James Casteel will be joining us as a .25 appointment, along with his other duties in the College of Humanities and the Zelikovitz Centre for Jewish Studies. Dr. Casteel, who received his Ph. D. in history from Rutgers University, bridges our concentrations nicely, as an expert on German views of the Russian and Soviet east.

We are also able to announce significant new funding, thanks to the efforts of former EURUS director Piotr Dutkiewicz. This comes in the form of the Magna Fund for Russian Studies, sponsored by Frank Stronach. The fund will pro-

vide the university with 90,000 dollars annually over five years. We will be able to use these funds for student and faculty research travel, major conferences, international faculty exchanges and speakers, specialized courses, and other initiatives.

The Centre for European Studies' renewal as a European Union Centre of Excellence has allowed EURUS students to gain employment as interns on numerous Centre projects related to the European Union, participate in international conferences (including ones last summer on the EU's Eastern Partnership and Europe and the Economic Crisis), and travel abroad on the EU study tour as well as do related internships across the continent.

We continue to deepen our relationships with government and NGO's here in Ottawa. Piotr and I have delivered briefings at the Department of Foreign Affairs and international Trade Canada on Russia and the Caucasus/ Central Asia, respectively. We will be co-hosting a policy event on December 9 on the upcoming elections in Belarus. EURUS is also working with the Aga Khan Development Network to realize the University of Central Asia, an ambitious project to bring post-secondary education to underserved mountain communities in the region.

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Finally, I should recognize two major awards for our wonderful faculty. Joan DeBardeleben was named Chancellor’s Professor and was selected to give the prestigious Davidson Dunton Research Lecture for 2010. The honour was a fitting recognition of her service to EURUS, Carleton, and the scholarly world. She has been invited as a guest scholar to the Russia/CIS research group at the Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (The German Institute for International Affairs) in Berlin, a prominent research institution that advises the German government and parliament on foreign policy and security issues.

At a touching ceremony on November 11, Russian Ambassador to Canada Georgiy Mamedov awarded Piotr Dutkiewicz with the Order of Friendship, the highest honour that the Russian Federation bestows on foreign citizens. Ambassador Mamedov called Piotr a household name in Russia for his high-profile contributions to education, development, and scholarly life in the country over past decades.

Even as we celebrate EURUS accomplishments, we move forward with a number of initiatives in a difficult budget environment. Improving our language offerings, both at Carleton and

with exchanges, especially to Russia, continues to be a priority. We have made significant changes to our BA program in order to improve student engagement. One important innovation that is undergoing final approvals is a co-op program at the BA and MA levels, which will provide paid employment to students as they pursue their degree. Our large MA intake has put pressure on teaching resources, and we are working to ensure that students have a broad course selection. Finally, the continually increasing costs of education place a large burden on our students, so we are working as hard as we can to increase our bursary funds; any help that our alumni can provide would be greatly appreciated. But alumni can do so much more; I have made it a priority to engage our former students, to draw them back to the Institute, where they can mentor current students, offer their own experiences, and deepen the sense of collegiality and friendship that makes this such a special place to work and study.

Sincerely,
Jeff Sahadeo

STUDENT’S FORUM

EURUS Graduates of 2010

MA Students

Spring 2010

Zofia Hawranek
Allison Keating
Tatiana Pokrovskaya
Ariel Sahatcija
Elena Tchernycheva
Danny Vassiliou

Fall 2010

Luke Beer
Luc-Andre Brunet
Richard Dix
Stephanie Doucet
Jane Freeland
Anna Gora
Martin Manolov
Dorota Osowska

BA Students

Spring 2010

Anastasia Kamenets
Jayson Moore
Scott Kellen

Fall 2010

Hafeeza Murji
Zornitsa Zaharieva

A Term in Trento

by Lianne Bernardo and Hans Felber Charbonneau

Lianne: When I first arrived to Trento in mid-September, the first word that came to my mind to describe the place was “cute”. It may not exactly be what the architects and city planners had in mind when they built and expanded Trento but it is a quaint and peaceful town located in the Trentino-Alto-Adige region in northern Italy. Its location is ideal both aesthetically and conveniently: aesthetically because it is tucked snugly amongst the mountain ranges that are prominent in the region and conveniently because it is fairly close by train to a number of major Italian cities such as Verona, Venice and Padua as well as to the northern Italian borders to neighbouring countries.

I am currently in Trento for the Fall 2010 semester as part of the EU-Canada CALEB Programme in cooperation with the University of Trento. The programme is a wonderful way of learning about different perspectives and approaches to academic themes and subjects; in my case, the course that I am currently taking at the School of International Studies—Sociology of the State—has been complimentary to the themes of state functioning, nation-building and national identity that I am focusing on for my M.A. research paper. Additionally, I am currently taking an introductory course to Italian which has been very helpful in getting by communication-wise in Trento as well as a way to get to know other international exchange students at the university.

The city itself is very charming with its own distinct and regional characteristics. Its history can be seen on the painted facades



that decorate the buildings surrounding the Piazza Duomo to the side streets with plaques and images commemorating battles waged during World War Two. Although it’s a major city in the region, it’s amazing to see how close people are here and how you are guaranteed to run into someone you know on the streets. Market days on Thursdays are especially exciting as a good number of residents show up on and along the main piazza and side streets to shop and socialise. The number of international students who are currently studying at the university—whether they be from other European countries through the Erasmus program or from other parts of the world (Australia, Mongolia and Burma to name a few)—adds a wonderful dimension of multiculturalism to living in Trento as a student.

Overall, my experience as a student residing in Trento so far has been immensely enjoyable and I look forward to the remainder of my stay here.

Hans: Ciao amici! Like any exchange program, spending a semester in Trento provides a unique opportunity to immerse oneself into a different culture. While I tend to focus on Central and Eastern Europe, the Italian way of life quickly became quite ap-



pealing. La Dolce Vitae tends to slow down us workaholics, when it doesn’t stop us completely for a *caffè* in a sunlit piazza.

