From the New Socialist Person to Global Mental Health:
The Psy-ences and Mental Health in East Central Europe and Eurasia

April 29–30, 2013
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April 29: Gordon Center for Integrative Science (927 E. 57th St.), Room W301

9:00 – 9:15
Welcome and introduction
• Susan Gal (Anthropology, CEERES, University of Chicago)
• Eugene Raikhel (Comparative Human Development, University of Chicago)

9:15 – 10:45
Panel 1: Expertise enacted and transformed
Discussant: Susanne Cohen (Anthropology, University of Chicago)
• Benjamin Zajicek (History, Towson University), “Insulin Shock Therapy and the Construction of Therapeutic Effectiveness in Stalin’s Soviet Union.”
• Kateřina Lišková (Sociology, Masaryk University), “Socialist Person Normalized: Sexological discourses in Czechoslovakia between the 1950s and 1980s.”

10:45 – 11:00 Break

11:00 – 12:30
Panel 2: Politics and the clinic
Discussant: Tomas Matza (Anthropology, Duke University)
• Rebecca Reich (Russian Literature and Culture, University of Cambridge), “Diagnosis and Self-Definition in the Late Soviet Period.”
• Shelly Yankovskyy (Anthropology, University of Tennessee), “Political and Economic Transformations in Ukraine: The view from psychiatry.”
• Jack R. Friedman, (Anthropology, University of Oklahoma), “A World Crazier Than Us’: Undifferentiated madness and the neoliberal assemblage of pathology in Romanian psychiatry.”

12:30 – 2:30 Lunch
2:30 – 4:00
Panel 3: The politics and ethics of addiction and treatment
Discussant: Eugene Raikhel (Comparative Human Development, University of Chicago)
- Peter Meylakhs, (Higher School of Economics, St.Petersburg), “The Logic of Symbolic Pollution in the Russian Media Discourse on Drugs.”

4:00 – 4:30 Break

4:30 – 6:00
Keynote address: Alexander Etkind (Slavonic Studies, Cambridge University)
“Trotsky’s Daughter and the Politics of Psy-ence.”

April 30: International House, Home Room (1414 E 59th St)

9:00 – 10:30
Panel 4: Trauma and care
Discussant: Michael Rasell (Health and Social Sciences, University of Lincoln)
- Hanna Kienzler, (Social Science, Health and Medicine, King’s College London), “Governance of difference: Mental health interventions in the aftermath of war.”
- Peter Locke (Anthropology/Global Health, Princeton University), “Surviving the Aftermath: Trauma, resilience, and chronic insecurity in postwar Sarajevo.”
- Namrita S. Singh, (Department of International Health, Social & Behavioral Interventions, Johns Hopkins), “Constructing Care-Seeking Spaces and Pathways: Identity, integration, and mental illness experiences among protracted internally displaced persons in Georgia.”

10:30 – 11:00 Break

11:00 – 12:30
Panel 5: Subjectivities in transformation
Discussant: Jack R. Friedman (Anthropology, University of Oklahoma)
- Tomas Matza (Anthropology, Duke University), “Psychological Becoming/Becoming Psychological: The politics of affect in Russia.”
- Sonja Luehrmann, (Anthropology, Simon Fraser University), “Innocence and Demographic Crisis: Transposing post-abortion syndrome into a Russian orthodox key.”

12:30 – 2:00 Lunch

2:00 – 3:30
Panel 6: Counter-narratives
Discussant: William Nickell (Slavic Languages and Literatures, University of Chicago)
- Khashayar Beigi (Anthropology, University of California at Berkeley), “All the Languages of the Jinn.”

3:30 – 4:00 Break

4:00 – 5:00 Open discussion

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