Thursday, October 27, 2005

Public Lecture:
*The End of Leninism and the Future of Liberal Values*

**Vladimir Tismaneanu**, University of Maryland
Conference Welcome: Jeffrey Herbst, Provost of Miami University
Harrison Hall 304, 5:30pm

Reception at the Havighurst Center
6:30-7:00

Friday, October 28, 2005

9:00-11:00  **Saints, Workers and Philosophers**
Chair: Aurelian Craiutu, Indiana University  
Discussant: Stephen Norris, Miami University

**Clemena Antonova**, Oxford University, *The Reception of Florensky’s Works in Russian and Soviet Scholarship*

**Serguei Oushakine**, Columbia/Princeton Universities, *From Russian Tragedy to Vital Forces: Theorizing Post-Soviet Ethnicity*

11:15-1:00  **The Secret Charm of Eastern Europe**
Chair: Michael Rouland, Miami University  
Discussant: Brian Danoff, Miami University

**Letitia Guran**, College of William & Mary, *Aesthetics: a Modus Vivendi in East Central Europe?*

**Aurelian Craiutu**, Indiana University, *Democracy and Philosophy in Eastern Europe: A Tocquevillian Perspective*

2:30-4:30  **Forms of Dissent: Ideology, Poetry, Religion**
Chair: Zara Tordjman, Miami University  
Discussant: Zachary Weir, Miami University

**Jeffrey Stevenson Murer**, Swarthmore College, *A Rereading of the Critical Sociology of the Budapest and Frankfurt Schools*

**Natasa Kovacevic**, University of Florida, *Orientalizing Communism: The Shifting Boundaries of Europe in Brodsky & Milosz*

**Eva Cermanova**, Indiana University, *The Radical Catholicism of Vaclav Benda: An Enfant Terrible of Czech Dissidence*

Public Lecture:
*The Platonic Drama of Russian Thought: Ideas against Ideocracy*

**Mikhail Epstein**, Emory University
Harrison Hall 111, 5:30-7:00

Saturday, October 29, 2005

9:00-10:30  **Dissidence as an Art of Dying**
Chair: Benjamin Sutcliffe, Miami University  
Discussant: Nick Nesbitt, Miami University

**Veronika Tuckerova**, City University of New York, *Totalitarian Language: Fidelius vs. Havel vs. Rorty*

**Costica Bradatan**, Miami University, *Jan Patocka’s Socratic Art of Dying*

10:45-12:15  **The Politics of Hope**
Chair: William McKenna, Miami University  
Discussant: Venelin Ganev, Miami University

**Ivars Ijabs**, University of Latvia, *“Politics of Authenticity” and/or Civil Society*

**Jonathan Larson**, University of Michigan, *Critiques of Impure Reason: Contextualizing Postsocialist Slovak Intellectual Conflict*

Public Lecture:
*20th Century Russian Utopian and Dystopian Fiction as a Mode of Philosophical Discourse*

**Catharine Nepomnyashchy**, Columbia University
John W. Altman Humanities Scholar-in-Residence
MacMillan Great Room, 1:30-2:45

Recital of Russian Music
Souers Hall, Performing Arts Center, 3:00pm