



Post-Soviet Diasporas: Identities, Linkages, and Transformations

Conference

Institute of European, Russian and Eurasian Studies
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Call for Papers

The Institute of European, Russian and Eurasian Studies, Metropolis and Migration and Diaspora Studies at Carleton University, generously supported by the Magna Fund for Russian Studies, are seeking proposals for a joint conference: Post-Soviet Diasporas: Identities, Linkages and Transformations - to be held at Carleton University, March 20 and 21, 2014.

The collapse of the Soviet Union has transformed the map of Eastern Europe and Central Asia. Constant social uncertainty, economic turbulence and the emergence of fragile states provoked migration and mobility processes that were in many ways unexpected and unprecedented. This dispersal of ethnic groups across the region and throughout the world at once reflects and drives global patterns of mobility, investment and social and economic development in the 21st century.

We invite proposals from all relevant disciplines including history, sociology, political science, geography, economics and public policy that address the broader themes of this conference. The overarching goal is to identify and assess the effects of the activities of post-Soviet diasporas in Europe, North America and other host states and to understand better the economic, political, social and cultural relationships of these diasporas with their kin in their homelands.

We are particularly interested in papers that consider the following themes:

- From émigrés to diasporas: the discourses of identity transformation.

- Old and new - post-Soviet diasporas in North America and Europe: searching for common ground.
- Russian diasporas: their impact on the greater post-Soviet space.
- Remittances and the economic, political, and social impact of diasporas in their home states.
- Ethnic policy and regulation of diasporas in modern Russia.
- Global mobility and linkages, including the relationship of international organizations, transnational corporations, think tanks, academic research projects and other networks and initiatives to diaspora groups.

We are particularly interested in receiving proposals from researchers working in former Soviet countries as well as Western Europe and North America. The conference is aimed to create an open research network for studying diaspora communities and their dynamics, mobility, and linkages. Comparative papers that address multiple countries or regions and papers with interdisciplinary approaches are strongly encouraged.

Applicants should submit a proposal of 300 words and a short CV of 2-3 pages by October 1, 2013 to: milana.nikolko@carleton.ca.

Proposals should specify how the paper will address the themes of the conference.

Initial selections will be made by November 1, 2013. Final papers (10-12 pages) will be due three weeks before the conference. They will be pre-circulated among the participants.

A select number of papers are expected to be submitted to the independently peer-reviewed Journals: “Review of European and Russian Affairs (RERA)”, “Canadian Foreign Policy Journal (CFPJ)” and “Mobility and Politics” (Palgrave Macmillan).

Organizing Committee of the Conference:

Howard Duncan, Executive Head of Metropolis,

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