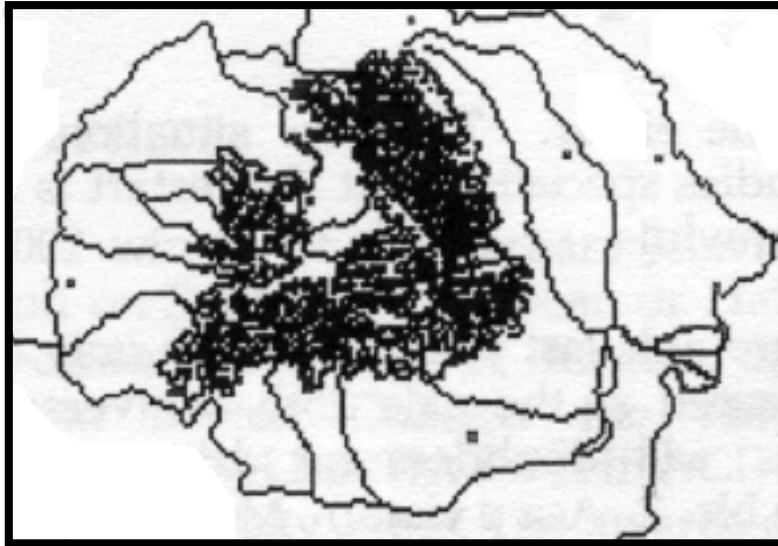


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**NEWSLETTER**

## **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Stimati Prieteni si Membri societatii,

Surprisingly, I have heard no shouts of "Impeach the President!" I guess it just has been a slow season for academics of all persuasions; I certainly have not been very active in your interests and promise to remedy that beginning now. We will be getting out a ballot for new board members in early autumn. If possible, I think we will try an email ballot if there are not strong objections. We will consider it an experiment to see if the turnout is better or worse than the last paper ballot. Of course, you will have to trust the vote-counter who will save all the electronic ballots for a reasonable time and will never divulge who voted for whom. If it seems to work, we will do the presidential election next year in the same fashion. (By the way, if you have suggestions for either the National Board or for the offices of President or Vice-President, please pass them along to me and I will get them to the 2005 nominating committee.)

Your representatives at last year's SRS meeting during AAASS in Toronto (a good time was had there by all, by the way) decided that the AAASS meeting this year will be at an inconvenient time from a schedule point of view and that we, consequently, will not have an annual meeting in Boston. We do plan, however, to resume our annual meeting at the AAASS Conference in 2005 in Salt Lake City. We are still in the process of deciding dates for the next international meeting in Romania, which will be in 2006. Our best offer so far has been Constanta in the late spring.

The Treasurer tells me that there is a slight surplus in our coffers and suggests that we should entertain some ideas about spending some of it on something that pleases the membership. Suggestions so far:

- 1) an essay contest prize for graduate students,
- 2) travel funds for one or two graduate students who will read papers on Romanian subjects at national conferences,
- 3) prize subscriptions to a pertinent American journal for educational institutions in Romania who are nice to our members doing research over there,
- 4) .... What should I tell the treasurer to do? Let me know if you have any suggestions.

Cu stima,  
Jim Augerot  
University of Washington

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## **GOT NEWS.....ABOUT ROMANIAN STUDIES?**

Then send it posthaste (whatever that means) to the SRS Newsletter editor, Paul Michelson, Department of History, Huntington College, Huntington IN 46750 or (preferably) by eMail to <pmichelson@huntington.edu>. Your contributions about your work, writings, and activities means I won't have to fabricate items.. Also welcome are copies of articles and books for the publication notes section.

## FROM THE SECRETARY-EDITOR

Our meeting in Toronto was refreshing. It enabled us to discuss several issues that needed to be discussed. It also gave us the opportunity to continue to witness the appearance of the next generation of Romanianists in action, as a significant number of new faces participated in the various panels and roundtables of the AAASS meeting.

Ernest Latham presented a report on the status of the Center for Romanian Studies in Iasi and its programs. He was both hopeful and pessimistic: hopeful because there were still a number of possible avenues for continuing the work of the center, particularly the publications program; pessimistic because as time passes, these possibilities become less and less feasible. Ernest is continuing to explore options, but at this point in time we nothing positive to report.

