

International Research workshop
“Rural Realities in the Post-socialist Space: Understanding Social, Cultural and Political Change in the Russian and Eastern European countryside”

Wolfson Medical School Building
Hugh Fraser Seminar Room 2
University of Glasgow

Friday 12 November 2010

09.00 – 09.15 Welcome and Introduction

09.15 – 10.45 Session I: Changing Meanings of Rurality

Olga Brednikova (Centre for Independent Social Research, St Petersburg, Russia):

“Faraway from Cities ...” or Russian Village in Search of New Subjectivity

Oksana Zaporozhets (Samara State University, Russia):

The Political Economy of Performance in Rural Russia

Bernadett Csurgó (Institute for Political Sciences, Budapest, Hungary):

Restructuring the Rural. Gender Roles, Social Representation of Rurality and Everyday Life of Urban Families in Suburban Villages in Hungary

10.45 – 11.15 Coffee break

11.15 – 13.15 Session II: Negotiating Pasts, Presents and Futures. Changing Rural Times

Simona Niculae (Central European University, Budapest, Hungary)

Rural Life in Transylvania: What is it and What is Next?

Michal Ruzicka (University of Vienna, Austria)

Resistance to Social Change and Ethnicity: The Case of Roma/Gypsies under Post-Socialism

Agnieszka Pasieka (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle, Germany)

Dyed Foxes, Beloved Cows and Resurrected Pigs. Animal Farm or Nostalgia for Socialism in Rural Poland

Alexandr Alexeev/Ksenia Averkieva (Moscow State University, Russia)

Reforming the Russian Village: A Century of Shocks and an Unclear Future

13.15 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 16.00 Session III: Strategies for Developing Rural Communities

Elena Bodganova (Centre for Independent Social Research, St Petersburg, Russia):

Post-Socialist Transformation of the Rural Social Infrastructure in Russia

Katalin Kovács (Centre for Regional Studies, Budapest, Hungary)

Differentiation and Commodification in Rural Areas: Examples from Hungary

Olga Tkach (Centre for Independent Social Research, St Petersburg, Russia):

Rural Houses of Culture: Taking a Look at the Façade and Beyond

Judy Pallot (University of Oxford, UK)

‘Opening up secret places in the peripheries: the impact of local government reform on the relationship between penal institutions and community in rural Russia

16.00 - 16.30 Coffee break

16.30 – 18.00 Session IV: Changing Rural Lives - Everyday Practices and Identities

Anna Sznajder and Katarzyna Kosmala (University of the West of Scotland, Paisley, UK)

Gendering Rural Landscape: Empowering Women through Traditional Handcraft in Bobowa and Zalipie in Southern Poland

Elen-Maarja Trell (University of Groningen, The Netherlands):

Constructing Citizenship Identity: The Role of Shared Spaces for Youth in Rural Estonia

Maria Nakhshina (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle, Germany)

Fish, bread and sand: Resources of Belonging in a Russian coastal Village

19.30 Dinner

Saturday 13 November 2010

09.00 – 11.00 Session V: Strategies for Coping with Rural Transformation

Ann-Mari Sätre (Uppsala University, Sweden):

Household Strategies for Survival in Rural Russia

Jouko Nikula (University of Helsinki, Finland)

Searching for the New Rural Middle Class: Small Enterprises in Post-Socialist Villages of Estonia and Russia

Leo Granberg (University of Helsinki, Finland)

Dimensions of Social Capital in Post-Soviet Rural Villages

Marja Ylönen (University of Jyväskylä, Finland)

Grey Economy as a Coping Strategy in Baltic Countries

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee Break

11.30 – 13.00 Session VI: Rural People – Who Cares?

Rebecca Kay (University of Glasgow, UK)

Caring for the Elderly in Rural Altai: Emotional Support, Symbolic Security and Communities of Care.

Gyöngyi Schwarz (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle, Germany)

Ethnicity, Poverty and Social Security in Rural Hungary

Sergei Shubin (University of Aberdeen, UK)

Changing Spaces of Care in Rural Russia

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 15.30 Closing Discussion and Plans for Future Collaboration

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