

# New Perspectives Across the Disciplines on Russia, Eastern Europe, and Eurasia

Friday, April 9, 2021

Zoom

University of California, Berkeley

## WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS - 9:45 a.m.

JOHN CONNELLY, *Director, Institute of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies;  
Professor of History, University of California, Berkeley*

## PANEL ONE - 9:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Chair: GEORGE BRESLAUER, *Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost, Emeritus, UC Berkeley;  
Professor of the Graduate School, Political Science, UC Berkeley*

### “Policing the Political Police: Transforming Ordinary Men into Model Chekists After the Great Terror”

ALEXANDRA SUKALO, *History, Stanford University*

### “Yanukovych’s Forefathers: The Soviet Dachas of Mezhyhirya”

SIERRA NOTA, *History, Stanford University*

### “Documenting Soviet Cities: Film, the Soviet Periphery, and Labor in Soviet Kulturfilm”

FILIP SESTAN, *Slavic Languages & Literatures, UC Berkeley*

**LUNCH BREAK - 11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

## PANEL TWO - 12:30–2:30 p.m.

Chair: AMIR WEINER, *Director of the Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies;  
Associate Professor of Soviet History, Stanford University*

### “Bringing Up Nation: Soviet ‘Ideo-Political Upbringing Work’ in the Baltics, 1940-41”

KRISTO NURMIS, *History, Stanford University*

### “Comrade Krushchev speaks that no religion is forbidden’: Religious Life of Deported Ethnic Minorities in Soviet Central Asia”

AGNIESZKA SMELKOWSKA, *History, UC Berkeley*

### “Mankurts and Moderns: Ethnicity as Authenticity for and against the State in South Africa and the Soviet Union”

HILARY LYND, *History, UC Berkeley*

**COFFEE BREAK - 2:30–2:45 p.m.**

## PANEL THREE - 2:45–4:45 p.m.

Chair: KATHRYN STONER, *Deputy Director, Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies;  
Senior Fellow, Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies, Stanford University*

### “A Little Lift in the Iron Curtain: Emigration Restrictions and the Stability of Closed Regimes”

HANS LUEDERS, *Political Science, Stanford University*

### “‘The Last Berlin Wall[s] in Europe’: Memory, Memorials, and Division in Mostar and Belfast”

BLAZE JOEL, *History, UC Berkeley*

### “Subnational Consolidation in Single-Party Dominant Regimes: Evidence from Hungarian Mayoral Elections”

MATTHEW STENBERG, *Political Science, UC Berkeley*