The setting in the middle of the Dolomite Mountains provides a unique backdrop for studying. Trento’s location in the far north of Italy puts it at the cross-roads of Italian and German cultures. Indeed, with one train ride south one can experience the best of Italy in Verona while the same distance north ensures a Germanic experience in the mountains of Südtirol – all while remaining in Italy!

The University of Trento has an impressive array of international students that are here for a semester, a year or a degree and one can easily navigate from Italian and Germanic, to Lithuanian and South-East Asian cultures without leaving the residence area.

Indeed, this is an experience that will not soon be forgotten.

EURUS Students Present at the 11th Annual Central European Studies Society Conference in October 2010

Yulduz Kutlieva:

The Central Eurasia Studies Society's 11th Conference was held at Michigan State University (MI) at the end of October 2010. It was a wonderful experience. It was my first time attending an academic conference and I have learned a lot from this experience. First of all, I was amazed by the number of people attending the conference from around the world and that they were all interested in what I am interested, namely Central Asia. The people attending consisted of academics, government workers, NGO employees, and graduate students. I was one of the few Masters students that was attending the conference. It was a great place to meet and make connections with people that work, teach or do research on Central Asia. Also there was the possibility of meeting people that are looking for interesting papers for potential publications in journal articles or books.

The conference continued for three days and many interesting

papers were presented on a variety of topics. I presented my M.A. research paper on migration issues in Turkmenistan, on which I am currently still working. Although I have gathered a lot of primary materials and conducted a number of interviews for my paper, this conference made me acknowledge the shortcomings of my paper. The comments and critiques I received during my presentation made me look at my own paper from a reader's perspective and also made me realize that my research was not complete. I realized how much information and original research I lack on my paper by looking at other people's presentations. It was a valuable learning experience and, in a way, this conference trained me for my M.A. Research Paper defence. I highly recommend the Central Eurasian Studies Society and its conferences for serious students that would like pursue their career in Central Eurasian area.

I would also like to give a special thanks to EURUS Director and Professor Jeff Sahadeo for his support!

Megan Brunton:

In October 2010, myself, Yulduz Kutlieva (EURUS), and Nick Kunysz (POLS) attended the Central Eurasian Studies Society 11th Annual North American Conference in Lansing Michigan. Going to an academic conference isn't as scary as you think. You might think, "Oh, my work isn't good enough" or "those PhDs will tear me to shreds!" Yes, they probably will, but at least they'll do it in a professional setting through peer-review!

I used a grad school paper I wrote for Dr Sahadeo's Eurasia class that had some original research as a basis for my conference paper. After submitting an abstract, I received a reply from the conference coordinators saying that I was accepted. That is probably the hardest part; actually choosing what your strongest work is and then submitting an abstract. I worked on the paper during the summer and up until I had to submit the entire thing to the readers. It was a critical discourse analysis of the Uzbek government's discourse on Andijan. Don't get me wrong, it took up a lot of time and took away from other work I had to do. That's why, as with everything in grad school., you need to schedule your time wisely!

I required funding to make the trip. You can apply for funding from the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs through the department. It was fairly easy, but I had to apply about a month in advance to get funding released to me on time. Failing that, there is always the option to apply for funding through the Grad Stu-

dent's Association, but you need to keep all you receipts and you apply for funding *after* you come back. You can't receive funding packages from both Graduate Studies and the GSA.

The conference itself was very fun. Honestly, what is cooler than handing out with a bunch of Eurasian studies PhDs for three days and listening to their research? It doesn't get much cooler than that. For example, I overheard this gem at the lunch table: "Ghenghis Khan would totally kick the crap out of Hannibal because he had killer horsemen. What did Hannibal have: elephants! How do you attack anything with elephants?!" I tried to go to sessions on subjects that I didn't know very much about. They ended up being some of the most interesting sessions. My presentation went well, although the reader asked some questions that I couldn't answer off the top of my head. I did get to meet others that were interested in my topic and I got to talk to them about where the field is going. When I attend my next conference, I'll be sure to prepare more for possible questions that the reader might ask.

If you are able to do it, attending a conference is a good experience for grad school. You'll be able to scope out schools for PhD work or talk to other people in your field of interest to see where the research is headed. You'll also work on your presentation and debate skills. These will be useful for your defence at the end of you MA. So remember, just try for it and good luck!

TERM ONE, YEAR ONE

John Karalis, a first year EURUS MA student, reflects on the first term of the program

Where else would you find people to discuss obscure politics and history of parts of the world that many people have no idea about? Our first semester in the EURUS MA program has been just that. Since our orientation, the department, as well as other students, have gone to great lengths to organize various social events, such as casual drinks at the Georgetown, the Ottawa 67's game and the international potluck. These events have allowed students to develop relationships outside of the classroom with their peers as well as with the professors. Our professors' attendance at these events has changed the dynamic of

our seminar courses and provides a more relaxed atmosphere, where nobody is afraid to speak up in weekly discussions. Enriching our experience of this program are the numerous conferences offered, which many of us have attended. These conferences help contextualize our potential research and serve as an example of where our futures may lie. Whether rushing to get a paper done on time, sharing our experiences in class or a few laughs over beers or coffee with friends and professors, I think many of us would agree that the first EURUS ride has been a great experience.

EURUS Conference Marks Sixty-Fifth Anniversary of the End of the Second World War

BY DR JAMES CASTEEL

On Remembrance Day the Institute held an international conference entitled "Sixty-Five Years After: World War II and its Legacies for Contemporary Europe and Russia." The conference was co-sponsored by the Centre for European Studies, the Department of History, the Department of Political Science, the Zelikovitz Centre for Jewish Studies and the Centre for Governance and Political Management. EURUS Professors Piotr Dutkiewicz and James Casteel organized the conference, and the event was supported by a generous donation from the Kinross Gold Corporation. Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Georgiy Enverovich Mamedov of the Embassy of the Russian Federation in Canada gave the keynote lecture, and Carleton University President Roseann O'Reilly Runte opened the conference.

