Friday, February 25th:

Keynote Speaker- 5 PM: Aneta Pavlenko, Center for Multilingualism in Society across the Lifespan, University of Oslo, Norway

Panel 1- 6:05 PM-7:35 PM: Language, culture, and identity in the former USSR

- **1. Arina Dmitrenko (University of Toronto)**: Empire and Urban Space: A Review of the Central Asian Space in the Russian Empire
- 2. Sean Nonnenmacher (University of Pittsburgh) & Emma Santelmann (University of Michigan): Reckoning with the past and negotiating a new linguistic future: Purist and moderate ideologies toward loanwords in post-Soviet Armenia
- **3. Timur Akishev (The University of Mississippi)**: Derussifying And Americanizing Northern Kazakhstan

Chair: Dr. Vladimir Padunov, University of Pittsburgh

Saturday, February 26th:

Panel 2- 11:00 AM-1:30 PM: Deconstructing the Social and the Political

- **1.** Lukas Baake (London School of Economics): Failed deconstruction. The 1998 Crisis and the Russian Quest for Economic Reform
- 2. Nathan Rtishchev (New York University): The Gogol Center's Battling Historiographies: The Twentieth Century Avant Garde's Role in the Twenty First Century
- **3. Kevin Brown (University of Pittsburgh)**: The Crusade Against God: Bolshevism as a Secular Religion
- 4. Yana Lysenko (New York University): Deconstructing Post-Soviet Politics and Communal Life in the Soviet Dormitory: Symbolic Spatial Ruin in Yuri Bykov's The Fool [Durak]
- Mariam Shakhmuradyan (University of Cambridge): Archaeology as the Science of the Future. A Case Study: Archaeology of Armenia <u>Chair</u>: Dr. Sean Guillory, University of Pittsburgh

Panel 3- 1:40 PM- 3:40 PM: Impact of Highly Skilled Migration on the Formation of New Concepts of Regionality and Geopolitical Perceptions

- **1. Anna Khotivrishvili**: The impact of highly skilled migration on the formation of new geopolitical perceptions and concepts of regionality on the example of Georgia
- **2. Nicoleta-Florina Moraru**: Exploring the Trajectories and Lessons of the New Russian Immigration Programme for HSM
- **3. Bibinaz Almanova**: Educational And Highly Qualified Migrations' Nexus: Key Trends And Approaches In Kazakhstan
- **4. Adam Israilov**: Migration processes in the Chechen Republic and the role of highly skilled migration in 1991-1994.
 - Chair: Dr. Leila Delovarova, Kazakh National University

3:40 PM-4:00 PM: Social Time on Gathertown (link to be provided)

Panel 4- 4:00 PM-5:30 PM: Rethinking Balkan Identity

- 1. Joe Patrick (University of Pittsburgh): Constructing a Montenegrin Identity Online
- 2. Rexhina Ndoci (The Ohio State University): Linguistic difference as proxy for ethnic difference: The case of Albanian migrant memes
- 3. Patrick Gehringer (Oakland University) & Lindon Dedvukaj (Oakland University):
 Reevaluating Albanians Place in IE through a Historically Isolated Dialect
 Chair: Dr. Ljiljana Đurašković, University of Pittsburgh

Panel 5- 5:35 PM-6:35 PM: Narratives at the Periphery

- Fernando Alejandro Remache-Vinueza (The University of Glasgow): Changes and interactions between the mainstream narrative and alternative identities: The case of Lithuania
- 2. **Catherine Mott (University of Kentucky)**: Lead Letters: An Unusual Window Chair: Jamie Horowitz, University of Pittsburgh/GOSECA

6:40 PM: Closing Remarks

6:45 PM-7:15 PM: Social Time on Gathertown (link to be provided)