

EURUS E-Newsletter

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EURUS offers a number of funding and travel opportunities for students intending to conduct field research, improve their language skills, or take part in academic conferences. Principal among these are the **Magna Bursary for Russian Studies** and the **CES Graduate Travel-Research Grant**.

Magna Bursary for Russian Studies

Magna Bursaries for Russian Studies are awarded annually to ten or more outstanding graduate and/or advanced undergraduate students in the Institute of European, Russian and Eurasian Studies (EURUS) and various other departments who are studying Russia and/or Russian relations with the outside world. This bursary is generously supported by the Magna Fund for Russian Studies based in the Faculty of Public Affairs. For information about eligibility criteria, how to apply, and application deadlines, please visit <http://www6.carleton.ca/eurus/current-students/travel-research-opportunities/magna-bursary-for-russian-studies/> or contact Professor Piotr Dutkiewicz at piotr_dutkiewicz@carleton.ca

Select testimonials from past recipients of the Magna Bursary:

"...The Magna Fund for Russian Studies was crucial for my Russian language studies in Kyrgyzstan. Without the generous funding of the Magna Fund, I would have been financially incapable of spending 2 months abroad learning the Russian language and immersing myself in the Russian and Kyrgyz cultures. I am very thankful for the funding and the lasting language and cultural knowledge, as well as excellent memories, that the money was able to provide me with."

"...Without the Magna bursary I would not been able to afford my trip to Russia and therefore would not have been able to expand my language skills and my research on perception during my three month adventure in Moscow.

[...]The experiences and growth of my Russian language skills will be invaluable to me. For that I am eternally grateful, so thank you for giving me this opportunity."

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Graduate Travel-Research Grants on the European Union, European Integration, or EU-Canada Relations

Based on funding from the European Commission and from the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, Carleton's Centre for European Studies (EU Centre of Excellence) offers graduate travel research grants to support PhD and MA student research in member state countries of the European Union on topics related to the European Union or EU-Canada Relations. For information about eligibility criteria, how to apply, and application deadlines, please visit

<http://www1.carleton.ca/ces/ccms/wp-content/ccms-files/2012-Grant-Notice-GraduateTravel1.pdf> or contact Professor Joan DeBardeleben at joan_debardeleben@carleton.ca

Select testimonials from past recipients of Graduate Travel-Research Grants:

"Thanks to the Centre for European Studies, I was able to travel to Berlin, Germany at the end of August to conduct archival research for my major research paper. Since I am interested mainly in history, I chose for my research paper a historical topic examining how women navigated consumerism in the former East Germany...I am thankful that the CES was able to provide funding in order to conduct my research, and would not have been able to do it without their support."

"My research aims to explore the way in which the memory of expulsion has informed German-Polish relations within the context of debate over the proposed Center against Expulsions and to analyze the meaning of this debate for the negotiation of a European memory...Thanks to the support of the Centre for European Studies I was able to travel to Germany for two weeks in September 2012...Overall, the time I spent in Germany was very productive. I am grateful to the European Commission, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, and the CES for their generosity and support."

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"...I want to thank the Magna Fund for Russian Studies for the opportunity to study in depth the phenomenon of corruption and the movement of anti-corruption in Moldova, through field-work. The funds covered some of the living and travelling expenses. I gathered great material which will complement the my secondary research. More importantly, practicing Russian in an academic manner was challenging but pleasant. Moreover, I have gathered information on specific prominent cases and have been suggested ideas for future research."

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"The generous funding received through the CES' Travel/Research Grant allowed me to conduct a series of extremely relevant and useful interviews in Europe throughout the summer of 2012 for my final research project, which is tackling the topic of refugee policy in the European Union...I would like to thank the Centre for European Studies for the grant, without which I would not have been able to collect this relevant data for my research."

For information on the EU Study Tour, please visit <http://www6.carleton.ca/eurus/current-students/travel-research-opportunities/eu-study-tour-2012/>. See the forthcoming annual EURUS newsletter (December 2012) for accounts of students' experiences on the tour.

EURUS Professor Piotr Dutkiewicz Publishes Latest Book

Democracy versus Modernization, Routledge 2012, pp. 254. Edited by Vladislav Inozemtsev and Piotr Dutkiewicz

EURUS associate professor Piotr Dutkiewicz along with Vladislav L. Inozemtsev recently edited *Democracy versus Modernization: A Dilemma for Russia and the World*. This book seeks to "re-think democracy." Over the past few years, there has been a tendency in the global policy community and, even more widely, in the world's media to focus on democracy as the "gold standard" by which all things political are measured. This book re-examines democracy in Russia and in the world more generally, as an idea, desired ideal and practice. A major issue for Russia is whether the modernization of Russia might not be more prosperous by focusing directly on modernization and not worrying too much about democracy. In this book a wide range of aspects surrounding this question are explored. It discuss how the debate is conducted in Russia; outlines how Russians contrast their own experiences, unfavorably, with the experience of China, where reform and modernization have been pursued with great success and with no concern for democracy and concludes by assessing how the debate in Russia is likely to be resolved.

Note: Professor Dutkiewicz recently attended the IX Annual Summit of the Valdai Discussion Club in Russia. An article on his conclusions following the summit will appear in the annual EURUS newsletter (December 2012).

Congratulations to EURUS students graduating in Fall 2012!

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