


# POLISH STUDIES PANELS

**Polish Studies Association Annual Membership Meeting and Reception**

*Fri, November 13, 7:30pm to 9:30pm CST (The Palmer House, Floor: 3rd fl, Salon 3)*

## *VIRTUAL CONVENTION (OCTOBER 16-17)*

### Friday, October 16, 2026

*9:30am to 11:15am CDT*

- **Memory Studies in Eastern Europe: Challenges, Narratives, Continuity**
  (Virtual Convention, VR2)

*11:45am to 1:30pm CDT*

- **Embodied Art as Practice and Mediation in Russia and Eastern Europe**
  (Virtual Convention, VR5)

*2:00pm to 3:45pm CDT*

- **Ruminations on the State and Violence in Modern Literature** (Virtual Convention, VR2)
- **Gender and Society in Central Europe and the Balkans** (Virtual Convention, VR5)

# Saturday, October 17, 2026

*8:30am to 10:15am CDT*

- **Francysk Skaryna and the Making of Central-Eastern European Book Culture: Circulation and Connections** (Virtual Convention, VR3)
- **Perspectives on the Environment in Contemporary Polish and Ukrainian Literatures** (Virtual Convention, VR8)

*10:45am to 12:30pm CDT*

- **Preserving the Past, Expanding Access: Archives and the Fate of Historical Evidence in Times of Crisis** (Virtual Convention, VR6)

*1:00pm to 2:45pm CDT*

- **Beyond Center/Periphery: East European "Small" Literatures and/as World Literatures** (Virtual Convention, VR8)
- **Anti-Gender Agendas and Resistance to the War on Gender II: The Baltic States, Poland, and Bulgaria** (Virtual Convention, VR9)

# *IN-PERSON CONVENTION (CHICAGO, IL)*

* All panels are located at the **Palmer House Hilton, Chicago, Illinois**

## Thursday, November 12, 2026

*12:00 to 1:45pm CST*

- **Polish Literature in the Jewish Imaginary I: Mickiewicz and Peretz** (7th fl, Clark 1)
- **Theory and Methodologies for Study of the Pre-Modern and Early Modern Slavic and Eastern Baltic World** (7th fl, Dearborn 3)
- **Intellectuals and the State: Rhetoric, Labeling, and Moral Framing** (7th fl, LaSalle 2)
- **AI in Slavic Librarianship I: Metadata and Beyond** (7th fl, Montrose 5)
- **The Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact: Crisis, Politics, Memory (**3rd fl, Salon 6)
- **Sounding the Post-Socialist: Aural Identity and Cultural Memory in East European Video Games** (7th fl, Sandburg 2)

*2:00 to 3:45pm CST*

- **Others' War-Own Legacies?: The War in Ukraine and its Transnational Repercussions** (7th fl, Clark 1)
- **Hijacked Pasts, Weaponized Narratives: Empire, Anti-Imperial Rhetoric, and the Struggle for Statehood in the Post-Soviet Space** (7th fl, Clark 9)
- **Book Discussion: *Poland and the Making of Transnational Social Science: Eastern Europe, the United States, and the Wilsonian Moment*, by Olga Linkiewicz** (7th fl, Clark 10)
- **Not Collateral Damage: Cultural Erasure in Ukraine, Georgia, and Poland** (3rd fl, Indiana)
- **Digitizing the Past: New Politics of Language and Vision (**7th fl, LaSalle 3)
- **Book Discussion: *The Routledge Handbook of 1989 and the Great Transformation*, by eds. Rosamund Johnston et al.** (3rd fl, Salon 4)

*4:00 to 5:45pm CST*

- **Polish Literature in the Jewish Imaginary II: Post-War Literature – Memory, Translation, and Taking Leave** (7th fl, Clark 1)
- **Russian Imperial Expansion, Law, and Sovereignty in the Age of Revolutions** (7th fl, Dearborn 2)
- **Military Mobilities in East Central Europe** (3rd fl, Salon 3)
- **Beyond Regimes I: Unmaking Topologies and Teleologies of Authoritarian Power** (3rd fl, Salon 7)
- **Jerzy Giedroyc's *Kultura*: A Vision for a Federation of Democratic Independent States in Eastern Europe** (3rd fl, Salon 8)
- **Translating Women Poets across Languages, States, and Empires** (7th fl, Sandburg 6)

## Friday, November 13, 2026

*8:00 to 9:45am CST*

- **The Russian Old Belief through Various Mirrors** (7th fl, Dearborn 2)
- **The Empire Strikes Back: Imperial Attitudes towards Women** (7th fl, Dearborn 3)
- **Narrating the Baltic Sea in the 20th and 21st Century** (3rd fl, Logan)
- **Fascism, Right-Wing Populism, and Human Rights in Eastern Europe** (4th fl, Red Lacquer)
- **Book Discussion: *A Place for All to Prosper: How Development Theory Emerged in 20th Century Poland*, by Małgorzata Mazurek** (3rd fl, Salon 6)
- **New Work in East European and Central Asian Political Behavior** (3rd fl, Salon 7)

