American Culture and Anti-Americanism in Russia

Symposium on

"American Culture and Anti-Americanism in Russia"
7 May 2004, 2:30 pm – 5:00 (reception to follow)
Mershon Center

Georgi Derluguian, Department of Sociology at Northwestern University
"Russia in the Global Spread of Anti-Americanism (Theses Towards a Rational Program of Study)"

Vladislav Zubok, History Department at Temple University
"America as the Big Other: Russian Anti-Americanism as a Historical and Cultural Phenomenon"

John Brown, Institute for the Study of Diplomacy at Georgetown University
"Cultural Diplomacy in Russia: A Practitioner’s Perspective"

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The Slavic Center is organizing a symposium on "American Culture and Anti-Americanism in Russia" to be held on 7 May 2004 from 2:30-5:00 at the Mershon Center. This event is part of a series of symposia exploring the impact of American culture on various regions of the world. Each of the five area studies centers at OSU, in cooperating with the Mershon Center, will host a meeting dealing with its respective region. Last quarter the Middle East Center organized such a symposium. This quarter the Slavic Center invites a former diplomat, a sociologist, and a political scientist to participate in a panel focused on the impact of American culture on Russian culture and anti-Americanism emerging since the end of the Cold War.

John Brown comes from the Institute for the Study of Diplomacy at Georgetown University. He will speak on "Cultural Diplomacy in Russia: A Practitioner’s Perspective." Dr. Brown was a member of the U.S. Foreign Service from 1981 until 10 March, 2003 and has served in London, Prague, Krakow, Kiev, Belgrade and Moscow. Currently, he is teaching courses on public diplomacy at Georgetown University and acts as a consultant for the Library of Congress’s “Open World” exchange program with the Russian Federation.

Dr. Brown from the Institute for the Study of Diplomacy at Georgetown University will speak on a joint U.S.-Soviet publication, The Establishment of Russian-American Relations, 1765-1815. His recent articles have appeared in The Washington Post and The Foreign Service Journal. He shortly will be named Contributing Editor to the Center on Public Diplomacy at the University of Southern California, which will post his daily “Public Diplomacy Press Review” on its website.

Georgi Derluguian, a member of the Sociology Department at Northwestern University, will speak on "Russia in the Global Spread of Anti-Americanism (Theses Towards a Rational Program of Study)".
Towards a Rational Program of Study).” Dr. Derluguian received a doctorate in history from the Institute of Universal History of the Academy of Sciences of the U.S.R.R. and a Ph.D. in sociology from the State University of New York. His research is largely focused on the Caucasus, with special emphasis on Chechnya and Abkhazia. He has written on colonialism, terrorism, and identity politics in Russia and just published Bourdieu's Secret Admirer in the Caucasus: A Sociological Biography in World-Systems Perspective. His book Ichkeria: A World History is in press and he is completing a manuscript on Globalization of Post-Communist Corruption.

Vladislav Zubok from the History Department at Temple University will speak on “America as the Big Other: Russian Anti-Americanism as a Historical and Cultural Phenomenon.” Dr. Zubok is the co-author (with Eric Shiraev) of Russian Anti-Americanism from Stalin to Putin (2000). He has a Ph.D. from the Institute for the Studies of the U.S. and Canada of the Academy of Sciences of the U.S.R.R. in Moscow. His areas of specialization include Soviet/Russian Political and Social History, the Cold War, and the impact of wars and international conflicts on societies. His book Inside the Kremlin’s Cold War: From Stalin to Khrushchev (1996) has won the Lionel Gelber Prize as the best English-language book on international relations in 1996. He has been a frequent consultant and commentator for PBS, CNN, and ABC television on matters pertaining to the Cold War.

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