

University of California, Berkeley
Center for Slavic and East European Studies

24th Annual Teachers Outreach Conference
April 4–5, 1998

The Influence of the West on the Post-Communist World

We will explore several realms in which Western governments, non-governmental organizations, multilateral organizations, businesses, mass media, the entertainment industry, and tourists—intentionally or unintentionally—have influenced the course of post-Communist development in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. The goal is to assess the extent to which Western efforts and influence have made a difference in shaping the course of post-Communism.

Distinguished scholars and practitioners will address the following questions: Is NATO expansion a mistake? Is East-West economic integration facilitating the economic and political transitions? Are the Dayton Accords proving successful in building democracy in Bosnia? How have non-governmental organizations attempted to transform the educational systems and scientific communities in post-communist countries, and to what effect? How has Western popular culture affected societies in the post-communist world?

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; see the other side of this flyer for details. Materials will be provided for teaching purposes, including bibliographies. In addition, teachers will be given a briefing on using the World Wide Web as a resource for materials on former Communist countries and related international subjects.

The program includes one and a half days of talks and a wine and cheese reception on Saturday evening. Speakers at the conference will be in attendance throughout the weekend and will be available to answer questions after the lectures. Sunday morning will include a special "Q&A" session, featuring all the conference participants. The 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.

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Saturday, April 4, 1996

Toll Room, Alumni House, UC Berkeley campus

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

Ellen Comisso, Professor of Political Science, UC San Diego.
“East-West Economic Integration in the 1990s.”

Bruno Dallago, Professor of Economic Policy, Department of Sociology; and Professor of Comparative Economic Systems, Department of Economics, University of Trento, Italy.
“European Union Enlargement to the East: Perspectives and Problems.”

Demonstration: *Classroom resources at your fingertips: the Internet as a teaching tool.*

Alexei Yurchak, Visiting Lecturer in Anthropology, UC Berkeley.
“Russian Youth Culture and the West.”

Martha Loerke, Director of Network Scholarship Programs, Open Society Institute/Soros Foundations (OSI).
“Support for Education Reform: Some Examples from the Soros Foundation’s Network.”

Andrew Kuchins, Associate Director, Center for International Security and Arms Control, Stanford University; formerly a program officer with the MacArthur Foundation.
“The Impact of Western NGOs on Post-Communist Societies: The MacArthur Foundation in Russia.”

Question and Answer Period

Sunday, April 5, 1998

Toll Room, Alumni House, UC Berkeley campus

George W. Breslauer, Professor of Political Science and Chair, Program in Soviet and Post-Soviet Studies, UC Berkeley.
“Is NATO Expansion a Mistake?”

Obrad Kesic, Project Coordinator of the Democratic Transitions Program at the International Research & Exchanges Board (IREX).
“An Assessment of Dayton as a Framework for Building Peace in the Balkans.”

Question and Answer Period