The conference brought together twelve presenters working in different disciplines addressing the social, cultural and political implications of the war and with different national areas of expertise. Presenters were asked to reflect on what we

have learned since the traumatic events of World War II and the Holocaust and to think about where the gaps in our understanding of these events lie and what theoretical and practical implications these events have for our twenty-first century world. The first panel, "Confronting War and Genocide", explored contemporaries' different experiences of the war and how they attempted to make sense of these experiences both during the war and in its immediate aftermath. This entangled history of war and genocide, and the divergent individual experiences of the war, also contributed to shaping the conflicting and often competing memories of the war that emerged in its aftermath, themes explored in the second panel "Justice and Remembrance." Finally, the panel "Lesson's Learned?" posed the question of what has been learned from this past and what relevance does this knowledge have for preventing 21st century wars and crimes against humanity? The conference was well attended by faculty, students and the general public.

Carleton Professor Receives Prestigious Order of Friendship from the Russian Federation

Carleton Professor Piotr Dutkiewicz was presented with the Order of Friendship by the Ambassador of the Russian Federation, Georgi E. Mamedov, at Carleton University on November 11.

Other Canadians who have received this prestigious award include the Hon. Adrienne Clarkson, former governor general, the Hon. Marcel Prud'homme, former MP and senator, and prominent businessman George Cohon.

"The Order of Friendship is one way to recognize and honour Dr. Dutkiewicz's significant contribution in strengthening links of friendship and cooperation that so happily exist between Russia and Canada, including in the areas of science and culture," said Mr. Mamedov.

"This is a very well-deserved recognition of Professor Dutkiewicz's lifetime work building international understanding," stated Roseann O'Reilly Runte, president and vice-chancellor of Carleton University. "

The university prides itself on its many global initiatives, partners, exchange programs and academic programs, and today we are especially proud of Dr. Dutkiewicz."

Dr. Dutkiewicz has edited (or co-edited) 12 books on Eastern Europe and Russia. Most recently (jointly with Dmitri Trenin), he edited *Russia: The Challenges of Transformation*, to be published in January 2011 by NYU Press. He co-authored, with three other authors, *Juvenile Justice in Russia: Models Design and the Road Ahead* (2010). It provides an overview of the Russian juvenile system, current reforms and the role of joint Russian-Canadian work in this area over the past four years. He has been involved with Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) projects in Russia for more than a decade. He is the Canadian member of the Valdai Club, an international group of the world's most respected Russian scholars who provide advice to the Russian president.

Magna Fund in Russian Studies

In November we received a magnificent gift from Magna Corporation of \$450,000. The Magna gift will support and develop graduate studies and teaching in the area of Russian Studies, including but not limited to initiatives such as awards for field studies in Russia, visiting scholars, conferences, the creation of publications promoting Russian studies, language training, student and faculty exchanges and travel grants.

By investing in the Institute of European, Russian and Eurasian Studies, Magna will ensure that Russian Studies is a research

focus of the University and will attract outstanding students, faculty and visiting scholars to Carleton. Together, we will have immediate and long-term impacts on Canadian-Russian relations.

In recognition of the generosity of the Donor, the fund will be named the **Magna Fund in Russian Studies**. The generosity of the Donor will also be recognized in accordance with Carleton University's standard donor recognition program.

THE CYNTHIA AND YVES BLEDE BURSARIES

Cynthia and Yves Bled have endowed two bursaries in European Studies, which are awarded annually by the Dean of the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs on the recommendation of the Director of the Institute of European, Russian and Eurasian Studies to outstanding students studying Franco-German relations; Canada's relations with France, Germany, or the European Union; or aspects of German or French external policy. Students will submit a personal work to the Centre's on-line journal, The

Review of European and Russian Affairs for publication. Eligible recipients must also demonstrate financial need.

Cynthia and Yves Bled spoke briefly about their scholarships and what inspired them to promote studies in France and Germany.

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Q. What inspired you to promote studies in France and Germany?

A. 2 Factors: one personal and one academic. While surrounded by fear and apprehension during the German occupation of France, as a child during the battle of Normandy in 1944, I always remember kind gestures of individual German soldiers who gave us their traditional brown German army bread while we were refugees in the war zone and deprived of food. It is only later that we learned of the atrocities committed by the Nazis to other people in other regions of France and of occupied Europe.

As a French citizen I could of course never feel friendly towards German soldiers during the occupation. But I had in me that search & curiosity for other people, other languages. As soon as the war finished I made acquaintances with a number of German prisoners of war individually dispatched to work on farms surrounding our community in Normandy. Amongst them a young German soldier even gave me his home address in the region of Coblenz to communicate with his sister as a pen pal.

Later, in 1950, I requested to do my compulsory National Service in the French Air Force in Southern Germany. There I made numerous acquaintances with German families to improve my knowledge of German and of the culture of the people. Many years later, I made a reunion with some of these individuals in their homes, amongst them one who had become a recognized painter in Germany.

And today, I continue to pursue my amicable relations with German Canadians and their community associations. My *germanofile* affiliation would probably not have developed to the same extent had French-German relations not been punctuated by so many tragic incidents in the course of three generations starting in 1870 with the Franco-Prussian war.

Academically, my disposition of mind as regards Germany and the world at large is grounded in models related to my training as anthropologist. For instance, models derived from evolutionary biology indicate not only the importance of Harmony in the environment but also of the widest possible spectrum of Diversity thus offering diverse solutions with the greatest possible chance of innovation and success in the face of an Unknown Future.

The "Franco-German Tandem" since the Treaty of Rome has utilized this common core of shared values and characteristics and at the same time benefited from those distinctive characteristics that singularise in their own right each of these great European Civilizations - their qualities and weaknesses. This can be observed now both in the scientific-industrial fields as well as in the political process in the European Union.

The admission of Turkey in the E.U. has lately been the subject of some discussion. That country in the 1920-30's in its drastic search for Europeanization under the impulse of Atatürk -the founder of Modern Turkey- was not able to benefit from a viable

model of European industrialization while Europe was tearing itself apart in two abominable world wars, 1914-1939.

Now in Canada in peace as in war in the past we can share a certain responsibility to participate in the success of a European Union a working partner in helping meet the challenge of a viable and functioning diversity in the future. In my personal and academic life I have always endeavoured to facilitate such challenges.

In offering a scholarship to European Studies at Carleton University, we are but pursuing that same goal of curiosity, positive, harmonious relations in the affairs of the world and complementary diversities; "autant que faire se peut".