We also had a lengthy discussion about future conferences. Chip Carey proposed the holding of two conferences in addition to our projected 2006 Fifth International Congress on Romanian Studies. The first would be in 2005, probably in the spring and probably in New York; the second would be a specialized pre-conference in Bucuresti in 2006 linked to our international meeting, which would follow. We authorized Chip to go ahead with exploration of a 2005 meeting. One problem is that there will be the second South East European Studies Association conference in 2005 and they are also looking at spring (possibly in Berkeley). SEESA has not yet set a date, so we are somewhat in limbo here. We hope to get this resolved by fall 2004.

Possible venues for the 2006 International Congress were discussed. We have a firm offer from Constanta. Several members agreed to check out other options with a spring 2004 deadline. None of these have materialized, so we will probably finalize on the Constanta site this fall, set up committees, and get the planning for 2006 underway.

Another topic was election of officers. A nominating committee has produced a slate for the four national board spots, which Jim Augerot and I have decided will be put to a vote this fall. These people would take office effective January 1, 2005. A second slate will be developed during 2004-2005 for a ballot to be held in 2005, electing four more board members, a president and vice-president. These people would take office January 1, 2006. This should get us on track.

If you have any questions or proposals related to elections, conferences, and what not, let Jim or myself know. And have a pleasant summer.

Paul E. Michelson  
Huntington College

# AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION

Steven D. Roper (Eastern Illinois University), our liaison with the APSA, reports that the SRS panel at the 2004 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 1-4, in Chicago, will be at 8:00 am, on Thursday, September 2.

## **TOPIC: Preferences, Policies, and Partisanship: The Shaping of Romanian Political Parties and the Party System**

**Chair:** Raluca Viman Miller (Georgia State)

### **Papers:**

"Reforming the Welfare State in Central and Eastern Europe: The Role of Coalition Formation in the Outcome of Pension Reform"

Oana I. Armeanu (Illinois) Alin Mihai Ceobanu (Illinois)

"Radical Nationalism East and West: Romania and France"

Florin Nicolae Fesnic (Illinois)

"Mapping the Policy Preferences of Romanian Political Parties"

Razvan Claudiu Grecu (National School of Political Studies and Public Admin)

"Of Voters and Vadim: A Historical and Regional Perspective on Party Accountability and Anti-System Prospects in Romania's 2004 Elections"

Frank Sellin (Bowdoin College)

"Shaping Party and Party Systems in New Democracies; National Cleavages Patterns and External Constraints in the Romanian Case"

Sorina Soare ( Free University of Brussels)

### **Discussant:**

Henry F. Carey (Georgia State)

Steve also invites paper proposals for the 2005 annual meeting; the deadline for submissions is 1 December 2004. Proposals must provide the same contact information as required by the APSA divisions. Proposals should include a title and an abstract of no more than 500 words. The proposals may be sent either as an email attachment or hard copy to:

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# PERSONALIA

Long-time Society for Romanian Studies stalwart and former SRS President, **Rodica Botoman**, has retired from teaching at Ohio State University. Rodica built the largest and most successful Romanian studies program in the country; we all hope that the university will keep it going. Meanwhile, Rodica and her husband George have moved to Florida to be closer to their grandchildren. We plan on seeing both of you at future conventions and congresses.

Kudos to **Katherine Verdery** (University of Michigan), who has been elected Vice-President and President-elect of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies.

**Maria Bucur** (Indiana University) has been named the associate editor of the *American Historical Review*. Congratulations on a significant achievement!

The 2003 Barbara Jelavich award went to **Jennifer Siegel** for her book *Endgame: Britain, Russia and the Final Struggle for Central Asia* (I.B. Tauris Publishers). The prize is awarded annually for a distinguished monograph published on any aspect of Southeast European or Habsburg studies since 1600, or nineteenth- and twentieth-century Ottoman or Russian diplomatic history.

**Peter Gross** (University of Oklahoma) has been named to the Gaylord Endowed Chair at the Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication at the University of Oklahoma, Norman.

**Karen Kowal** (Indiana University) received a grant to support travel to Chisinau, Moldova where she will intern in the public affairs section of the U.S. Embassy Chisinau.

**Susan Williams** (Indiana University) received a grant to support travel to Romania where she will conduct dissertation research on the issues of Romanian nationalism and the impact of the Gypsy World Congresses.

**Aurelian Craiutu** (Indiana University) was recently named recipient of a Student Choice Award for "excellent Teaching and general rapport with students." He was honored at an April 2004 Student Alumni Association Spring Recognition Banquet.