*10:00 to 11:45am CST*

- **The Nature of Pogroms: East-Central Europe in the 19th and 20th Centuries: A New Approach** (7th fl, Clark 1)
- **Concepts of the Polish-Ukrainian Intellectual Dialogue (1831-1918)** (7th fl, Dearborn 1)

- **Tourism, Nature, and Identities in the Carpathians in the Twentieth Century** (3rd fl, Salon 2)
- **Book Discussion: *To Kill a Spy: Everyday Nationalism and Political Violence in fin-de-siècle Europe*, by Zachary Mazur** (3rd fl, Salon 6)
- **Beyond Backsliding: Conceptualising and Explaining Re-Democratisation in Eastern Europe** (3rd fl, Salon 7)
- **Book Discussion: Book Discussion: *The Peasants' War: Russia's Home Front in the First World War and the End of the Autocracy*, by Colleen M. Moore** (3rd fl, Salon 12)
- **Discursive (Re)Configuration of Power in Eastern and South-Eastern Europe** (7th fl, Sandburg 6)
- **Private Archives, Imperial States, and Visual Dissent in Cold War East Central Europe** (7th fl, Sandburg 8)
- **Revolutionary Constellations I: Book Discussion: *Curating Socialism: A Handbook of International Art Exhibitions (1947-1989)*, by eds. Sven Spieker et al.** (6th fl, Spire Parlor)

*1:30 to 3:15pm CST*

- **Beyond States and Empires: Eastern and Southern European Jewish Women Rethink Identity and Politics in the Twentieth Century** (7th fl, Clark 1)
- **Medical Humanities and Aesthetics II: Bodies and Minds That Map: Trauma, Disability, and Art in Slavic Cultures** (7th fl, Clark 7)
- **Illiberalism: Emulation, Misalignment, and Challenges** (3rd fl, Kimball)
- **Book Discussion: *New Histories of Northern Eurasia, 700-1917: A Primary Source Reader*, by eds. Ismael Biyashev and Ilya Gerasimov** (3rd fl, Marshfield)
- **Uncivil Society in the Soviet West: Satellites, Non-Russian Republics, and Elite-Driven Sovereignty-Making** (3rd fl, Salon 1)
- **Has Democratic Backsliding in Central and Eastern Europe Run its Course?** (3rd fl, Salon 7)
- **Imperial Without Empire: Compensatory Internationalism and the Performance of Power in 1950s Poland** (3rd fl, Salon 8)

- **Sounding the Border: Music, Voice, and Mobility in and beyond Poland** (7th fl, Sandburg 2)
- **Left Perspectives on Socialist Knowledge Production III: Sociological Approaches to Social Mobility** (6th fl, Water Tower Parlor)

*3:30 to 5:15pm CST*

- **Book Discussion: *Violence and Occupation: The Red Army in the Balkans and Central Europe (1944-1945)*, by Vojin Majstorovic** (3rd fl, Indiana)
- **New Histories of Capitalism from East Central Europe** (3rd fl, Marshfield)
- **Book Discussion: *Sexuality and Abortion in Interwar Poland: Maternity in Times of Crisis*, by Elisa-Maria Hiemer** (3rd fl, Salon 6)
- **A View of Czech Intellectuals' Activities in Exile and the Transformative Women of the Solidarity Movement in Poland** (3rd fl, Salon 8)

*7:30 to 9:30pm CST*

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(3rd fl, Salon 3)

## Saturday, November 14, 2026

8:00 to 9:45am CST

- **Reforming Bodies, Reordering Society: Science, Marginality, and Social Intervention in Russia and Eastern Europe** (7th fl, Dearborn 2)
- **Aesthetic Autonomy and Realist Representation in Interwar Central and Eastern European Literature** (7th fl, LaSalle 2)
- **Church and State Interactions in Poland and East Germany during the Communist Period** (3rd fl, Marshfield)

- **Left Perspectives on Transnational Solidarities I: Cultural Exchanges between the Second and the Third World** (7th fl, Montrose 4)
- **Coded Cultures, Edited Empires** (3rd fl, Salon 5)
- **Translating Knowledge I: Women, Expertise, and Transnational Networks during the Cold War** (3rd fl, Salon 8)
- **Influence, Perceptions, and Narrative Power in a Fragmented World Order** (3rd fl, Salon 10)
- **Making Sense of Efforts to Improve and Erode Democracy in Central and Eastern Europe** (3rd fl, Salon 12)
- **Imperial Time and Musical Space: Symphony, Opera, and Bardic Song at the Eurasian Margins** (7th fl, Sandburg 2)
- **The Evolution of the Rusyn Language: Codification, Memory, Standardization, Dissemination** (7th fl, Sandburg 6)

*10:00 to 11:45am CST*

- **A Blurry Line: Jews and (Il)legality in Eastern Europe** (7th fl, Clark 1)
- **Central Europe, the Cold War's End and the Beginning of the Post-Cold War International Order** (3rd fl, Marshfield)
- **Extraordinary Female Bodies in Slavic Cultures** (7th fl, Montrose 3)
- **Left Perspectives on Transnational Solidarities II: Translation, Mediation, and the Cultural Forms of Left Internationalisms** (7th fl, Montrose 4)
- **Establishing the New States of East Central Europe in the Aftermath of World War I** (3rd fl, Salon 6)
- **Gratitude and Ingratitude in Polish-American Relations: The Dynamics of Change in the Last Century** (3rd fl, Salon 8)