My wife I feel that each of us has that responsibility/obligation in our own individual capacity. We see the E U today as example of the way of the future towards which countries should work.

Is this a realistic vision? We are interested in the point of view of young researchers.

Q. What would you like to see come from the scholarships, in terms of student achievement and output?

We would hope that in researching a chosen topic, a student would develop and become a better prepared citizen of the future because of a keener understanding of historical facts and a "sharpening" of his/her analytical and probing ability.

We would also hope that at some point, information would be "unearthed" and collated, which would be available for analysis by upcoming scholars. Further, that this could serve as background information for others wishing an understanding of Franco-German relations and those countries role in the European Community and in the global sphere.

A question that we often raise is: will France and Germany continue a leading role in the European Union? If so, will they continue to work together – as opposed to separately - towards global unity? It would be interesting to see whether our young researchers are able to explore this topic and identify any obvious trends.

Another area of interest is the economic and social structures of France and Germany. Are they too far apart to expect the people to see each other cooperatively instead of nationally?

Do economic and/or social factors threaten solidarity between individual EU units, and in particular France & Germany?

What social/economic adjustments will be needed – if any - for these two countries to contribute uniformly to a) Global peace, and b) Global economic development? Are there any identifiable trends?

Areas which at some point might be covered by student researchers could possibly shed some new light on: a) Post Second World War settlement patterns in Canada, b) Why did Germans settle in the areas they did?, c) Are there traceable impact on Canada's development which can be linked to German/French post World War 2 immigration?

Violence in Kyrgyzstan: A Personal Reflection

by Jeff Sahadeo

Before the recent unrest, I spent parts of the last three summers in Kyrgyzstan, and regarded it as a second home. The friendliness and hospitality of the local population, the resilience of family economies, and the entrepreneurial spirit of the country's youth offered reasons for comfort and optimism. With local friends, I sipped tea at Bishkek's many outdoor cafes, hiked the Tian-Shan mountains, relaxed on the shores of Lake Issyk-Kul, or chatted with vendors while enjoying steaming hot non bread or delicious fresh fruits at the Osh bazaar.

We all hoped stubborn signs of trouble would disappear. Every year, prices rose as wages stagnated. Poor harvests forced farmers to sell their herds. Billboards advertised flights to Russia, where up to a million labour migrants were working. Streetside vendors, seemingly for kilometers, lined up day and night, all selling the same thing: a few melons or fermented mare's milk (*kumyz*). Residents complained of increased nepotism under the leadership of President Bakiyev, and worried that the state was descending into authoritarianism.

I was in Bishkek for the 23 July 2009 presidential election, and recall western embassies warning us to stay off the streets that evening in case of possible unrest. My Canadian colleagues took their advice, but my American friends, who went outside to "see the revolution," were disappointed that nothing happened. Even though the election was obviously rigged, the Kyrgyz public, despite its activist past, seemed to be following the pattern in Russia and elsewhere in the former Soviet Union of accepting an increasingly restrictive but ostensibly stable ruling regime.

That seems to have been the lesson that the ruling elites drew. Following the elections, Bakiyev's family and its allies operated a number of schemes to extract money from an increasingly impoverished population, including raising electricity rates. Some northern regional elites chafed at the dominance of Kyrgyz from the south, generally considered a backwater. They spotted opportunity when Russia, suspecting diversions of deliveries of subsidized fuel by the president's son, opened an attack on Bakiyev through television channels popular in Kyrgyzstan.

On 7 April, hundreds, then thousands, of protestors gathered in Bishkek from surrounding northern regions. The crowd turned violent, and police and security forces, themselves divided between pro- and anti-government factions, offered sporadic, but at times deadly resistance.

The riots, which led to the ouster of President Bakiyev, have been thoroughly covered; for me, seeing gun battles outside the archive building where I worked was a shock, as were the burned-out storefronts where I used to shop.

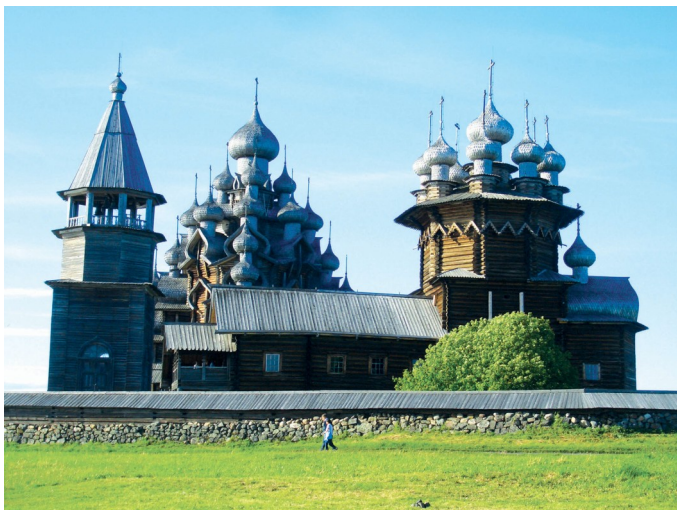
Most worrisome, however, was a large banner hanging outside the presidential residence, stating "Dirty Jews and all those like Maksim Bakiyev (the president's son) have no place in Kyrgyzstan."

Kyrgyz nationalism and exclusivism had been rare, if not absent, in Bishkek and the north, and its appearance there made me worry, especially given on-and-off ethnic tension in the south, where Uzbeks composed one-third of the population. Since deadly riots in 1990, however, friction had been contained as the Uzbek community and its leaders kept their heads down, not asking for political or cultural rights and not criticizing Kyrgyz rule. The new post-Bakiyev government, however, shorn of traditional southern Kyrgyz elites, offered hope that Uzbeks could join political life, and perhaps gain cultural and linguistic rights.