## PUBLICATIONS

The 30th Anniversary Edition of *Balkanistica* has appeared as Vol. 17 (2004), under the editorship of Don Dyer (University of Mississippi). Articles of interest include Matthew H. Ciscel (Central Connecticut), "Language and Ideology in the Print Media of Post-Soviet Moldova," Theophilus C. Prousis (University of North Florida), "Archival Gleanings on Russian Trade and Consulates in the Near East," Marina Cap-Bun (Ovidius University of Constanta), "The Symbolism of Light in Ion Creanga's *Memories of My Boyhood*," and Anne Quinney (University of Mississippi), "Femme of Foe?" on Donald Dunham's work. Along with it comes an index to Volumes 1-15 (1974-2002) of the journal. Shrewd scholars will rush to p. 19 below to find out about the fabulous joint SRS-SEESA membership deal and save, save, save.

Sanda Golopentia (Brown University) is the editor of three massive volumes of the papers of Anton Golopentia (1909-1951), who died in the Communist Gulag. These include two volumes of an *Opere complete*, Vol. I: *Sociologie* (Bucuresti: Editura Enciclopedica, 2002), cxxvii + 683 pp.; Vol. II: *Statistica, Demografie, si Geopolitica* (Bucuresti: Editura Enciclopedica & Editura Univers Enciclopedic, n.d. [2000]), 676 pp.; and *Ultima carte* (Bucuresti: Editura Enciclopedica, 2001), cxvi + 867 pp. The *Opere* (a third volume of postume is planned) are an important recovery of work significant for understanding interwar Romanian society, culture, and civilization. Hugh Seton-Watson wrote that Golopentia was "an outstanding expert on the social problems of Roumanian agriculture and indeed on the history, beliefs and customs of the peasantry of the whole Danube Basin....[a] humane, intelligent, cultured, and objective observer..." Henri H. Stahl described Golopentia as "the most talented" of the young scholars who made up the Gusti monographist school, indeed, a kind of synthesis of the skills of his outstanding colleagues. For this reason, scholars interested in interwar Romania will have to consult these volumes, which are far more than a faithful homage to a father. *Ultima carte* is *sui generis*, a window on the Communization of Romania and the destruction of its pre-war elite. It contains all 184 declarations and memoirs produced by Golopentia during his inquisition by the Romanian security forces in connection

primarily, with the Patrascanu case, providing insight into their methods and personalities. Readers will also find here (in two annexes) highly pertinent and fascinating segments of Golopentia's confiscated correspondence and papers (including letters from John C. Campbell, David Mitrany, Philip Moseley, and Hugh Seton-Watson, among others) along with other documents from the security forces archives related to Golopentia. This material also sheds considerable (and negative) light on some of Golopentia's erstwhile colleagues and collaborators, such as Miron Constantinescu and Lucia Apolzan. In addition to this massive documentation on the early years of Communist Romania, the editor provides a lengthy introduction (nearly a hundred pages) that make a significant contribution to the growing literature about the Romanian Communist Gulag, its operators, and its victims.

Henry F. Carey (Georgia State) is the co-author of a piece in the latest issue of *East European Politics and Society*, Vol. 18 (2004), Nr. 2, entitled "Postcolonialism: A Valid Paradigm for the Former Sovietized States and Yugoslavia?"

*Romanians in the United States and Canada* is a guide to Romanian ancestry and heritage research by Vladimir F. Wertsman just published by Heritage Creations, 425 North 400 West, Suite 1A, North Salt Lake, Utah 84054. ISBN 0-931-488-88-6. \$24.95.

Jan Harold Brundvand is the author of *Casa frumoasa: The House Beautiful in Rural Romania* (Boulder CO: East European Monographs, 2003), v + 90 pp. \$47.50.

*The Curtain Rises: Oral Histories of the Fall of Communism in Eastern Europe* by Susan G. Shapiro with Ronald Shapiro. The book describes in their own words the lives of everyday people in Romania and elsewhere in Eastern Europe before, during, and after the fall of Communism. The book is published by McFarland, 248 pp., ISBN 0-7864-1672-6, \$38.50. The publisher's web site is at [www.mcfarlandpub.com](http://www.mcfarlandpub.com).

Ana Radu Chelariu (Bergenfield Public Library NJ) is the author of *Metafora metaforei: Studiu de mitologie comparata* (Bucuresti: Cartea Romaneasca, 2003), 159 pp.

