

WORKSHOP PROGRAM
2018 Graduate Methods Training Workshop: Focus on Russia

Friday, September 14th

8:30am-9:00am Please take this time to settle in, mingle, set up WiFi, and log into your computer. Coffee and tea will be available. The program will start promptly at 9:00am.

9:00am-9:15am Opening remarks from workshop organizers Sarah Phillips and Tatiana Saburova.

9:15am-11:00am

PANEL A: LET'S GET READY, PART I: RUSSIAN ARCHIVES, LIBRARIES, AND DATABASES

In an environment of limited resources for conducting research in-country, we must make the most of opportunities to access documents and data "from home." This panel explores how to use libraries and archives from abroad, looking at:

- The location of archival resources (domestic vs. overseas, e.g.)
- Finding aids (Putevoditeli, inventories, catalogs, etc.)
- Russian studies doctoral research strategies and support via SRS and Summer Research Laboratory (archival research, etc.)
- Types of Online Resources for Russian Studies (emphasis on digital resources from the region)
- What can be done using existing library catalogs and subscription databases while conducting research "from home" (i.e., in the U.S.).

Panelists: Wookjin Cheun, History and Library Science, Indiana University

Joe Lenkart, Slavic Reference Service, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Kit Condill, Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies Librarian, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

11:00am-11:15am Coffee & pastry break

11:15am-1:00pm

PANEL B: INSIDE THE ETHNOGRAPHER'S STUDIO: INTERVIEWING

Conducting personal interviews inside and outside Russia. Research permissions, IRB, ethics. Interviewing on sensitive topics. Participant observation, rapport, ethnography.

- Interviewing members of hard-to-reach groups and researching sensitive issues
- Interviewing victims of war, and perpetrators
- Accessing interview participants; challenges and issues
- Repeating interviews; checking facts.

Panelists: Emma Gilligan, International Studies, Indiana University

Michele Rivkin-Fish, Anthropology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Svetlana Stephenson, Sociology, London Metropolitan University and RSW Visiting Scholar

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Пятница, 14 сентября

1:00pm-1:45pm

Lunch

Optional: "Equipment Petting Zoo" session in the SSRC's Qualitative Data Analysis Lab. Get to know field recording equipment, transcription pedals, video cameras in the lab. Useful for thinking through the practical issues of data collection and management, both in the field and beyond.

Optional: Individual meetings with IU Faculty

1:45pm-2:00pm

The next session is open to all IU graduate students. Please take this time to settle in, mingle, set up WiFi, log into your computer, etc. This panel will start promptly at 2:00pm.

2:00pm-3:45pm

PANEL C: MEDIA AND DISCOURSE ANALYSIS

For both theoretical and logistical reasons, many social scientists turn to media texts—archival newspapers, radio and television broadcasts, podcasts, Twitter feeds, etc.—to understand the society that produced them. It may seem easy, because as a regular consumer and producer of media, you are already constantly analyzing the mediated discourse around you: parsing sentences, assessing the veracity of a claim, and making judgments as to the authority, intelligence, and background of a writer or speaker. But how might you denaturalize your “native” media literacy and go about this in a more systematic and rigorous way? In this hands-on workshop, we will sample some of the key methods for analyzing mediated discourse: transcription, critical discourse analysis, building and working with a corpus, capturing digital circulation, and multimodal analysis. Some examples will come from Russian media, but this workshop is open to all IU graduate students.

Special thanks to SSRC's Workshop in Methods (WIM) for co-sponsoring this panel.

Panelist: Kate Graber, Anthropology and Central Eurasian Studies, Indiana University

3:45pm-4:00pm

Coffee & cookie break

4:15pm-6:00pm

“LIGHTNING ROUND” SESSION

Break out into groups and meet in separate classrooms in Woodburn Hall. Each student participant has 3 minutes to summarize their proposed project, followed by collective feedback.

WH 108 Political science and sociology with Ted Gerber: Kirchoff, Listrovaya, Zvavich, Norton, Kusluch, Redjaboev, Muck, Kirkland, Kortukov

WH 118 Anthropology and rhetoric/communication with Kate Graber & Sarah Phillips: LeJeune, Irby, Krupp, Beresheim, Cisneros

WH 109 History with Padraic Kenney: Fajerstein, Gusella, McConnell, Ter-Grigoryan, Henry, McElmeel

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Saturday, September 15th

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9:15am-10:45am

PANEL D: LET'S GET READY, PART II: HOW NOT TO GET LOST IN THE RUSSIAN ARCHIVES, LIBRARIES, AND DATABASES

How to access archives and libraries in Russia:

- Formalities: What documents and permissions do you need?
- Pre-ordering files: How does it work?
- Technologies: What can you use in the libraries and archives?
- Secrets of the search: How to find what you are looking for? Collections, inventories, items (practical training)
- More about databases and e-projects

Panelists: Tatiana Saburova, History, Indiana University

Mikhail Afanasev, Director of the Russian State Public Historical Library (via telebridge)

10:45am-11:15am

Coffee & pastry break

11:15am-1:00pm

PANEL E: SURVEY RESEARCH IN CONTEMPORARY RUSSIA: PROMISES AND PITFALLS

Social surveys have emerged as a valuable tool for gaining insight into contemporary Russian society. The session examines how to make the most of survey research and avoid potential problems, covering such topics as how to integrate surveys into a research design, a brief review of available data sources, tips for implementing original surveys, and best practices for checking data validity and the robustness of results.

Panelist: Ted Gerber, Sociology, University of Wisconsin

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Суббота, 15 сентября

1:00pm-2:00pm

Lunch

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2:00pm-3:45pm

PANEL D: DIGITAL HUMANITIES, DIGITAL METHODS

We'll orient ourselves in the world of digital humanities by exploring three different digital methods—mapping, text mining and network analysis—that can be applied in a variety of disciplinary contexts. We'll start with several examples from IU faculty and graduate student work, look at funding opportunities for digital humanities projects, and then break into three groups based on your project needs for a hands-on activity with pen and paper that explores the theoretical underpinnings of each method. Finally, we'll send you home with a list of resources to get started in any one of the three methods.

Panelist: Kalani Craig, Sociology, History and co-director of The Institute for Digital Humanities, Indiana University

3:45pm-4:00pm

Coffee & cookie break

4:00pm-5:00pm

LOOKING BACK, LOOKING AHEAD

Closing remarks from workshop organizers Sarah Phillips and Tatiana Saburova. Cross-disciplinary groups, questionnaire, reflections on studying Russia in the Social Sciences.

Group A Norton, Cisneros, Gusella, Ter-Grigoryan, Kirchoff

Group B Redjaboev, Kortukov, Henry, Irby, Zvavitch

Group C Muck, Lejeune, Krupp, McElmeel, Listrovaya

Group D Beresheim, Kirkland, Fajerstein, Kusluch, McConnell