Remaining southern Kyrgyz power-holders reacted swiftly and strongly, mobilizing their ethnic brethren. Stereotypes of wealthier and exploitative Uzbeks versus poor, village Kyrgyz gained strong resonance in a climate of political uncertainty and economic crisis. Still, to see the wanton destruction of targeted houses and stores in Bishkek was one thing; to hear the stories of people being burned alive, of girls and women being raped, of torture; that was another. I never conceived of such an orgy of violence. My own impressions from my brief travels in the south had been how green and lush the Ferghana valley was, and how easily the populations mixed in public spaces. Now, of course, I go back and think of the occasional ethnic joke I heard, but also the stories of economic distress, corruption, and trafficking, the extent of which are difficult for an outsider to gauge. I am happy that the recent Kyrgyz elections passed without violence, but my lesson from 2009 is that elections are not the vehicles for popular expression and political change in Kyrgyzstan. Every demonstration has become more violent, and the sources of the Bishkek and Osh riots remain unaddressed. Yet the Kyrgyz government, as well as outside powers, continue to ignore the ethnic tension in the south. Surrounded by China and Afghanistan, as well as Uzbekistan and Tajikistan, instability here has the potential to destabilize further a region that has sucked in the most powerful countries in the world and has already produced, in Osh alone thousands, rather than the officially reported hundreds, of dead.

WATERWAYS OF RUSSIA

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- Discover the unrivaled architectural and artistic riches of St. Petersburg and Moscow and visit four UNESCO World Heritage sites along the waterways of Russia during a customized program of tours, lectures and cultural enhancements.
- Explore one of the world's largest collections of fine art during a special early-opening tour of the State Hermitage Museum in Peter the Great's imperial city of St. Petersburg.
- Travel through the Russian heartland and visit traditional villages and onion-domed churches on Kizhi Island and in Goritsy and Uglich.
- Marvel at the imperial treasures of the State Armory in the Kremlin, including opulent royal carriages, exquisitely crafted

Dr Larry Black will be the Study Leader for this trip. Larry Black is a Distinguished Research Professor at Carleton University, founding director of the Centre for Research on Canadian-Russian Relations, former faculty member of Carleton's History Department, and Director of the Institute for Soviet and East European Studies from 1982 to 1990.



FACULTY & ASSOCIATE NEWS

Achim Hurrelmann was promoted to the rank of Associate Professor effective July 1, 2010. In July, he took on the function of Undergraduate Supervisor in the Department of Political Science. He was also elected a member of the Governing Council of the European Community Studies Association – Canada for the 2010-2012 term.

Professor Hurrelmann was awarded a research grant of € 31,800 from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, for a project titled “The Legitimacy of Regional Integration: Europe and North America Compared”. This funding is to enable a transatlantic research partnership with Dr. Steffen Schneider of the University of Bremen (Germany). As part of the project, Dr. Schneider spent the fall term of 2010 at Carleton University, teaching one cross-listed Political Science/EURUS MA course. The research project was formally launched on November 5, 2010 with a roundtable discussion on “Open Markets, Segmented Identities, Contested Legitimacy? Comparing Regional Integration in Europe and North America”.

Over the past few months, Achim Hurrelmann presented papers at the following academic conferences: Democracy and Participation Symposium (University of Victoria, April 2010); European Community Studies Association – Canada (Victoria, May 2010); Canadian Political Science Association (Concordia University, June 2010). Together with Joan DeBardeleben, he completed the manuscript for an edited volume titled *Transnational Europe: Promise – Paradox – Limits* (forthcoming with Palgrave Macmillan in April 2011).

On invitation of the German Embassy, Achim Hurrelmann took part in consultations with members of the German-Canadian Interparliamentary Group, as well as with the German Federal Minister of Economics and Technology, Rainer Brüderle, who was on an official visit to Ottawa in part to learn more about Canada’s immigration policies for skilled workers.

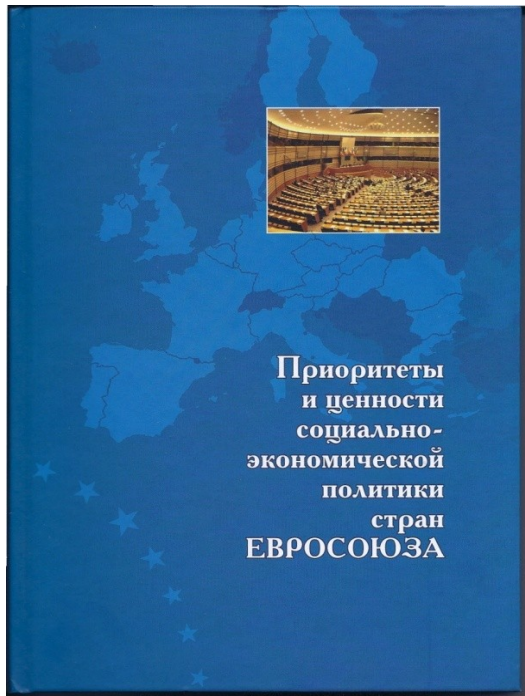
Andrea Chandler recently published, “Women, Gender and Federalism in Russia: a Deafening Silence,” in Melissa Hausman, Marian Sawyer and Jill Vickers, eds. *Federalism, Feminism*

and *Multilevel Governance*. Surrey, UK: Ashgate Publishing, 2010, pp. 141-54.

Anna Shkuropat is currently a key member of a European Union project in Tajikistan to strengthen the capacity of economic ministries and national universities and research institutes in modern methods of mathematics and economics for economic forecasting and development of national policies for economic development and poverty reduction, and to strengthen the capacity of academic professionals, the media and parliament to participate in and contribute to a dialogue with government on macroeconomic policies. She is leading the project’s work with non-governmental sectors, including development of a research and training capacity for university teachers and researchers, the establishment of an Economic Experts Group with the capacity to work with and advise government, and the development of a Defence Council for graduate research and doctoral degrees to establish and maintain standards for a continuing capacity in this field. In addition to providing training and course development for academic professionals, her work includes training for members of the national media specializing in economic issues and members of the Budget Committee of the national parliament.

She has also recently organized (July 2010) a national conference on *Macroeconomic Forecasting and Macroeconomic Policy in Tajikistan* for government officials, academia, the press and members of parliament, at which she delivered a keynote paper on “Economic Trends and Macroeconomic Policy Assessment: Methodology of Analysis”. She is also working with members of the new Economic Experts Group on the establishment of a publication on *Economic Trends in Tajikistan*, with the first issue, which she is currently editing, expected in November 2010, and is organizing a study tour to Moscow on macroeconomic analysis and forecasting in November for a group of project counterparts from the Ministry of Economic Development, the new Economic Experts Group, and the media and Parliament.