Diana Fotescu Mandache has edited and published *Later Chapters of My Life. The Lost Memoir of Queen Marie of Romania* (Sutton Publishing, 2004, 224 pages, 53 illustrations), with a foreword by Dominic Lieven. The book is the projected fourth volume of Queen Marie memoirs, *The Story of My Life*, long considered lost, which the

editor located in the Romanian archives. The editor provides an extensive introduction to the book as well as a postscript in which she discusses the present status of the Romanian and other South East European royal families. For more information, see [www.suttonpublishing.co.uk](http://www.suttonpublishing.co.uk).

Paul Michelson (Huntington College) published "Alexandru Ioan Cuza and the Polish Question: The Costangalia Incident of 1863," in Veniamin Ciobanu, ed., *Romanian and Polish Peoples in East-Central Europe (17th-20th CENTURIES)* (Iasi: Editura Junimea, 2003), pp. 97-110; and "South East European Studies in Romania, 1913-1938-1963-2003," in *Revue des Etudes Sud-Est Europeenes*, Vol. 41 (2003), pp. 7-19.

*The Balkans and the West: Constructing the European Other, 1945-2003*, edited by Andrew Hammond will be published by Ashgate Publishing (eMail= <ashgate@bookpoint.co.uk>). Among the numerous authors are Alex Drace-Francis and Tom Gallagher.

Joe Harrington (Framingham State) has had his second volume on American-Romanian relations published by East European Monographs of Boulder CO, entitled: *American-Romanian Relations, 1989-2004: From Pariah to Partner*.

Charles King (Georgetown University) has published *The Black Sea: A History* (Oxford University Press, 2004), a study of the history, cultures, and politics of the fascinating Black Sea area and its future. The region is the meeting point of the Balkans, Central Asia, and the Middle East which the author sees as more of a bridge than a boundary, linking religious communities, linguistic groups, empires, and later, nations and states.

David Kideckel (Central Connecticut State) has published an article on "Miners and Wives: Perspectives on Post-Socialist Class, Gender, and Social Change" in Vol. 11 (2004), Nr. 1 of *Identities: Global Studies in Culture and Power*. He has also produced, in collaboration with Alin Rus, "**Days of the Miners: Life and Death of a Working Class Culture**," a documentary detailing labor and social conditions in the Jiu Valley of Romania. Since socialism's end Valley mining has been greatly cut back, leaving many families in dire situations. A segment follows miners through a typical work day, emphasizing their cohesion in the underground, the difficulty of mine labor, and

thoughts about their lives and occupation. It is available in both VHS and DVD, and has a run-time of nearly 43 minutes. Included is a study guide with discussion questions, exercises, and additional resources about mining and miners generally and in East Central Europe and the Jiu Valley. The film with study guide costs \$75 for individuals and \$100 for institutions. Orders or further information from: David Kideckel <Kideckel@ccsu.edu>; phone= 860/559-7348.

*Occasional Papers in Romanian Studies, No. 3: Moldova, Bessarabia, Transnistria*, has been published by the School of Slavonic and East European Studies at University College, London. Edited by Rebecca Haynes (SEES), whose excellent monograph length (142 pp) "Historical Introduction" leads things off, the volume contains the following: "The Holocaust in Transnistria: An Overview in the Light of Recent Research," by Dennis Deletant (SEES), "The Moldovan Economy: From 'Model' to 'Crash'?" by Ronald J. Hill (Trinity College Dublin), "Transnistria since 1990 as seen from Chisinau," by Natalia Gherman (Moldova), "Security Concerns in Post-Soviet Moldova: The Roots of Instability," by Trevor R. W. Waters (Sandhurst), and "The Conflict in the Transnistrian Region of the Republic of Moldova," by Adrian Pop (Dimitire Cantemir Christian University, Bucuresti).

Vladimir Tismaneanu (University of Maryland) is the author of *Stalinism for All Seasons: A Political History of Romanian Communism* (Berkeley: University of California, 2003), which has been widely recognized and acclaimed as an important work. The first extended history of Romanian Communism from its clandestine origins in the 1920s to its seizure of power between 1944 and 1989 through its post-1989 metamorphosis, the book is based on the RCP archives and extensive interviews.

The Spring 2004 Issue of *Holocaust and Genocide Studies*, Vol. 18 (2004), Nr. 1, has an article by Dennis Deletant on "Ghetto Experience in Golta, Transnistria, 1942-1944," pp. 1-26. The issue also includes a bibliography of "Recently Published Works in Holocaust and Genocide Studies," pp. 139-181. For more information, see: [www3.oup.co.uk/holgen/current](http://www3.oup.co.uk/holgen/current).

