

The Center for Slavic and East European Studies at the University of California, Berkeley
Annual Teachers Outreach Conference
April 10–11, 1999

*Coping with Crises:
International Responses to Instability and Disorder
In Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union*

The theme for this year's Teachers Outreach Conference is a broad yet timely one. We will explore the workings of international institutions such as the United Nations, NATO, OSCE, EU, and IMF as they pertain to security issues, conflict resolution, and political and economic stability in our region of the world. Since the end of the Cold War, the role of these institutions has changed as have the dynamics of international relationships between the East European and Soviet successor states and the West.

The goal of the conference is twofold: (a) examine and assess the developments in international responses to conflict which accompanied the end of the Cold War with a particular emphasis on institutions, many of which having been formed during the Cold War; and (b) provide some insight into the nature of the conflicts in our region today and the ability (or lack thereof) of these institutions to solve them.

Distinguished scholars and practitioners will address the following questions: What are the roles (and the division of labor among) international organizations such as the UN, NATO, and the OSCE? What are the arguments for and against NATO expansion, and what are the implications of NATO expansion on conflict management? Will EU expansion help prevent conflicts and contribute to stability in the region? Are such institutional expansions mainly examples of Western hegemony over the East? Is the War Crimes Tribunal in the Hague a vehicle for justice, or is it contributing instead to a further destabilization of the region by making leaders who are vulnerable to war crimes charges even more unwilling to compromise? Are the IMF, the World Bank, and the international financial community able to prevent or ameliorate financial meltdowns, such as occurred in Russia over the summer, or are the economies of the region doomed to extreme fluctuations? What new international alliance systems are emerging in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union?

The conference is designed to be of special interest to primary, secondary, and post-secondary school teachers, especially in the areas of History and Social Sciences.

The emphasis on institutional changes over the past 50 years should provide an opportunity to apply the insights gathered during this conference to other areas of the world. 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 the use of the World Wide Web as a resource for materials on former Communist countries and topics related to this conference (UN, NATO, OSCE, conflict management programs, etc.).

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.

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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Conference Program

Saturday, April 10, 1999
Toll Room, Alumni House

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

Michael Nacht, Dean, Goldman School of Public Policy, U.C. Berkeley, “ *International Responses to Instability in Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union: What Washington Thinks* “

Andrew C. Janos, Professor of Political Science, U.C. Berkeley, “*Between Empire and Commonwealth: Society and Security in East Central Europe*”

Demonstration for teachers on using the WWW

P. Terrence Hopmann, Professor of Political Science, Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown University, “*The Organization for Security and Cooperation (OSCE) and Europe’s Role in Conflict Management in Eurasia*”

Elizabeth Cousens, International Peace Academy, “*Organizing International Assistance in Peace-Building: the Case of Bosnia*”

Ellen Comisso, Professor of Political Science, U.C. San Diego, “*The Crisis in Kosovo: Myths and Alternatives*”

Sunday, April 11, 1999
Toll Room, Alumni House

Josef Brada, Professor of Economics, Arizona State University, “*The IMF and the World Bank...Selling Ideology or Selling Good Sense to Transition Economies?*”

Wade Jacoby, Visiting Scholar, Political Science, U.C. Berkeley, “*Creating Stability through Disruption? The EU in Eastern Europe*”

Question and answer session