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In a field in which she has been involved for a number of years, the role of Pacific Russia in Asia and the Pacific, she organized a panel of Canadian and United States specialists on *Northeast Asia's Impact on Global Economic and Security Challenges* for the Conference of the Canadian Asian Studies Association in Vancouver in October 2009, and delivered a paper on "Economic Integration Trends in East Asia and the Pacific: Russia and the Northeast Asia Factor".

In other areas, her continuing collaboration with the Institute for Market Economy Studies and Sustainable Development of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine and the Council for the Study of Productive Resources and Economic Cooperation of the Russian Academy of Sciences has concentrated on issues of resource sharing and sustainable development in the Sea of Azov region. Recent publications in this field include:

- *Prospects for Ukrainian-Russian Co-operation in the Sea of Azov Region: Methodological and Applied Aspects of Research* (National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine and Russian Academy of Sciences), a monograph developing a systems approach to establishing a framework for negotiating the complex issues of resource use in the Sea of Azov between the two governments.
- "Problems of Economic and Ecological Transformation in the Azov and Black Sea Areas" in *Conflicts and Economic-Ecological Safety in the Sea of Azov Region* (National Academy

of Sciences of Ukraine and Russian Fund for Fundamental Research).

- "Problems and Prospects of Ukrainian-Russian Co-operation in the Sustainable Development and Security of the Sea of Azov Region" in *Economic and Environmental Problems of the Azov Region* (Institute for Market Economy Studies and Sustainable Development, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, and Southern Research Centre of the Russian Academy of Sciences).

The publication *Priorities and Values of Socio-Economic Policy of the Countries of the European Union* (Russian Academy of the Public Service, 2008), for which she was a contributing editor and provided a chapter on "Adaptation of Keynesianism and the Modern Paradigm in Models of Government Regulation of Socio-Economic Development in a Market Economy", was recommended by Russia's National Educational Methodological Board for use in the study of the world economy.

She also contributed an invited paper on "Psychological Aspects in the Study of a Modern Economy" for a regional conference on *Innovative Potential of Psychology in Development of the Modern Person* held at Vladivostok State University, supported by the Russian Social Sciences Scientific Fund, in 2009.



Bogdan Buduru recently published: Bogdan Buduru and Leslie A. Pal, The globalized state: Measuring and monitoring governance, *European Journal of Cultural Studies* November 2010 13: 511-530.

Carter Elwood gave a talk on "The Sporting Life of V.I. Lenin" to the annual conference of the Canadian Association of Slavists on 29 May 2010. An extended version appeared in the *Canadian Slavonic Papers*, vol. LII, nos. 1-2 (March-June 2010), pp. 79-94.

David Carment continues his work on failed and fragile states and diasporas. Recent editorials have appeared in Policy Options, the Ottawa Citizen and the Globe and Mail. They can be downloaded here: www.carleton.ca/cifp. Some of his recent publications include:

- Nikolko, M, Lum, B and Carment D. "Diasporas and Canadian Foreign Policy" a presentation made to DFAIT Policy Planning Staff, May 2010 (ppt available at www.carleton.ca/cifp)
- Nikolko, M, Lum, B, Samy, Y and Carment D. "Diasporas, Remittances and Fragile States" a paper to be presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Montreal PQ, March 2011.
- Nikolko, M and Carment, D. "Social Capital in Multiethnic Crimea" in *Caucasian Review of International Affairs* (Fall 2010).
- Carment, D and Fischer, M. "R2P and the Role of Regional Organisations in Ethnic Conflict Management, Prevention and Resolution: The Unfinished Agenda" in *Global Responsibility to Protect*, Volume 1, Number 3, June 2009, pp. 261-290(30).
- The International Peace and Conflict Dimensions of Haitian and Jamaican Diasporas in *Human Architecture* Stewart Prest, Carlo Dade, Per Unheim and Andrew Harrington (Spring 2009).

James Casteel presented a paper on German observers of the colonization and development of Siberia, 1900-1918 at the Association for the Study of Nationalities in New York in April. In October he presented his research on German travelers to the Soviet Union in the interwar period at a conference on European Identities at the University of Guelph and at the German Studies Association in Oakland, California. He worked together with Piotr Dutkiewicz to organize an international conference "Sixty Five Years After: World War II and its Legacies for Contemporary Europe and Russia" which was held at the Institute on November 11, 2010. He continues to work on completing his book manuscript, *Between Empire and Utopia: Russia in the German National Imaginary, 1881-1955*.

Jeff Sahadeo assumed the position of EURUS director in January 2010. In addition to administrative and advising duties, he published "Visions of Empire: Russia's Place in an Imperial World" In *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History* 11, no. 2 (Spring 2010) pp. 381-409 and "Entre l'Europe, Russie, et Asie: La Place de la Tachkent impériale Telle qu'elle fut perçue par ses colons tsaristes" In *Le Turkestan russe coloniale: une colonie comme les autres?* (Paris-Tashkent, 2010) pp. 380-409. For his latest research project on Central Asia and Caucasus migrants in Late Soviet Leningrad and Moscow, he gave presentations at Oxford University and in Osaka, Japan. Professor Sahadeo also continues working with Central Asian scholars as part of the Higher Education Support Project of the Open Society Foundation .

