



YOUTH AND SOCIAL STABILITY IN EURASIA

THE EURASIA PROGRAM of the Social Science Research Council (SSRC), in partnership with the University of Texas at Austin Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies (CREEES), invites applications for an intensive three-day interdisciplinary dissertation development workshop, to be held September 30–October 2 on the University of Texas campus.

OVERVIEW

Dramatic social, political, and demographic changes have occurred across Eurasia in the past twenty years. How have these changes affected youth? How might the resulting experiences and attitudes among youth influence social stability? What are the critical lines of similarity and difference in youth experiences and attitudes across, and within, the countries of Eurasia?

Studies of political engagement, social innovation, economic transformation, and religious mobilization across the globe have highlighted the unique position, and potential, of youth. To what extent can conceptual frameworks focusing on issues of youth and generation enhance our understanding of Eurasia? How can the varied and complex experiences of Eurasia challenge and expand our understanding of youth in times of political, cultural, and social transformations?

This field development workshop will convene junior scholars interested in issues related to youth and social stability for an intensive workshop led by a group of interdisciplinary senior scholars. The workshop will bring together participants from across the social science disciplines. We welcome work ranging from interpretive categories (e.g., generation, ethnicity, gender, class) to transformative processes (radicalization, stratification, the rise of social media, educational processes, migration). The meeting will provide opportunities to discuss current work, develop ideas for future projects, and solicit feedback from, and network with, fellow scholars interested in youth issues within Eurasia.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must be US citizens or permanent residents and currently enrolled in an accredited PhD program or area studies MA program, with an identified and developed research project related to issues of youth and social stability. Preference will be given to those developing their dissertation. Regions and countries currently supported by the program include Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, the Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan; all research projects must relate as a whole or in part to one or more of these locales.

Full Instructions on how to apply to participate can be found on the program's website:

<http://www.ssrc.org/youth-and-social-stability-in-eurasia/>

All application materials should be submitted electronically to the SSRC Eurasia Program at eurasia@ssrc.org by 5:00 p.m. EDT on **August 15, 2011**. All travel costs, workshop meals, and accommodation for participants will be covered by the SSRC. Should you have any questions, please contact the Eurasia Program.

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