"Imagining Alternative Modernities: Interventions from the Balkans and South Asia"
The Ohio State University
October 9-11, 2014

Thursday, 9 October

2:00-2:30, Registration
Location: Blackwell, Lobby outside of Pfahl 140

2:30-3:00, Opening remarks by Brian Joseph and William Brustein
Location: Blackwell, Pfahl 140

3:00-4:00
Roundtable of OSU Sawyer faculty
Chair: Andrea Sims, OSU
Location: Blackwell, Pfahl 140

4:15-6:15
Nostalgia, Loss, and the Politics of Identity
Chair: Yana Hashamova, OSU
Jasmina Lukic (Cornell Visit Professor at Swarthmore College), Transnational literature and nostalgia in post-Yugoslav spaces
Dubravka Zarkov (International Institute of Social Studies, The Netherlands) Post-War Alterities: Cinematic Interventions on Loss, Justice and Fatherhood from Bosnia and Sri Lanka
Purnima Bose (Indiana University), The Capitalist-Rescue Narrative, Afghanistan, and the War on Terror
Sunnie Rucker-Chang (Florida State University), Inclusion in the Face of Exclusion: A Parallel Study of Minority Integration in the European Union South and American South
Location: Blackwell, Pfahl 140

6:30-8:00, Reception
Location: Blackwell, Pfahl 140

Friday, 10 October

8:30-9:00, coffee & breakfast
Location: Barbie Tootle Room, Ohio Union

9:00-11:00
Imperial and Post-Imperial Transformations
Chair: Scott Levi, OSU
Isa Blumi (Georgia State University), Transitional Regimes and the Contingencies of Multiple Modernities in the Balkans, 1910-1923
Benjamin Cohen (University of Utah), Introducing Colonial Regionalism: The Case of the Madras Presidency
Ugur Pece (Stanford University), Fear and Trembling in the Mediterranean: The Cretan Civil War and Breakdown of Ottoman Rule, 1895-98
Lavanya Vemsani (Shawnee State University), Emergence of Geography as Race in Multi-Religious Country: Tolerance and Conflict in Colonial and Post-Colonial Modern India
Location: Barbie Tootle Room, Ohio Union

11:00-11:15, Coffee break

11:15-12:15
**Keynote I**
Tomislav Longinovic, University of Wisconsin-Madison
"Words That Hide: Balkan Politics of Translation"
Introduction: Jessie Labov, OSU
Location: Barbie Tootle Room, Ohio Union

12:15-2:00, Lunch

Optional visit of the photo exhibit “Islamic Empires and their Legacies in Southeastern Europe and South Asia” in Hagerty Hall

2:00-4:00
**Borderlands and Partitions**
Chair: Pranav Jani, OSU
Majed Akhter (Indiana University), The Long Hydraulic Partition: Making and Remaking National Space in India and Pakistan
Mona Bhan (Depauw University), Water Wars and New Ecological Imaginaries on the India-Pakistan Border
Fabio Bego (Roma Tre University), Refusing the State, Defending the Nation: Why Local Albanian Communities Oppose Their Government in the Summer of 1920
Haimanti Roy (University of Dayton), Paper Rights: Emergence of Documentary Identities in the Partitioned Borderlands of South Asia, 1952-67
Location: Barbie Tootle Room, Ohio Union

5:00-6:00
**Keynote II**
Kalyanakrishnan Sivaramakrishnan, Yale University
“Ethics of Nature: Historical Lessons from Conservation and Development in India”
Introduction: Mytheli Sreenivas, OSU
Location: Thompson Library Reading Room, 11th Floor

6:30-8:00, Reception
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**Saturday, 11 October**
8:30-9:00, coffee & breakfast
Location: 0060 Page Hall
9:00-11:00
The Second and Third Worlds
Chair: Theodora Dragostinova, OSU
Victor Petrov (Columbia University), A Cyber-Socialism at Home and Abroad: Bulgarian Technical Assistance to India and the National Road to Modernity 1967-1989
Raino Isto (University of Maryland), The Coalescence of Albanian History: Socialist Realism, Nationalism, and the Vlora Independence Monument
Kristine Kotecki (Ball State University), South Asia and the Non-Aligned Movement in Two Post-Yugoslav Texts
Julie Cyzewski (OSU), “[T]orn between conflicting loyalties”: Mulk Raj Anand and the BBC
Location: 0060 Page Hall

11:00-11:15, Coffee break

11:15-1:15
Neoliberal Critiques and Postcolonial Conditions
Chair: Jessie Labov, OSU
Nikolay Karkov (SUNY Cortland), Autonomist Marxism in Post-Socialist Eastern Europe: Some Problems of Translation
Kelly Klein (OSU), Darpana Performing Group's Creative Interventions in Neoliberal Globalization
Simanti Dasgupta (University of Dayton), The Contagion and the Condemned: HIV-AIDS, Anti-Trafficking and Sex Work in Sonagachhi
Bogdan Popa (Indiana University), Producing "Bad Subjects": Academic Corruption and Political Protest in Romanian Universities
Location: 0060 Page Hall

1:15-2:15
Lunchtime final remarks and discussion
Chair: Mytheli Sreenivas, OSU
Location: 0060 Page Hall