

CALL FOR PAPERS

Graduate Student Conference in Slavic Studies
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Decentering Russia: Challenging the Boundaries

April 15-16, 2016

We are now inviting participants to submit abstracts for a joint meeting of the 6th annual conference of the Slavic Graduate Students' Association (SGSA) at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign and the 35th annual Slavic Forum of the University of Chicago. **The conference will take place April 15-16, 2016, in Urbana, IL. Prof. Maria Todorova of the History Dept. at UIUC will deliver a keynote lecture.** Participation is open to graduate students in all related fields, including: *literature, film, linguistics, history, anthropology, cultural studies, philosophy, visual arts, musicology* and *area studies*. We are especially interested in interdisciplinary approaches to the study of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian cultures.

The theme of this year's conference is *Decentering Russia: Challenging the Boundaries*. We hope to highlight supposed "secondary" Slavic narratives, such as those presented in, but not limited to, Polish, Czech, Georgian, and Uzbek languages, etc., as well as non-canonical works and new approaches within the Russian and Post-Soviet sphere.

Relevant topics might include:

- Postcolonial perspectives on Ukraine and other former Soviet states
- Minority identities in the Slavic world
- Central and East European Film or Music
- Slavic Masculinities
- Alternative medias and genres (science fiction, pornography, comics, etc.)
- Non-Russians in the Russian canon (e.g. Gogol, Dovzhenko)

If you would like to participate, **please submit an abstract (up to 300 words) and the title of your paper to sgsa2016@gmail.com. Some funding for participants traveling from other universities may be available.** Please include your name, email address, institutional affiliation, year, major area of study, any audiovisual equipment requests, and whether you are interested in funding for travel expenses at the top of the page. **The deadline for submitting abstracts is February 1, 2016.** Participants will be notified by March 1.

Dedicated to the memory of our friend and colleague Scott K. Maltby