

University of California, Berkeley  
Institute of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies  
XXXth Annual Teach Outreach Conference

***HISTORICAL JUXTAPOSITIONS:  
AMERICA AND RUSSIA IN THE 19<sup>TH</sup> AND 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURIES***

Saturday, May 1, 2004  
Toll Room, Alumni House, UC Berkeley campus

The Institute of Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies is pleased to invite you to a one-day conference for K–14 teachers. *Historical Juxtapositions: America and Russia in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries* features scholars in the social sciences from UC Berkeley and other universities. The purpose of the conference is to make a comparison of two different themes in the histories of the United States and Russia. This year ISEEEES hopes to attract many teachers with such a comparative framework.

In the morning we will examine the practice and legacy of serfdom in Russia with slavery in the US. Peter Kolchin, Professor of History at the University of Delaware, is the main speaker. His seminal work, *Unfree Labor: American Slavery and Russian Serfdom*, will be the nucleus of the discussion. As you can see from the program, two UCB specialists will then offer commentary.

In the afternoon, we will turn our attention to a comparison of post-Soviet Russian oligarchs and the robber barons of nineteenth century American capitalism. Such a comparison has been made by some journalists and scholars—does it really hold up to investigation? Dr. Steven Leikin, Department of History at San Francisco State University, will present an overview of the American scene at the end of the nineteenth century. Dr. Leikin received his Ph.D. from Cal. He is the author of the forthcoming *The Practical Utopians: American Workers and the Cooperative Movement in the Gilded Age*. Following the presentation will be M. Steven Fish, Professor of Political Science at UCB and specialist on the Soviet Union and its aftermath. With him we will explore the current world of Russian tycoons and billionaires. Yuri Slezkine, Professor of History also at UCB, will focus on the similarities and dissimilarities of the people and their times.

Following each panel, there will be time for questions and answers from the audience. We expect a lively debate. As was the case with previous Teacher Outreach Conferences, we will have handouts and extracurricular materials for our audience, designed with the purpose of providing teaching aids for the classroom. The material covered addresses the California State History and Social Sciences Content Standards and several National Standards for World History especially for grades 8–12.

There is no fee to attend the conference. Lunch is on your own, and there is ample time, if you wish, to go to one of the fine local eateries. Please note that we will be showing the Frontline/ World video, *Moscow, Rich in Russia*, at 1:30 for those who choose to bring a brown bag lunch and eat in the gardens of the Alumni House. The video features an interview between *New York Times* reporter, Sabrina Tavernise, and both Mikhail Khodorkovsky and Boris Berezovsky.

**Pre-registration is required.** There is no fee, but pre-registration is required. We will serve coffee and tea in the morning, but lunch is on your own.

To register, please send the information requested below to: ISEEEES, UC Berkeley, 260 Stephens Hall #2304, Berkeley CA 94720-2304. For further information, you can contact ISEEEES at (510) 642-3230 or [iseees@uclink.berkeley.edu](mailto:iseees@uclink.berkeley.edu). Details about the conference are also available at <http://socrates.berkeley.edu/~iseees/outreach2.html>.

Name:

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School and Grade Level:

There are stipends available for active classroom teachers who register by mail and attend the full day conference. Only those who register by mail are eligible. The number is limited, and priority is given to those teachers who are coming from a distance.

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- 9:30 a.m. *Opening Remarks*  
Victoria E. Bonnell, Director, Institute of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, and  
Professor of Sociology, UC Berkeley
- Session I: *Unfree Labor: Russian Serfdom and American Slavery***  
Chair: Victoria E. Bonnell, UC Berkeley
- 10 a.m. *Russian Serfdom and American Slavery*  
Peter Kolchin, Professor of History, University of Delaware
- 10:50 a.m. *Commentary: American Slavery*  
Waldo Martin, Professor of History, UC Berkeley
- 11:10 a.m. *Commentary: Russian Serfdom*  
Reginald Zelnik, Professor of History, UC Berkeley
- 11:30 a.m. *Q&A from the Audience*
- 12:15 p.m. *Lunch Break (lunch not provided)*
- 1:30 p.m. *Video Showing: Documentary on Russian Oligarchs*
- Session II: *Emergent Capitalism: American Robber Barons and Russian Oligarchs***  
Chair: Victoria E. Bonnell, UC Berkeley
- 2 p.m. *American Robber Barons*  
Steven Leikin, Professor of History, San Francisco State University
- 2:50 p.m. *Russian Oligarchs*  
M. Steven Fish, Professor of Political Science, UC Berkeley
- 3:40 p.m. *Commentary: Historical Juxtapositions*  
Yuri Slezkine, Professor of History, UC Berkeley
- 4 p.m. *Q&A from the Audience*
- 4:45 p.m. *Closing Remarks*
- 5 p.m. Reception

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