

ASN 2012 PRELIMINARY PROGRAM NOW AVAILABLE!

150 PANELS ON THE BALKANS, CENTRAL EUROPE, RUSSIA, UKRAINE, THE CAUCASUS, EURASIA, TURKEY, CHINA, AND NATIONALISM STUDIES

The preliminary program of the ASN 2012 World Convention can be downloaded at www.nationalities.org. Updated versions will be posted regularly on the ASN website. The Convention, sponsored by the Harriman Institute, will be held at Columbia University, New York, on **April 19-21, 2012**.

****Registration fees are \$80 for ASN members, \$100 for nonmembers, \$60 for students (and a special rate of \$30 for non-panelist graduate students enrolled in New York area universities). The registration form can be downloaded at www.nationalities.org. For registration information, please contact Erin Carll (erincarllasn@gmail.com). For general convention information, please contact ASN Convention Executive Director Lydia Hamilton (lch2111@columbia.edu or 212 854 6239)****

As always, the Convention boasts the most international lineup of panelists of North American-based conventions, with more than half of the 400+ scholars delivering papers, currently based outside of the United States in nearly 50 countries. More than 750 panelists and participants are expected at the Convention. The program features 150 panels, **including the screening of several new documentaries that will be announced later.**

ASN is celebrating its 40th Anniversary in 2012 and a number of special events are planned for the occasion during the Convention. **These events are not yet included in the preliminary program and will be announced later.**

These program features an exceptionally strong lineup of panels in all regions of the former Communist world and Eurasia: Russia, the Caucasus, Central Asia/ Turkey/ China, the Balkans, Ukraine and Central Europe (including the Baltics and Moldova). Every year, the Program Committee has to be more selective in devising the line-up, due to the increasing number of proposals. The Balkans section has the largest offering of panels this year, with 28, followed by Central Europe— 20, Central Asia/China/Turkey—a combined 19 panels, Ukraine and Belarus—13, Russia (minus the Caucasus)—11, and the Caucasus—10. Fourteen panels appear in the “Nationalism” section. Several panels will adorn the three thematic sidebars of “History, Politics and Memory,” “Ethnicity and Violence,” and “Religion and Multiculturalism.” Other recurrent themes on the program include War Tribunals, Post-Conflict, EU Enlargement, Language, Ethnic Minorities, Foreign Policy, Gender and Diasporas.

In its most visible section, the Convention will be hosting thirteen special panels featuring new important books by Timothy Snyder (with Tony Judt), *Thinking the Twentieth Century* (Penguin, 2012), Ron Suny et al, *A Question of Genocide: Armenians and Turks at the End of the Ottoman Empire* (Oxford, 2011); Gail Kligman and Katherine Verdery, *Peasants under Siege: The Collectivization of Agriculture in Romania, 1949-1962* (Princeton, 2011); Roger Petersen, *Western Intervention in the Balkans: The Strategic Use of Emotion in Conflict* (Cambridge,

2011); Steve A. Barnes, *Death and Redemption: The Gulag and the Shaping of Soviet Society* (Princeton, 2011); Oxana Shevel, *Migration, Refugee Policy and State-Building in Postcommunist Europe* (Cambridge, 2011); Ugur Umit Ungor, *The Making of Modern Turkey: Nation and State in Eastern Anatolia, 1913-1950* (Oxford, 2011); Michael Khodarkovsky, *Bitter Choices: Loyalty and Betrayal in the Russian Context of the North Caucasus* (Cornell, 2011); William Jay Risch, *The Ukrainian West: Culture and the Fate of Empire in Soviet Lviv* (Harvard, 2011); Eric McGlinchey, *Chaos, Violence, Dynasty: Politics, Islam in Central Asia* (Pittsburgh, 2011); Nina Caspersen, *Unrecognized States: The Struggle for Sovereignty in the Modern International System* (Polity, 2011), Alexander J. Motyl, *The Jew Who Was Ukrainian* (Cervena Barva, 2011), and Oded Haklai, *Palestinian Ethnonationalism* (Pennsylvania, 2011). **A few of these book panels are still completed and will be included in the program later.**

Two of these book panels are part of the section “Nationalism Studies”, which offers a platform for the latest trends in nationalism studies worldwide. Fourteen more panels appear in the Nationalism section, such as “Ethnic Divides and Political Regimes,” “Causes and Consequences of External Intervention in Ethnic Politics,” “Framing the Nation in Radical Right Discourse,” and “Political Myths about the Nation.”

Since 2005, the ASN Convention has acknowledged excellence in graduate studies research by offering Awards for Best Doctoral Student Papers in five sections: Russia/Ukraine/Caucasus, Eurasia/Turkey, Central Europe, Balkans, and Nationalism Studies. The winners at the 2011 Convention were Ljubica Spaskovska (U of Exeter, UK) for the Balkans; Christina Zuber (U of Cologne, Germany) for Central Europe; Kitty Lam (Michigan State U, US) for Russia/Ukraine/Caucasus; Leyla Amzi-Erdogdular (Columbia U, US) for Eurasia/Turkey; and Sarah Jenkins (U of Aberystwyth, UK) for Nationalism. More than a hundred doctoral students will be eligible for the awards at the 2012 Convention.

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We look forward to seeing you at the convention!

Cordially,
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