

Two Decades without the Soviet Union: Transformations in Eurasian Space

10th Biennial Conference of the Australasian Association for
Communist and Post-Communist Studies (AACaPS – X)
3-4 February 2011

PROGRAM

Thursday, 3 February 2011

- 8.00** **Registration (CAIS building)**
- 9.00 – 9.45** **Conference opening (Law Theatre)** Professor Amin Saikal, Director, Centre for Arab and Islamic Studies (The Middle East and Central Asia), ANU
- Keynote address** The Hon. R.J.L. (Bob) Hawke, former Prime Minister of Australia
- 9.45 – 10.15** **Welcome tea and coffee (Law School Lawn)**
- 10.15 – 11.45** **First session**
- 1a Russia at the crossroads**
(CAIS Lecture Theatre)
Chair: Prof Ian McAllister (ANU)
1. Dr Salvatore Babones and Mr Philipp Babcicky (University of Sydney), “Russia and Central Europe in the Modern World-System: A Structuralist Perspective”
 2. A/Prof Stephen Fortescue (UNSW), “Russia’s Modernisation and the Prospects of “Tandemocracy””
 3. Prof Graeme Gill (University of Sydney), “Symbols and the Birth of a New Russia”
- 1b War and conflict after the fall of communism**
(BPB 1.18)
Chair: Dr John Besemeres (ANU)
1. Dr Matt Killingsworth (University of Tasmania), “War and conflict in the former Soviet space”
 2. Dr Matt Sussex (University of Tasmania), “The security order in the former USSR”

3. A/Prof Aleksandar Pavkovic (Macquarie University), “Wars of secession: Chechnya and Kosovo”

1c Nationalism and politics of identity in Central Asia

(BPB 1.19)

Chair: Dr Kirill Nourzhanov (ANU)

1. Prof Reuel Hanks (Oklahoma State University), “Religio-Cultural Landscapes and National Identity in Contemporary Southern Kazakhstan”
2. Mr David Radford (Flinders University), ““God created me Kyrgyz” – Challenging normative constructs of ethnic identity in post-socialist Kyrgyzstan”
3. Mr Grigol Ubiria (ANU), “The Doctrine of National Unity of Kazakhstan: A Formal Declaration or Attestation in Support of Civic Consolidation?”

11.45 – 13.15 Second session

2a Russia’s foreign relations

(CAIS Lecture Theatre)

Chair: Prof Graeme Gill (University of Sydney)

1. A/Prof Roderic Pitty (UWA), “Russia’s Image as a Eurasian Power”
2. Dr Peter Sawczak (Monash University), “Obama’s Russia Policy: The Wages and Pitfalls of the Reset”
3. Dr Viacheslav B. Amirov (MEMO), “Evolution of Russia’s Policy towards Central Asia”

2b Market reforms in the former Soviet Union

(BPB 1.18)

Chair: A/Prof Stephen Fortescue (UNSW)

1. Dr Gennadi Kazakevitch (Monash University), “Ten Years after Yeltsin: Anti-market Transformation in Russia”
2. Ms Ruth Fischer-Smith (University of Canterbury), “Policy Implementation and Policy Learning in a Transition Economy: Assessing the Effects of SME Policies in Ukraine 1991-present”
3. Mr Farrukh Irnazarov (University of Applied Sciences Goettingen), “Transition Strategies in Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan since Independence: Paradoxes and Prospects”

2c Changing Muslim societies

(BPB 1.19)

Chair: Dr Kirill Nourzhanov (ANU)

1. Dr Aktam Jalilov (Academy of State and Social Construction at the Office of President of Uzbekistan), “Ethnic and religious transformation of Russia in the context of labor migration from Central Asia”
3. Dr Alexandr Akimov (Griffith University), “Municipal transport in

post-Soviet transition. The case of Tashkent, Uzbekistan”

3. Mr Damian Doyle (ANU), “Islam, the state, and social space: echoes of the Communist period in contemporary Central Asia”

13.15 – 14.30 Lunch (CAIS building)

14.30 – 16.00 Third session

3a Rule of law in Post-Communist societies

(CAIS Lecture Theatre)

Chair: Dr Matthew Zagor (ANU)

1. Prof Leslie Holmes (University of Melbourne), “Police Corruption in Russia”

2. Mr Martin Mendelski (University of Luxembourg and Goethe University Frankfurt), “Varieties of Rule of Law in Post-Communist Societies”

3. Prof Murray Raff and Dr Anna Taitlin (University of Canberra), “Post-socialist civil law in historical perspective”

3b The global financial crisis and social aspects of capitalist transformation (BPB 1.18)

Chair: Dr Matthew Gray (ANU)

1. Dr V.T. Chaya and Dr Olga Rush-Latypova (Griffith University) , “Anti-crisis Management of an Economy in Transition: System of Analytical Triggers”

2. Ms Oksana Parfenova (European University at St.Petersburg), “Care for the elderly in modern Russia”

3. Mr Genrikh Salata (ANU), “Doing business in Ukraine: experiences of Australian companies”

3c Security issues in Central Asia and the external environment

(BPB 1.19)