*12:00 to 1:45pm CST*

- **Arts as Resistance in Poland: Fighting Authoritarianism and Building Democracy through Artistic Practice** (7th fl, Clark 10)
- **Feminist and Queer Strategies in Russian and Eastern European Poetry** (7th fl, LaSalle 2)
- **Reconfiguring the Collective: Communal Imagination in 20th-21st-Century Polish Literature** (7th fl, LaSalle 5)
- **Disability Studies on Eastern Europe: New Books Framing the Field** (7th fl, Montrose 3)
- **Ecologies of Waste, Economies of Care: Socialist Waste after 1945** (3rd fl, Salon 1)
- **From Solidarity to Fatigue: Grievances and Emotional Governance on Europe's Eastern Flank** (3rd fl, Salon 10)
- **Escaping the Soviet Empire: Composers in Search of Artistic Freedom** (7th fl, Sandburg 2)
- **Faultlines of Empire: Translingual Poetry, Translation, and Anti-Imperial Memory** (7th fl, Sandburg 6)

*2:00 to 3:45pm CST*

- **Belarus IV: In the Shadow of an Other** (7th fl, Clark 5)
- **Nationhood beyond Empires** (7th fl, Clark 9)
- **Commodities and Confessions in the Russian Empire (1860-1914)** (7th fl, Dearborn 2)
- **Histories and Presents of Queer and Trans Displacement** (7th fl, Montrose 3)
- **Designing Progress II: Arts, Sciences, and the State in Twentieth-Century Central, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe** (3rd fl, Salon 6)

4:00 to 5:45pm CST

- **Space and Aesthetics in the Periphery** (7th fl, Clark 5)
- **Journalism at the Edges of Power: Reporting on Imperial and Post-Imperial States** (7th fl, Clark 9)

- **Interwar Encounters: A Polish-Jewish Search for Belonging** (7th fl, Dearborn 3)
- **Ukraine on the Doorstep of the European Union** (4th fl, Red Lacquer)
- **Book Discussion: *Crossroads After Communism*, by Binio S. Binev** (3rd fl, Salon 7)
- **Translating Knowledge II: Women, Expertise, and Transnational Networks during the Cold War** (3rd fl, Salon 8)
- **Challenges for Courts and Lawyers under Putin** (3rd fl, Salon 9)
- **Is Your Body a Battleground?: Visualising Care and the Mother Figure in Polish Engaged Art from Communism to the Present** (7th fl, Sandburg 8)

## Sunday, November 15, 2026

*8:00 to 9:45am CST*

- **Jewish Minority Lives in Contemporary and Historical Eastern Europe** (7th fl, Clark 1)
- **Inscribing Empire, Asserting Statehood: Spatial Legacies and Sovereignty after Socialism** (7th fl, Clark 7)
- **Aspects of Early Post-World-War-II War Crimes Trials in Central and Eastern Europe** (3rd fl, Salon 2)
- **Scholarship in Times of Urgency: Politics, Ethics, and Academic Work** (3rd fl, Salon 3)
- **Book Discussion: *The Oxford Handbook of Polish Politics*, by eds. Katarzyna Walecka et al.** (3rd fl, Salon 7)
- **Moscow Warsaw, Vienna: Materiality, Authenticity, and Urban Reconstruction after World War II** (3rd fl, Salon 8)

*10:00 to 11:45am CST*

- **Expressions of Sexuality and Desire in East European Jewish Imaginations** (7th fl, Clark 1)
- **Book Discussion: *Pole/Jew: History, Literature, Identity, Future*, by eds. John J. Bukowczyk and Halina Filipowicz** (3rd fl, Indiana)

- **Lives Across Empires: Literature, Memory, and Geopolitical Transformation** (7th fl, LaSalle 3)
- **Nationality, Citizenship, and Other Concepts of Belonging in Modern East Central Europe** (3rd fl, Madison)
- **Oral, Print, Archival: Folk Meanings, Sources, and Imagery Recontextualized** (7th fl, Montrose 5)
- **Reconfiguring Family and Childhood in Central and Eastern Europe: Media, Experts, and Lived Experience during Socialism** (3rd fl, Salon 3)
- **Port Cities as Laboratories of Postimperial Sovereignty: Riga, Gdynia, and Odesa after 1918** (3rd fl, Salon 5)
- **Beyond Regimes II: Unmaking Topologies and Teleologies of Authoritarian Power** (3rd fl, Salon 7)

*12:00 to 1:45pm*

- **Book Discussion: *Museums, Monuments and Memory in Poland: Collecting Stories*, by Anna Krakus** (3rd fl, Indiana)
- **Landscapes of Displacement: The Polish "Recovered Territories" between Historiography, Memory, Storytelling, and Local Activism** (3rd fl, Salon 8)