

Various News Items

Sam Beck, Cornell University

David Kideckel, Central Connecticut State University

Michael Sozan Memorial Fund

The Michael Sozan Memorial Fund will award a prize of \$100 to a graduate student for an outstanding unpublished research paper (approximate length: 20 to 25 pages). The following topics would be considered:

- (1) voluntary and/ or involuntary migration from Transylvania between 1960 and the present time;
- (2) policies and practices of Rumanian institutions regarding minority populations between 1948 and 1988;
- (3) the status of minority publications (journals, newspapers, books) in Rumania between 1960 and the present time;
- (4) the response of the Western media to the proposed destruction of villages in Rumania. Send three copies of the manuscript to Michael Sozan Memorial Fund, c/o Sarah Sozan Greenfield, 800 South 21st Street, Arlington, VA 22202. Deadline: November 1, 1989.

Bela Maday Honored

Susan Gal and Eva Husbey Darvas have organized a session papers to honor Bela Maday and the contributions he has made to Anthropology and the study of Europe. The unifying theme is the focus on the interactions of politics and symbols in the region. They represent the wide range of scholarly work Professor Maday has encouraged, inspired and supported institutionally and intellectually, we include village studies, historical, demographic and regional work, examinations of national culture within the larger European context, and the reflexive analysis of relations between European and American scholars.

Participants

Susan Gal (Rutgers) Introduction.

Eva Husbey Darvas (Michigan)

Widows, Wives and Wayward Youth: The Politics of Words in a Hungarian Village.

David Kideckel (Central Conn State)

Anthropology in the "Common European Home:" Notes on the End of the Cold War (Maybe).

Marida Hollos (Brown)

The Tale of Two Towns: Demographic Transition in Rural Hungary.

Tamas Hofer (Hungarian Academy of Sciences)

The Duality of Cultural Identity in Eastern Europe: The Case of Hungary.

William Douglas (Nevada-Reno)

Inquisitions and Disquisitions: The Anatomy of a Problematic Relationship.

Linda Bennett (Memphis State)

From Solo Research to Collaborative European Studies.

E.A. Hammel (UC Berkeley)

Early Fertility Decline in Croatia.

Oswald Werner (Northeastern)

Discussant.

International Bibliography on South Slavic Ethnology and Folklore

To all ethnologists, folklorists, ethnographers, and anthropologists!

Over the last eight years, the Institut für deutsche und vergleichende Volkskunde, Munich University, has been collecting titles for an International Bibliography on South Slavic Ethnology and Folklore. The bibliography (to be published by Slavica Publishers, Columbus, Ohio) will include all publications in English, German, or French on the ethnology of those South Slavic peoples that were once under Ottoman domination. As yet the bibliography contains some 6000 entries!

A request is being made by Klaus Roth to all colleagues to submit the titles of all their publications that

*deal with the ethnology, anthropology, ethnography, and folklore

*of Bosnia, Bulgaria, Macedonia, Montenegro, and Serbia and

*are written in English, German, or French.

Please send to the address below all off-prints or complete bibliographic information on each title in the following format: 1 author/co-authors;

2 title, subtitle;

3a monograph: place of publ.: publisher, year of publ.; pages;

3b journal: full name of journal, volume, year, pages of article;

3c omnibus vol./festschrift: title, editor, place of publication, publisher, year of publication, pages of article.

Please send your contributions to:

Professor Klaus Roth, Institute für deutsche und vergleichende Volkskunde, Universität München,

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Summer Research Laboratory at Illinois

The Russian and East European Center at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign will offer again in 1990 its annual Summer Research Laboratory on Russian and Eastern Europe. The program is designed for scholars who wish to use the resources of the University Library. Graduate students doing dissertation research are also eligible. Associateships will be available for any period of time between June 11 and August 3. In addition to full library privileges, Associates will be offered housing awards for up to fourteen nights (twenty-eight nights for scholars coming from abroad and all graduate students) and are welcome to stay longer at their own expense.

In addition to carrying on independent research, Associates will have the opportunity to meet with their colleagues for the presentation of papers and the discussion of current research. Special workshops devoted to East European and Russian culture and the contemporary Ukraine are planned. A Russian and East European film series will also be offered.

Application forms and additional information are available from Marianna Tax Choldin, Director, Russian and East European Center, University of Illinois, 1208 West California, Urbana, Illinois 61801.

Visiting Scholars Program

The Russian and East European Center of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign announces its Visiting Scholars Program for the spring of 1991. Scholars doing research on any topic related to Eastern Europe or the USSR are invited to apply. In order to qualify for the program, applicants must have a PhD in a discipline related to Russian and East European studies or must be working in an area of government or business directly related to the field. Grants will be available for periods of one to three months between the dates of February 15 and May 15, 1991. A minimum stay of one month in residence is required.

