Social Science Research Council

DISSERTATION DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

Globalizing Eurasia? Impacts on the Region and the World

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Deadline: August 15, 2010

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THE EURASIA PROGRAM of the Social Science Research Council (SSRC), in partnership with Harvard University's Kathryn W. and Shelby Cullom Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, invites applications for a three-day interdisciplinary dissertation development workshop for doctoral students.

What factors affect Eurasia and its relationship with the world? The conceptual frameworks associated with globalization invite questions concerning the importance of social and cultural place, the definitions of geographic and conceptual regions, and the nature of national economic institutions, environmental issues, and political identities. To what extent can the conceptual frameworks of globalization enhance our understanding of Eurasia? How can the varied and complex experiences of Eurasia challenge and expand our understanding of globalization? This dissertation development workshop will convene junior scholars interested in these questions for an intensive workshop led by a group of interdisciplinary senior scholars. The workshop will bring together PhD candidates from across the social science disciplines. We welcome work ranging from interpretive categories (e.g., empire, state, ethnicity, modernity or authoritarianism) to transnational processes (for example, development, trade, migration, health, terrorism, languages or Diasporas). Following a workshop format, the meeting will provide opportunities to discuss ideas and research plans, solicit feedback from fellow dissertators and nationally known resource faculty, and enhance scholarly networks and contacts.

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INSTRUCTIONS & ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents who are currently enrolled in an accredited PhD program and have identified and developed their dissertation project. Preference will be given to those who have achieved candidacy. Regions and countries currently supported by the program include Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, the Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan; dissertations must relate as a whole or in part to one or more of these regions. To be considered for participation, applicants must submit the following:

- A five-page, double-spaced summary of the dissertation project which highlights the dissertation's relationship to the theme of the workshop
- A 250-word abstract of the project that may be used for web publication if selected for participation
- Contact information for one reference (preferably the applicant's primary advisor)
- Curriculum Vitae

All materials should be submitted electronically to the SSRC Eurasia Program at **eurasia@ssrc.org** by **11:59 EST on August 15, 2010**. Should you have questions, please contact the Eurasia Program at eurasia@ssrc.org.