The *Romanian Journal of Society and Politics* has published Vol. 7 (2004), a special issue on Moldova, which brings together Moldovan, Romanian, and international

scholars writing about contemporary politics, society, and culture in the Republic of Moldova, in particular as they relate to neighboring Romania. The eighth issue of the RJSP, to be published in October 2004, will address the theme "Party politics, Political Parties and Elections in Post-Communist Romania," addressing the organizational framework and strength of political parties, party-voter linkages, party membership, party families, party finances and party finance law, challenges to political parties, voting behavior, the run up to the 2004 electoral campaign, and the prospects for the 2004 elections and beyond. For more information, see [www.srsp.ro](http://www.srsp.ro).

Rodica Mihaila and Irina Grigorescu Pana are the editors of *America in/from Romania: Essays in Cultural Dialogue* (Bucuresti: Editura Univers Enciclopedic, 2003), 313 pp. The essays are from a conference organized in 2002 by the very active Romanian Association of American Studies and deal with a wide range of subjects grouped under three headings: Cultural Queries, Vantage Points, and Transatlantic Dialogues. The volume presents a useful window on how "the subject of America---notion and reality, image and myth, literary and cultural experience---is perceived, interpreted, debated or invoked" by Romanian scholars and writers.

Vol. 10 (2003) of *European Meetings in Ethnomusicology* (published by the Romanian Society for Ethnomusicology) is out. Included are articles by Helmut Kowar on "Musical Automata of the 19th Century, a Hitherto Unexplored Source of Romanian Folklore," John Bellarmine Vallier on "Ethnomusicology as Tool for the Christian Missionary," Brian Schrag and Neil R. Coulter in "Response to 'Ethnomusicology as Tool for the Christian Missionary,'" and John Bellarmine Vallier's Reply to Schrag-Coulter's response.

Twisted Spoon Press announces the publication of *Second-Hand Souls: Selected Writings* by Nichita Danilov, translated by Sean Cotter. The volume is a bi-lingual edition of Danilov's spiritual poetry. 2003, 156 pp., ISBN 80-86264-08-4, \$13.50. For information, see the publishers web site at [www.twistedspoon.com](http://www.twistedspoon.com).

Gelu Neamtu (Cluj) is the author of *Ciobani romani in Montana, Statele Unite ale Americii, 1907-1913* (Cluj-Napoca: Editura Dragos-Voda, 2002), 236 pp.

## NEWS, GRANTS, OPPORTUNITIES, MEETINGS

The **14th Biennial Conference on Balkan and South Slavic Linguistics, Literature and Folklore** was held April 15-17, 2004 on the campus of The University of Mississippi in Oxford, MS, hosted by Don Dyer. For incriminating event photos and a summary of the program, see [www.outreach.olemiss.edu/depts/balkan\\_conference/](http://www.outreach.olemiss.edu/depts/balkan_conference/).

The **United States Holocaust Memorial Museum** in Washington DC presented a series of programs in April and May on the Holocaust in Romania featuring Jean Ancel and others. For more information on the activities of the USHMM and to be placed on their eMail list, see the Museum's Website at [www.ushmm.org](http://www.ushmm.org).

People in the New York area should be sure to get themselves on the eMail list of the **Romanian Cultural Center of New York**, 200 East 38th Street, New York NY 10016, which conducts a vigorous monthly program of activities. Their eMail address is <roculture@aol.com>. In October, Tracy Baschkoff, the Guggenheim's curator for the Brancusi exhibition (see p. 16 below) and the art critic Udo Kultermann will be at the Center to discuss the work of the great Romanian sculptor.

The Ovidius University of Constanta is hosting its **Second Balkan Conference**, October 14-16, 2004, on the subject of "Balkan Cultural Identities." The conference aims at singling out "a" possible Balkan, among so many identities in the world of late modernity. Contact Mona Momescu <mmm2120@columbia.edu> for more information.

**Alexander von Humboldt Research Fellowships** are sponsored by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation and are open to anyone not resident in Germany for support of research stays of between 6 and 12 months in Germany. Applicants must under 40 and must hold a doctorate. The fellowships are designed to enable young highly qualified scholars to carry out research projects of their choice in Germany.