Joan DeBardeleben delivered the Davidson Dunton Research Lecture on March 30, 2010, on the topic: *From Walls to Fences: Understanding Europe's New East-West Divide*. Established in 1983, the Davidson Dunton Research Lecture enables distinguished Carleton University faculty scholars to share their research findings with the academic community and the general public. DeBardeleben will be spending two months as a visiting researcher at the Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP, German Institute for International and Security Affairs) in Berlin, Germany in November-December 2010. In May 2010 she was reelected as Vice-President of the European Community Studies Association- Canada (ECSA-C, 2010-2012). Some of her recent publications include:

- "The Impact of EU Enlargement on the EU-Russian Relationship," in *A Resurgent Russia and the West: The European Union, NATO, and Beyond*, Roger E. Kanet, ed. (Dordrecht, Netherlands: Republic of Letters Publishing, 2009), pp. 93-112.
- "Internet Voting: The Canadian Municipal Experience," (with Nicole Goodman and Jon H. Pammett), *Canadian Parliamentary Review* 33, no. 3 (Autumn 2010), pp. 13-21
- "The Economic Crisis, the Power Vertical and Prospects for Liberalization in Russia," with Mikhail Zhrebtsov, presented at an international conference hosted by Centre for European Studies, on the Economic and Social Impacts of the Economic Crisis in the European Union and Eastern Europe, (Centre for European Studies, Carleton University), August 26-27, 2010.

Maria Los has recently published, "A trans-systemic surveillance: the legacy of communist surveillance in the digital age" in Kevin D. Haggerty and Minas Samatas (eds) *Surveillance and Democracy*, Abingdon and New York: Routledge, 2010, pp.173-194.

Piotr Dutkiewicz and James Casteel co-organised a conference on Sixty-Five Years After World War II and its Legacies for Contemporary Europe and Russia. It was an international conference hosted at the Institute of European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies at Carleton University on 11 November 2010.

Some of his recent paper presentations include:

- "Can We Be Friends: Russia's Views of the "West"" at the Matching Ambitions with Realities: What Future for Russia? DFAIT- Privy Council – CSIS Ottawa, May, 6-7, 2010; Summary published.
- With Jan Dutkiewicz, " In Search of the Relevance of the "Civilization Debate" , Conference : Dialogue of Culture and Partnership of Civilizations, St Petersburg University, Russia, May 13-14, 2010, Summary published in: Conference Proceedings, 2010, pp.71-73.
- "Shifting paradigms in Partnership of Civilizations Discourse", Conference: International Forum – Dialogue of Civilizations and Harmonious World, Beijing, July 11 -13, 2010, China Foundation for International Studies (CFIS).
- "Empowering Minorities: the Role of the Adult Education for

National Minorities", Conference: Education of Persons Belonging to National Minorities: Integration and Equal Opportunities Vienna, 22-23 July 2010 Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE).

Vladimir Popov worked as a Senior Economic Affairs Officer at the UN DESA (Department of Economic and Social Affairs) in New York. He took part in writing the *World Economic and Social Survey 2010: Retooling Global Development*. In 2010 Russian magazine *Russkiy Reporter* listed Popov among 10 most influential Russian economists and sociologists of 2000-10. In March 2010 he gave a talk in Carleton "Russia – A Normal Country?". During 2010 he also attended conferences in Prague, Geneva, Lvov, Budapest, Washington, Los Angeles, Incheon and Oslo. Some of his recent publications include:

- Mortality Crisis in Russia Revisited: Evidence from Cross-Regional Comparison. - *MPRA Paper* No. 21311, March 2010.
- The Long Road to Normalcy. Where Russia Now Stands. - *UNU WIDER Working Paper* No. 2010/13.
- Resource abundance: A curse or blessing? - *DESA Working Paper* No. 93, June 2010. Co-authored with V. Polterovich and A. Tonis.

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The Centre for European Studies (CES) continues to host two major projects: the *EU Centre of Excellence* funded by the European Commission (Oct. 2009 - Oct. 2012) and the *Canada-Europe Transatlantic Dialogue* (CETD) funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, under its Strategic Knowledge Clusters program (2008-2015). In addition, CES is currently serving as Network Coordinator of *EU Centres of Excellence* in Canada.

Five EURUS MA students are working for CES this year: Sergio Cardenas, Jacob Karas, Igga Kurzydlo, Anna Tobin, Lauren Tognela. In the fall term, CES is also hosting a journalism intern Katherine Dunn. The interns assist the Centre with its media relations, working on a voluntary basis. We are grateful to Carleton's School of Journalism and Communications for the tremendously useful service they provide.

EUCE Network:

In its capacity as Coordinator of the Canadian EUCE Network, CES hosted directors and administrators of four other Canadian EU Centres of Excellence in Ottawa on October 18-19, 2010. In 2009-2012, the EUCEs are located at Carleton University (Ottawa), Dalhousie University (Halifax), l'Université de Montréal/McGill University, the University of Toronto/Victoria University, and York University. The program of meetings included a Networking Luncheon held at the Sheraton hotel that provided EUCE staff and scholars with an opportunity to network with representatives of European diplomatic missions, various Canadian government departments whose work relates to Europe, and important non-governmental organizations. This year's Networking Luncheon featured a panel of experts from the EUCE Centres commenting on EU responses to common policy challenges. The policy areas covered included Canada-EU trade, financial crisis, immigrant poverty, and environmental policy.

Events:

This fall, CES hosted numerous events, including several featuring prominent European speakers. Below are a few highlights of the CES public lecture series.

International Workshop:

Economic and Political Impacts of the Economic Crisis in the EU and Eastern Europe

August 26, 2010, Carleton University

European presenters included: John Bachtler (University of Strathclyde, UK), Bernard Casey (Institute for Employment Research, University of Warwick, UK), Grzegorz Gorzelak (University of Warsaw) Andrea Inotai (Institute of World Economics, Hungarian Academy of Sciences), Ekaterina Kuznetsova (Moscow State University). Several Carleton faculty members also presented papers including Joan DeBardeleben (EURUS), Piotr Dutkiewicz (Political Science), Ian Lee (Business), and Crina Viju (EURUS).

Public lecture by Dr. Tatjana Muravska, University of Latvia

(Post?) Crisis Economic Recovery in EU: Regional Cooperation and Human Well-Being

September 16, 2010, Carleton University

Public Round Table Discussion with Rear Admiral Neil Morisetti, Climate and Energy Security Envoy of the Ministry of Defence and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, UK, and Jeffrey Simpson, Columnist, *Globe and Mail*

Climate and Energy Security: Views from the EU and Canada

September 20, 2010, British High Commission

Workshop on Urban Cycling and Car-Free Neighbourhoods: European Insights

September 24, 2010, Carleton University

Featuring Dr. Ulrike Reutter, Head of Mobility Research at the Research Institute for Regional and Urban Development in Dortmund, along with speakers from the City of Ottawa, the NCC officials and an NGO representative.

