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23RD ANNUAL CONFERENCE FOR TEACHERS
APRIL 5-6, 1997

RUSSIA ON THE EVE OF THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY

What is the relative strength of the institutions and social forces promoting stability or disorder in Russia? What factors are contributing to stabilization and consolidation on the one hand, or disorder and extremism on the other? What kind of political, social, and economic order is taking shape? These questions will be addressed at the Center for Slavic and East European Studies' 23rd Annual Conference for Teachers, *Russia on the Eve of the Twenty-First Century*.

The conference will bring together leading scholars from the US and Russia to address different arenas of political, economic, and social life in Russia since the collapse of the Soviet Union. In particular, participants have been asked to consider whether a new, post-communist order is beginning to coalesce in Russia. Is Russia evolving toward a distinctive form of polity, economy, and society? Does Russia's huge land mass, along with its imperial history, communist legacy, and great power ambitions, ensure that Russian "exceptionalism" will survive the transition from communism?

The conference is designed to be of special interest to primary, secondary, and post-secondary school teachers who wish to introduce their students to the topic. All teachers are entitled to a reduced registration fee. Materials will be provided for teaching purposes, including chronologies, maps, and bibliographies. In addition, teachers will be given a briefing on using the World Wide Web as a resource for finding material on Russia and other international subjects.

The agenda includes two days of talks and a wine and cheese reception. Speakers at the conference will be in attendance throughout the weekend and will be available to answer questions after the lectures. Reception, continental breakfast, and lunches are included in the registration fee and will provide additional opportunities for participants to discuss their interests with faculty and speakers.

Conference Director:

Victoria E. Bonnell, Professor of Sociology, and Chair of the Center for Slavic and East European Studies, UC Berkeley.

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Saturday, April 5, 1997

Introduction: **Victoria E. Bonnell**, Professor of Sociology, and Chair, Center for Slavic and East European Studies, UC Berkeley.

George W. Breslauer, Professor of Political Science, and Chair, Program in Soviet and Post-Soviet Studies, UC Berkeley. "*Yeltsin as Leader*."

M. Steven Fish, Assistant Professor of Political Science, UC Berkeley. "*Is Russia's Super-Presidentialism Sustainable?*"

Teacher's Web Demonstration

Robert Sharlet, Professor of Political Science, Union College. "*Russia's Constitutional Dialogues*."

Barry W. Ickes, Associate Professor of Economics, Pennsylvania State University. "*End of the Tunnel? The Aftereffects of Financial Stabilization in Russia*."

Michael Burawoy, Professor of Sociology, UC Berkeley. "*Russia's Road to Capitalism: Revolution, Evolution or Involution?*"

Question and Answer Period

Reception

Sunday, April 6, 1997

Kimberly Zisk, Assistant Professor of Political Science, Ohio State University. "*The Russian Military: Still a Threat?*"

Igor Zevelev, Visiting Scholar, Woodrow Wilson Center, Kennan Institute; Senior Research Fellow, Institute of International Relations and International Economics, Moscow. "*Russian Foreign Policy and the Post-Cold War Global System*."

Summary: **Victoria E. Bonnell**, Professor of Sociology, and Chair, Center for Slavic and East European Studies, UC Berkeley.

Teacher's Break Out Session & Public Web Demonstration

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