Scholars from all nations and all academic disciplines may apply. There are no quotas in respect of either country or academic discipline. Approximately 500 research fellowships are available per annum. Contact: Anna Gundlind Kaltenegger <humboldt-fellow.select@avh.de> or see [www.avh.de/en/programme/stip\\_aus/stp.htm](http://www.avh.de/en/programme/stip_aus/stp.htm).

The London School of Economics recently hosted a conference on "**Romania and EU Enlargement: The Challenge of Domestic Reform.**" Summaries of the presentations and other information appears on the conference website [www.lse.ac.uk/collections/hellenicObservatory/events/Romania.htm](http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/hellenicObservatory/events/Romania.htm).

The **Third Annual Northeast Collegiate Romanian Cultural Conference**, sponsored by the Columbia Romanian Club, was held April 30, 2004, at Columbia University on "Romania---Past, Present, Future." For a review of the program, see [www.columbia.edu/cu/romanian/agenda\\_2004.html](http://www.columbia.edu/cu/romanian/agenda_2004.html).

## WILSON CENTER OPPORTUNITIES

### Short-Term Grants

Deadline: Closing dates are March 1, June 1, September 1, and December 1.

### Junior Scholars' Training Seminar (JSTS)

Deadline: April 15

### International Policy Fellowships (for International, non-US scholars)

Deadline: August

For further information, see [www.wilsoncenter.org/ees](http://www.wilsoncenter.org/ees)

An **International Conference on "Censorship and Access to Information: History and the Present,"** will be held in St. Petersburg, Russia, March 16-18, 2005. The conference is sponsored by the Committee on the Freedom of Access to Information and Freedom of Expression, the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (FAIFE/IFLA), the National Library of Russia, the Russian Academy of Sciences, Pennsylvania State University and St. Petersburg State University. The

conference will deal with the historical and contemporary control and access of information, the social responsibility of participants in the "informational" process, and the role of libraries and mass media journalists in an "informational society." The deadline for letters of interest and an abstract is October 31, 2004. For more information, contact Richard Fitzsimmons <rx7@psulias.psu.edu>. To download a copy of the Announcement and Call for Papers go to

[www.sn.psu.edu/courses/rxf/st\\_petersburg\\_conference.pdf](http://www.sn.psu.edu/courses/rxf/st_petersburg_conference.pdf).

**Civic Education Project Teaching Fellowships** for Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union in Social Sciences, Law, Journalism/Media Studies are available on an annual basis. CEP welcomes applications from faculty, retired faculty, Ph.D.s, and advanced postgraduate students in the social sciences (including area studies, anthropology, economics, history, political science, psychology, public administration, and sociology). CEP also offers teaching fellowships in law and journalism/media studies. Applicants must hold, or be expecting to receive, a graduate degree from a Western university, and be applying to teach outside their country of citizenship.

Visiting Faculty Fellows teach courses for one academic year (two semesters) at CEP partner universities located throughout Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. In addition to teaching, CEP Fellows work on a variety of outreach projects outside the classroom and benefit from the diverse academic network connecting CEP program countries. The fellowship package includes a stipend, round-trip air travel, accommodation, health insurance, and allowances for language lessons and books.

For application forms and guidelines, please see [www.cep.org.hu/programs/index.html](http://www.cep.org.hu/programs/index.html).

**The World Congress of the International Council for Central and East European Studies (ICCEES)** is scheduled for July 25-30, 2005, in Berlin. The Theme is "Europe: Our Common Home?" It is sponsored by the ICCEES, an the umbrella organization of all scientific communities dealing with the subject of Central and East European studies. The world congress is the most important event held by the ICCEES

and takes place every five years. About 2000 scholars, experts and people interested in Eastern Europe are expected to participate in the conference in Berlin. The ICCEES commissioned the German Society for East European Studies (DGO) to organize the world congress in 2005.

For other information, see the ICCEES web site: [www.iccees2005.de](http://www.iccees2005.de). Thomas Wiese GmbH will be handling questions relating to accommodations and will book hotel rooms for the participants of the world congress. The local organizer DGO will answer your questions concerning the congress programme. Dr. Heike Dörrenbächer is Managing director of the congress and may be reached at the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Osteuropakunde e.V. / German Society for East European Studies, Schaperstr. 30 D-10179 Berlin Deutschland; eMail= <p01@dgo-online.org>.

