

DATES OF THE CONFERENCES

- 12-13 February 2021: *Change, Conflict, and Dissent* (GOSECA: Graduate Organization for the Study of Europe and Central Asia)
- 11-13 April 2021: European and Eurasian Undergraduate Research Symposium (URS)

DEADLINES (for submission of abstracts)

- GOSECA: January 10, 2021 (300-word abstract and a 2pp. CV) to info.goseca@gmail.com.
- URS: January 15, 2021 ([application](#) with 250-300 word abstract and a draft of the entire paper to susan.dawkins@pitt.edu, copied above)

Descriptions of the two conferences are below. We would welcome applications for these two research events and hope very much that University of Ljubljana students might be able to participate.

DESCRIPTIONS (both conferences)

GOSECA (Graduate Organization for the Study of Europe and Central Asia):

***Change, Conflict, and Dissent* (18th Annual Graduate Student Conference)**

University of Pittsburgh, 12-13 February 2021

Modern history in Eastern Europe and Central Asia has been punctuated by waves of intense social, political, and cultural change. While it can be tempting to divide the issues of the past and the present into temporal and spatial categories — ‘Soviet’ vs. ‘Post-Soviet,’ ‘Eastern Europe’ vs. ‘Central Asia,’ or by marking symbolic and era-defining years (such as 1848, 1917, or 1989) — for the majority of affected people, these changes in label, time, and place have not always been immediately accepted. Large-scale disruptions and transformations in daily life, prompted by climate change and environmental disaster, paradigm shifts in thought and perspective, and sweeping political revolution have molded individuals, nations, cultures, languages, and fields of study, and provoked intense dissent and opposition.

For our 18th annual conference, GOSECA invites presentations which explore change and/or resistance to change, whether political, economic, linguistic, social, cultural, artistic, paradigmatic, or of another kind altogether. Potential questions include, but are not limited to:

- How have people or authorities reacted to change, whether by foreign nations, the environment, or other bodies construed broadly?
- In what ways do individuals and/or communities resist or adapt to crisis and change?

- How has media — of all kinds, formal and informal — been used to drive and influence change?
- How does identity, including the role of particular identity groups within a larger social community, affect how different groups respond to change?
- How and why have attempts to create change succeeded or failed? How have failed attempts to impose change shaped individuals and communities?
- How do individuals and communities frame, record, and remember change?
- In what ways has there been secondary conflict over the framing of public history and the production of memory?

Submission Deadline: January 10, 2021 Please submit a **300 word abstract and a CV (max 2 pgs)** to info.goseca@gmail.com. Accepted papers will be notified by 1/15/2021 Please contact GOSECA at info.goseca@gmail.com with any questions!

European and Eurasian Undergraduate Research Symposium

University of Pittsburgh, 11-13 April 2021

The **Undergraduate Research Symposium** is an annual event since 2002 designed to provide undergraduate students, from the University of Pittsburgh and other colleges and universities, with advanced research experiences and opportunities to develop presentation skills. The event is open to undergraduates from all majors and institutions who have written a research paper from a social science, humanities, or business perspective focusing on the study of Eastern, Western, or Central Europe, the European Union, Russia, or Central Eurasia. The Symposium is typically held on the University of Pittsburgh-Oakland campus but this year will be remote.

After the initial submission of papers, selected participants are grouped into panels according to their research topics. The participants then give 10- to 15-minute presentations based on their research to a panel of faculty and graduate students. The presentations are open to the public.

2021 Dates:

*Students submit an application

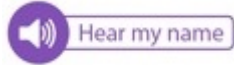
(<https://www.ucis.pitt.edu/ursymposium/>) that includes a 250-300 word abstract and a draft of their entire paper by **January 15, 2021**.

*Selected students notified by early February 2021.

*Final revised papers due by **April 20, 2021**.

*Presentations via zoom on Tuesday, May 11 through Thursday, May 13, 2021.

*View [2020 program](#).



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