Chair: Dr Kirill Nourzhanov (ANU)

1. Prof Vidya Nadkarni (University of San Diego), “Central Asia and South Asia: Security Dilemmas”

2. Ms Yelena Zabortseva (University of Sydney), “Russia’s foreign policy goals towards Kazakhstan: strategic partnership versus independence”

3. A/Prof Enayatollah Yazdani (University of Isfahan), “Iran’s policy towards Central Asia after the collapse of the Soviet Union”

16.00 – 16.30 Afternoon tea (CAIS building)

19.00 Conference dinner (Teatro Vivaldi)

Friday, 4 February 2011

8.30 Registration (CAIS building)

9.00 – 10.30 First session

1a Central and Eastern Europe

(CAIS Lecture Theatre)

Chair: A/Prof Roderic Pitty (UWA)

1. Dr Dan Lazea (New Europe College - Institute for Advanced Studies, Bucharest), “EU Enlargement towards Central and Eastern Europe: A Social Constructivist Approach”
2. Dr Michal Vašečka (Masaryk University), “Revisiting Nationalism in Post-communist Central Europe - Ethnization of the Public Sphere as a Structural Problem”
3. Dr Milenko Petrovic (University of Canterbury), “The stalled Europeanisation: The Western Balkans between internal statehood status disputes and tightened criteria for EU accession”

1b Cultural and educational aspects of transformation

(BPB 1.18)

Chair: Dr Kevin Windle (ANU)

1. Dr Ludmilla A'Beckett (Monash University), “Debates about Ukrainian language and national identity: heteroglossia and political mythology”
2. Ms Khrystyna Chushak (Monash University), “Representation and Evaluation of the Soviet Past in the Contemporary Ukrainian Intellectual Debate”
3. Ms Yelena Istileulova (KIMEP), “Transformation of Higher Education in Central Asia for 20 years”

1c Economic transition in Central Asia

(BPB 1.19)

Chair: Dr Matthew Gray (ANU)

1. Mr Roman Vakulchuk (Private University of Applied Sciences Goettingen), “Emerging Market Economies in Central Asia”
2. Mr Bekzod Abdullaev (La Trobe University), “Fiscal Policy and Economic Cycle in Uzbekistan”

10.30 – 10.45 Coffee break (CAIS building)

10.45 – 12.15 Second session

2a Politics and security in the Balkans

(CAIS Lecture Theatre)

Chair: Dr Robert F. Miller (ANU)

1. Mr Tom Vangelovski (ANU), “The 2001 Framework Agreement in Macedonia: Successful Intervention or Prelude to Conflict?”
2. Ms Nina Markovic (University of Melbourne), “Russia’s role and influence in the Balkans in the 21st century: investment, energy and politics”
3. Ms Nadiya Chushak (University of Melbourne), “Re-claiming the Utopia: Uses of the Nostalgic Elements in Discourses of Youth Activists in Contemporary Serbia”

2b Remembering the past, interpreting the present

(BPB 1.18)

Chair: Dr Kevin Windle (ANU)

1. Dr Linda Bowman (ADFA), “Travelers’ Tales: Great Game Narratives”
2. Ms Gabriela Popa (European University Institute), “War remembrance, religion and reconciliation after the Soviet Union”
3. Mr Christian Bleuer (ANU), “Russian Military Involvement in Tajikistan's Civil War, 1992-1997”

2c Contemporary literary discourse in Serbia

(BPB 1.19)

Chair: A/Prof Aleksandar Pavkovic (Macquarie University)

1. Dr Slobodanka Vladiv-Glover (Monash University), “Spaces of Transformation and Creativity: Serbian Poetry transposed into Cinema”
2. Mr Milan Orlic (Monash University), “Serbian postmodernism in theory and practice”
3. Dr Milena Ilisevic (Institute for Literature and Arts, Belgrade), “The concept of the ‘political’ in contemporary Serbian drama”
4. Ms Zdravka Gugleta (Monash University), “Vasko Popa and National Mythology: Notes on *Wolf Salt*”

12.15 – 13.30 Lunch (CAIS building)

13.30 – 15.00 Third session

3a The Caucasus

(CAIS Lecture Theatre)

Chair: A/Prof Roderic Pitty (UWA)

1. Mr Konrad Siekierski (Institute of Archaeology and Ethnography NAS)

- RA), “Religious Change and Continuity in Post-Soviet Armenia”
2. Ms Mzia Jamagidze (Ilia State University), “Crisis of National Identity in Literary Discourse: The Soviet Experience and the Contemporary Context in Georgia”
 3. Mr Tim Byrnes (independent journalist), “Life after war: South Ossetia since 2008”

3b Geopolitics of Eurasia

(BPB 1.18)

Chair: Prof Stuart Harris (ANU)

1. Dr Gao Shuqin (Peking University), “The geopolitical transformation in the Eurasian Region and the influence of China”
 2. Dr Leonid Petrov (University of Sydney), “Russia and the Two Koreas: Challenges and Opportunities”
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**15.00 – 16.00 AACaPS general meeting -members only
(CAIS Lecture Theatre)**