These grants carry no salary or stipend, nor do they cover travel expenses. Scholars will be given housing in a room or efficiency apartment near campus and a photocopying allowance of \$10 per week. Scholars will also receive faculty library privileges. These grants are made solely for the purpose of allowing scholars to conduct their own research and carry no obligation of service to the Center; however, Visiting Scholars are welcome to attend all Center-related activities.

The deadline for receipt of applications is April 1, 1990. Awards will be announced by June 1. (Please note that this program is made possible by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education, and continuation of the program in 1991 is contingent upon the availability of funding.)

For further information and application forms, please contact Marianna Tax Choldin, Russian and East European Center, University of Illinois, 1208 West California Avenue, Urbana, Illinois 61801, or call the Center at (217) 333-1244.

The EEAG at the Washington AAA

The East European Anthropology Group will be well represented at the forthcoming AAA annual meeting in Washington, D.C. Three symposia, sponsored by the Society for the Anthropology of Europe have been organized by our members: (1) Anthropological Perspectives on European Politics: Political Rituals and Party Dynamics in the East and West, organized by Jan Kubik, et al, (2) Current Challenges to Europe's Left Traditions, Organized by Jane

Schneider and Katherine Verdery, and (3) In Honor of Bela Maday: Politics and Symbolism in European Anthropology, organized by Susan Gal and Eva Husbey Darvas, the description of which can be found above. A resolution submitted regarding Bulgarian ethnic policy. The Hungarian Research Group is meeting on Friday, November 17, 12:15-1:15.

Election Results

The EEAG held a ballot by mail to elect a new membership officer and program chair for its board. Ballots were sent out in March with about a 60% return rate. Both elections were closely contested. Joel Marrant of Linfield College, McMinnville, Oregon was elected Membership officer and Susan Gal, Rutgers University, was elected Program Chair. Both will serve for three year terms. David Kideckel, the third, at large board member, has two years remaining in his term.

Resolutions

None of us can allow ourselves to be complacent about the dramatic forced and voluntary population movements that continue to characterize much of Eastern Europe. While East European populations are moving out of their homelands, the events and conditions in other parts of the world that bring about these movements must be understood in order to fully comprehend the forces that are at work in bringing about some of the largest population transfers in the post World War II period. Members of the East European Anthropology Group are making important contributions to bringing these serious situations to the attention of the American Anthropology Association and the wider public.

Half of Romania's rural settlements to disappear.

A resolution was submitted last year at the Phoenix annual meeting by Martha Lampland, Eva Husbey Darvas, Carole Nagangast, and David Kideckel. It asked the AAA to condemn Romania's policy of systematization which threatens to destroy over half of Romania's villages. The resolution was approved and, as it mandated, a letter was drafted and submitted to the Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu. The text of this letter follows.

His Excellency, Nicolae Ceausescu President,
The Socialist Republic of Romania General
Secretary of the Romanian Communist Party

Dear President Ceausescu,

It has come the attention of the American Anthropological Association that the Romanian government has embarked on a new settlement policy. As we understand it, the policy would decrease the total number of village settlements by 7,8000, thereby reducing the current number of 13,000 villages by more than half. In the opinion of the nine thousand members of the American Anthropological Association, this policy would have serious and harmful consequences for thousands of Romanian citizens. it would require that people be forcibly removed from their own communities to be resettled in other parts of the country. As anthropologists, we understand the significance of historical and cultural continuity for human communities, and are gravely concerned that the integrity of village culture and people's lives will be irreparably damaged. Articles 12 and 27 of the international Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, to which Romania is a State Party, guarantees freedom of internal movement and cultural expression.

On behalf of the membership of the American Anthroopolgical Association, which passed a resolution deploring the planned forcible relocation of its Annual Meeting and which was subsequently endorsed by the membership at large, the officers of the Association respectfully request that the government of Romania fulfill its treaty obligations by guaranteeing and protecting the human and civil rights of all Romanian citizens by abandoning the settlement plan.

Muslims and Turks forced into assimilation

Ali Eminov is submitting the following resolution to the American Anthropology Association for approval and action, during the 1989 Annual Meetings of the American Anthropology Association.

Whereas it is known that the government of Bulgaria is actively engaged in forced assimilation of its Turkish and otehr Muslim minorities; and Whereas this policy has resulted in the forced replacement of Muslim names with conventional Bulgarian names and a determined assault on

Turkish and Muslim cultural religious practices; and Whereas the Bulgarian government has signed major international agreements guaranteeing the human civil rights of its minority citizens; therefore Be it resolved that the American Anthropological Association call upon the government of Bulgaria in a written communication to fulfill its international constitutional obligations to guarantee and protect the human and civil rights of all of its citizens by ceasing its forced assimilation policies.