**The Elisabeth Barker Fund on the History of Central and Eastern Europe** provides support for individual, collective or institutional projects (including conferences) on the history of Central and Eastern Europe to residents of Great Britain. The Fund was established in memory of Elisabeth Barker (1910-1986), diplomatic correspondent and historian of modern Europe. It is intended to support studies in recent European history, particularly the history of Central and Eastern Europe. Awards to individuals may take the form of grants for private study and research in other European countries. British scholars and institutions may also apply for funds to assist scholars from other European countries to visit the United Kingdom or to extend a stay arranged under other auspices.

Level of award: in general awards do not exceed £1,000.

Closing dates: 30 April, 30 September, 31 December.

For further information, see [www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/ebf.html](http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/ebf.html)

**The HOOVER INSTITUTION LIBRARY PAMPHLET DATABASE** is now available on line at <http://hooverferl.stanford.edu/pamphlet>. It is made up of 55,000 pamphlets, which cover political, social, and economic issues from all over the world, and mainly focus on the twentieth century. There are pamphlets in every language---

about 33,000 of them are in English, about 10,000 in German, and about 3,000 are in Russian, for example---and of many lengths and illustrative content.

The pamphlets in this database may be searched on the website by author, title, and subject headings, as well as by keyword, and in several other ways. Individual titles are not in Socrates. The pamphlets are located in the Hoover Library, in Hoover Tower, and, due to their delicate nature, are for library use only. Copies of these pamphlets are also available on microfilm in the Hoover Library. Both the paper originals and the microfilms may be requested at the Hoover Library circulation desk.

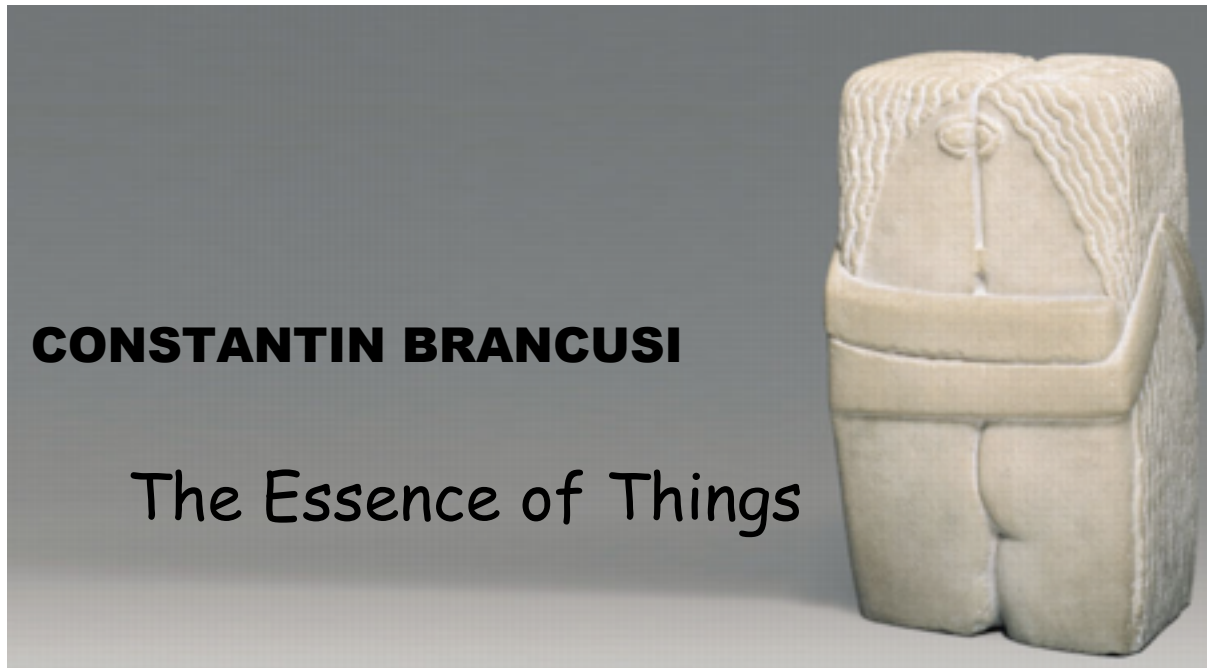
The pamphlet database does not include the close to 7,000 pamphlets that can be found in the Hoover Library's card catalog, nor does it include the Institution's estimated 60,000 pamphlets that are yet to be cataloged.

The **University of Rochester Press** has issued a CALL FOR MANUSCRIPTS for its new "Rochester Studies in Central Europe." The editor of the series is Ewa Hauser, Director of the University's Skalny Center for Polish and Central European Studies. The series will publish works on the social sciences and culture relating to all areas of Central Europe as well as the Central European diaspora. It will not publish in the area of literature. For more information, contact the editor at <ehsr@troi.cc.rochester.edu>.