Conference: *A Canada-EU Free Trade Agreement: Public Good or Private Interest?* 28 October 2010, Carleton University

The conference is organised jointly by the *Canada-Europe Transatlantic Dialogue*, the Friedrich Ebert Foundation, and the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives.

A Public Round-table Discussion: *Open Markets, Segmented Identities, Contested Legitimacy? Comparing Regional Integration in Europe and North America*

Speakers: Neil Nevitte, University of Toronto; Laura Macdonald, Carleton University; George Ross, Université de Montréal; and Steffen Schneider, Universität Bremen. Moderator: Achim Hurrelmann, Carleton University, November 5th, 2010

This event is co-funded from an Alexander von Humboldt foundation grant. The complete list of CES events can be accessed on the EUCE and CETD websites at www.carleton.ca/ces/events/events.htm and www.carleton.ca/europecluster/events.html.

Visiting Scholars:

Between September and December 2010, CES is hosting Dr. Steffen Schneider from the University of Bremen as Visiting Scholar in Residence. Dr. Schneider is a comparativist with a keen interest in both European and North American politics. His current research focuses on (1) the democratic quality and social legitimacy of states and inter-/ supranational institutions (including the EU), (2) the phenomenon of single-party dominance in Western democracies, and (3) public policy making in federal systems. While at Carleton, Dr. Schneider will work with Dr. Hurrelmann to launch a research project entitled "The Legitimacy of Regional Integration: Europe and North America Compared" and will participate in a public roundtable discussion on the same topic. He is teaching a graduate course on Multi-Level Governance in Europe, cross-listed by EURUS and the Department of Political Science.

Research Support:

Through its various programs, CES is providing support to both M.A. and Ph.D. students for research related to Europe. Please check the Opportunities section of our website regularly for grant competition announcements (<http://www.carleton.ca/ces/grants.htm>).

Under the *PhD Mentorship Program*, the CETD project supports visits of Canadian PhD students to institutions in Canada other than their home university to work with a faculty member who has expertise in the field of EU/contemporary European studies or on Canada-EU relations. For more information on this program, please visit the CETD website at www.carleton.ca/europecluster/opportunities.html

CES Publications:

Since Fall 2008, the CETD project has been publishing a series of commentaries and policy briefs to keep you abreast of the latest developments in Canada-EU relations. These publications are accessible on the CETD website: www.carleton.ca/europecluster/publications.html

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We are grateful to the European Commission and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada and to Carleton University for their continuing support of these and other activities of the Centre.

Prepared by Natasha Joukovskaia, CES Manager

MESSAGE TO ALUMNI, FACULTY & FRIENDS

In 1997, the Institute conducted a successful campaign to establish an endowment to fund student bursaries (taking advantage of an offer by the Ontario Government to provide matching funds). Many of you contributed, and your contributions have really paid off! Since then, the endowment has grown considerably and is now well established. Annual income from it is used to provide needed financial assistance to Ontario students at EURUS. In 2009-10, we are able to support many qualified students in financial need.

To support and encourage more students, by developing a source of bursary funds open to those from outside the province of Ontario, we established a second endowment several years ago. All EURUS students, Canadian and foreigners, are eligible for bursaries from this endowment. While the funds

available from this source have grown, the need is great and we are very anxious to build up the endowment further (unfortunately this second endowment does not benefit from matching funds). So DO PLEASE CONSIDER A DONATION! Your gift can have a significant and life-changing impact on a worthy student in financial need. Cheques should be sent care of Elisabeth DiSabato to Development and Alumni Services, 510 Robertson Hall, Carleton University, 1125 Colonel By Drive, ON K1S 5B6. Be sure to indicate that your gift is to go to the "Central/East European and Russian Area Studies Bursary" (a receipt for tax purposes will be sent to you). Thank you!!

Professor Carl McMillan, EURUS Bursary Curator

Slavic Research Group at the University of Ottawa

A book launch was held at the University of Ottawa's Tabaret Hall for *My life*, the English translation of Sofia Andreevna Tolstaya's autobiographical memoir *Moja zhizn'*, which is only now being released for the first time in its original Russian by the State L.N. Tolstoy Museum in Moscow. The launch was hosted on 6 October 2010 jointly by the University of Ottawa's central administration and the book's publisher, University of Ottawa Press. The 1250-page book includes an extensive critical introduction by the editor, a poetry appendix, bibliography, two indexes and 64 pages of colour illustrations.

Following introductory remarks by UOP director Michael O'Hearn and greetings on behalf of the University administration and the Russian Embassy, SRG Director Dr Andrew Donskov, who edited the volume (having been granted exclusive rights to translation and publication in English by the Moscow Tolstoy Museum), remarked on the significance of this volume for Tolstoy studies in the context of the current centenary year of Tolstoy's passing. He said in part: "It would be unthinkable now to write a serious biography of Tolstoy without drawing in large measure upon Tolstaya's *My life*. No one except his wife could have written about him with such intimate knowledge and frankness. No one but she could have elucidated — so clearly and in such minute detail — the often-talked-about discrepancy between Tolstoy's philosophical ideals and his constant attempts to live them in daily life, frequently at the expense of those closest and dearest to him."

The launch proceedings concluded with dramatic readings from the book in English and Russian by the two translators (both members of the Slavic Research Group) — John Woodsworth (a member of the Literary Translator's Association of Canada) and Arkadi Klioutchanski (who is currently writing his Ph.D. dissertation on "Tolstoy and science"). These readings were complemented by a passage partly in French read by undergraduate student Gabrielle Tétrault-Farber.

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For further information on the book, please see <http://www.press.uottawa.ca/book/my-life> Photos of the launch may be found at:

<http://uottawapress.blogspot.com/2010/10/photos-from-launch-of-sofia-tolstoys.html>.

For an early review of the book in the Ottawa Citizen, see http://uottawapress.blogspot.com/2010_08_01_archive.html.

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