

Editor's Notes

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I am very pleased to release my first issue as Editor-in-chief of *The Anthropology of East Europe Review*. Just over ten years ago, I published my first research article in *AEER* ([Vol. 21., No. 1](#)), and I am excited to be able to continue *AEER's* more than thirty-year tradition of showcasing emerging research on Eastern Europe and Eurasia as an editor.

I owe a particular debt of gratitude to my predecessor, Sarah Phillips, who guided *AEER* through the difficult transition from print to digital publishing and ensured that all of *AEER's* past content was digitized, preserved, and made open access. This was truly a lasting service both to the journal and to our scholarly community.

I would also like to welcome Maryna Bazylevych, Assistant Professor of Anthropology and Gender Studies at Luther College, as *AEER's* Book Review Editor, and to thank Neringa Klumbyte, our previous Book Review Editor, for her excellent work in revitalizing *AEER's* book review section. Finally, I would like to thank Crystal DeCell, *AEER's* Editorial Assistant for her continued production and copyediting work, both of which are indispensable to *AEER's* publishing program.

This issue of *AEER* presents papers from the [21st Annual SOYUZ Symposium, "Authoritarianism and Beyond? Lessons from Postsocialist Societies,"](#) which took place March 22-23, 2013 at Columbia University. Coming from diverse geographic regions, each of these articles presents a perspective on the relationships between authority, leadership, and power in postsocialist societies. In keeping with the argument that postsocialism as a conceptual category includes places beyond Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, this issue also introduces a new *AEER* section, "Connections," which will include scholarship that takes up themes familiar to scholars of Eastern Europe and Eurasia, but that examines societies from outside these geographic confines.

I hope you enjoy this issue, and I am already enthusiastic about what we have planned for 2014. I look forward to the continuing conversation in the pages of *AEER*, and especially to receiving and reading your manuscripts!

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