

Call for Papers

An International Graduate Student Symposium Centre for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies, University of Toronto January 24-26, 2008

New Perspectives on Contemporary Ukraine: Politics, History, and Culture

The University of Toronto's Centre for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies (CERES) is pleased to announce a call for papers for the International Graduate Student Symposium "New Perspectives on Contemporary Ukraine: Politics, History, and Culture" to be held in Toronto on January 24-26, 2008. This interdisciplinary Symposium will bring together aspiring young scholars for three days of presentations and intensive discussions centred around new perspectives on the study of contemporary Ukraine.

The goal of the Symposium is to present new research and innovative thinking that explores the political, socioeconomic, and cultural dynamics in Ukrainian society. The Symposium seeks to integrate and draw on a wide range of theories and new scholarly research by applying them to Ukraine as a case study.

The Symposium is open to graduate students and recent PhD holders (those who have graduated within the past three years) from North America and Europe. Proposals involving cross-national comparisons in the wider context of the post-communist space are encouraged. Submissions can focus on a variety of topics including, but not limited to, the following:

- Democratization and democracy consolidation;
- State-society relations;
- Political economy;
- Ukraine's foreign relations and national security;
- Regionalism and identity;
- Rethinking Ukrainian literature and culture since independence;
- Rewriting the past: new approaches to Ukrainian history.

To be considered as a candidate for presentation at the symposium, please submit an abstract (maximum 750 words) and curriculum vitae by November 19, 2007. The abstract should include a statement of objectives, methods, expected results and conclusions. Submissions must be made via email to ukrainian.gradsymposium@utoronto.ca

Authors whose papers are selected will be notified by December 1, 2007. Presenters should seek external funding. Limited grants for travel and accommodation may be available for participants who cannot obtain full external funding.