## **UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS SLAVIC REFERENCE SERVICE**

If you need help locating items or have difficult reference questions related to Slavic and East European Studies, check out this free year-round service of the University of Illinois Slavic and East European Library. The Slavic Reference Service handles bibliographic and reference questions in the humanities and social sciences from individuals and libraries.

In addition to contacting the Slavic Reference Service directly, you can locate information that you may find useful by browsing the Slavic and East European Library website, where you will find a list of Internet resources and a guide to Slavic information sources. Source: [www.library.uiuc.edu/spx/srs.htm](http://www.library.uiuc.edu/spx/srs.htm)



Until September 19, 2004, you have an opportunity to see a special exhibition of the legendary art of Constantin Brancusi (1876-1957) at the Guggenheim Museum in New York. Here is what the Museum's web site has to say about the exhibit:

"Organized thematically, Constantin Brancusi: The Essence of Things seeks to capture the essential character of Brancusi's sculpture. This carefully selected group of works, primarily carved from wood and stone, traces themes that preoccupied the sculptor for more than thirty years. In sequences of related pieces, Brancusi started with an emotive naturalism, often based in the human form, as in series based on a lovers' kiss, a torso fragment, the human head, or a specific portrait. Over time, the artist pushed each sequence toward pure abstraction, erasing details and universalizing the forms at the heart of his works....By responding to modernist ideals of purity and refinement through a language imbued with the rhetoric of craft, Brancusi profoundly influenced the development of twentieth-century sculpture. Many of his greatest and most abstract works evolved from a long process of meditation, repetition, and refinement, demonstrating the artist's view that 'what is real is not the external form but the essence of things.'" ([www.guggenheim.org/exhibitions/brancusi](http://www.guggenheim.org/exhibitions/brancusi))

There is also a book that accompanies the exhibit, edited by Carmen Giménez and Matthew Gale, containing essays by the editors, Sanda Miller, Alexandra Parigoris, and Jon Wood. 144 pp, 90 illustrations, \$25.

## CONFERENCE DOCKET

### **30 August-3 September 2004**

Ninth International Congress of the Association for Southeast European Studies in Tirana, Albania. The host is the Comite National Albanais d'Etudes du Sud-Est Europeen, Akademia e Shkencave e Shqipërisë, Sheshi F. Noli, Tirana, Albania. Telephone and FAX=+355-4-22-74-76.

### **1 September-4 September 2004**

100th National Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago IL, headquartered at the Hilton and the Palmer House. The SRS sponsored panel is at 8:00 am, September 2.

### **14-16 October 2004**

Second Balkan Conference: "Balkan Cultural Identities," Ovidius University, Constanta, Romania. Contact: Mona Momescu <mmm2120@columbia.edu>.

### **4-7 December 2004**

36th National Convention of the AAASS, at the Boston Marriott Copley Place, Boston MA. See the AAASS website for information: [www.fas.harvard.edu/~aaass/index.htm](http://www.fas.harvard.edu/~aaass/index.htm). Note that there will not be an SRS business meeting at this convention due to the late date.

### **16-18 March 2005**

International Conference on "Censorship and Access to Information: History and the Present," St. Petersburg, Russia. Contact: Richard Fitzsimmons <rx7@psulias.psu.edu>.

### **25-30 July 2005**

Seventh World Congress of the International Congress for Central and East European Studies, Berlin, Germany. For information, see [www.iccees2005.de](http://www.iccees2005.de).

### **3-6 November 2005**

The 37th National Convention of the AAASS, Salt Lake City, Utah. Start thinking about program proposals now; they are due by January 2005 to the AAASS office.

# THE SOCIETY FOR ROMANIAN STUDIES

The Society for Romanian Studies (SRS) is an inter-disciplinary academic organization, founded in 1973 to promote professional study, criticism, and research on all aspects of Romanian culture and civilization. It holds meetings to promote Romanian studies, publishes newsletters to keep its membership informed, and carries out other activities designed to foster advancement of the field of Romanian studies.

The SRS is generally recognized as the premier professional organization for North American scholars concerned with Romania. It is affiliated with the South East European Studies Association (SEESA), the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (AAASS), the American Historical Association (AHA), and the American Political Science Association (APSA).

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\_\_\_\_\_ \$19 for Joint SRS-SEESA student membership

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