

ASN 2012 Post-Convention Announcement

The Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN) held its 17th Annual World Convention this past weekend (19-21 April 2012) at the Harriman Institute, Columbia University, New York.

The Convention Awards were announced at the Closing Reception on Saturday evening.

The Eighth Annual ASN Doctoral Student Awards, to honor the best graduate papers, were given to **Yuval Feinstein** (Sociology, UCLA, US – Nationalism Section), **Evgeny Finkel** (U of Wisconsin, US – Ukraine/Russia/Caucasus Section), **Maj Grasten** (Political Science, Copenhagen Business School, Denmark – Balkans Section), **Christopher Molnar** (History, Indiana University, US – Central Europe Section), and **Alp Eren Topal** (History, Bilkent University, Turkey – Eurasia/Turkey Section).

The Third Annual Harriman ASN Book Prize went to **Roger Petersen** for *Western Intervention in the Balkans: The Strategic Use of Emotion in Conflict* (Cambridge University Press, 2011). An honorable mention was given to **Theodora Dragostinova** for *Better Two Motherlands: Nationality and Emigration among the Greeks of Bulgaria, 1900-1949* (Cornell University Press, 2011).

The First Annual ASN Documentary Audience Award went to the French film ***Qui a tué Natacha?*** (*Who Killed Natasha?*), from director Mylène Sauloy, a wrenching investigation on the murder of human rights activist Natasha Estemirova in Chechnya. A runner-up, also the most attended film of the Convention, was ***My Perestroika***, from US director Robin Hessman.

The special event “Thinking the Twentieth Century: A Conversation with **Timothy Snyder**,” was the most attended event of the Convention, followed by the panel “Nation-Building and Symbols in the West Balkan States (Serbia, Croatia, Montenegro)” and *My Perestroika*.

The Convention celebrated the ASN 40th Anniversary by holding a special event featuring President Emeritus Michael Rywkin, former *Nationalities Papers* Editor Henry Huttenbach, former Shevchenko Society (New York) President Leonid Rudnytzky and President Emeritus David Crowe. The presentors paid particular attention to the ASN founder **Stepan Horak**, who passed away in 1986. The remarks of Dr. Rudnytzky, who worked closely with Dr. Horak in the 1970s-early 1980s, will be published in a forthcoming issue of *Nationalities Papers*.

The Convention wishes to express its gratitude to the **Harriman Institute** for its exceptional support in making the event a great success.

The next ASN Convention will take place on **18-20 April, 2013**, at the Harriman Institute, Columbia University. The Call for Papers will be issued in early September and the submission deadline will fall on **October 17** (two weeks early than usual).

For more information on ASN and the ASN World Convention, please go to the ASN website at **nationalities.org**.