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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Nada Petković Djordjević

Dear members of NASSS,

It is with mixed emotions that I am sending you this newsletter as we approach our annual gathering at the ASEES convention in November. Indeed, I am looking forward to seeing all of you who plan to come to Washington, D.C. and to take part in the upcoming events. However, a feeling of sadness dampens my enthusiasm. As you are all aware, for many years you've been receiving timely and thorough updates about NASSS members and related events from the desk of Ružica Popovitch-Krekić. It is with heartfelt sadness that I acknowledge the loss of our dear friend and colleague, who passed away on June 9, 2011 after a long and valiant struggle with cancer. I will always remember her with the greatest affection. My thoughts and prayers go out to her loved ones.

The Ružica Popovitch-Krekić Special Fund

The Ružica Popovitch-Krekić Special Fund has been established in her memory by her sister Ljubica D. Popovich. The purpose of this Special Fund is to assist with the scholarly needs of members, associates, and participants in the publications and conferences of the North American Society for Serbian Studies. The Special Fund will be administered by the Executive Board of the North American Society for Serbian Studies (NASSS) to which proposals should be directed. To receive funding the application must be approved by three members of the Board. Support may be allocated for a broad variety of purposes, including but not limited to, textual translation, illustration costs, other special publication or conference presentation needs. Tax exempt contributions to the Ružica Popovitch-Krekić Special Fund are invited and may be directed to the Treasurer of the North American Society for Serbian Studies: Sonja Kotlica, 1301 Delaware Avenue SW, #N112, Washington, D.C., 20024.

Upcoming Events

The next ASEES National Convention will be held in Washington, D.C., **November 17-20, 2011**, at the Omni Shoreham Hotel, 500 Calvert Street Northwest, Washington DC, 20008. Phone number: (202) 234-0700.

Annual Business Meeting

The NASSS annual business meeting is scheduled for **Friday, November 18, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. in the Blue Room.**

I would also like to use this opportunity and remind you to make your membership current for the year 2011. The membership form is included for your convenience.

Annual Fundraising Dinner

Thanks to the generosity of Ljubica D. Popovich, the NASSS Fundraising Dinner will take place at her home, **on Friday, November 18, at 7:00 p.m.** The address is 5805 Osceola Road, Bethesda, Maryland 20816, telephone number (301) 320-4833. The price per person is \$30. We kindly ask that you send or hand your payment to our treasurer, Sonja Kotlica. We are looking forward to seeing you all.

Selected Panels at the 2011 ASEEEES Convention

There are many panels at the 2011 ASEEEES Annual Convention centered around Serbia and Serbian studies. Five of them are sponsored by NASSS. Here is a list of some that may be of particular interest to you:

Thursday November 17, 2011

Postmodernity or Traditionalism in Serbian Poetry? Suite 200, 5:00-6:45 pm

Chair: Radmila Gorup, Columbia U

Papers: Nina Zivancevic, Sorbonne (France) "The Instant Lived Out': Commitment in the Poems of Aleksandar Petrov"

Milan Orlic, Monash U "The Postmodern Condition of Contemporary Serbian Poetry: Malaise or Transformation?"

Zdravka Gugleta, Monash U "The Image in the Poetry of Vasko Popa and Charles Simic: A Transcultural Mythopoesis"

Disc.: Slobodanka Millicent Vladiv-Glover, Monash U (Australia)

Political Processes in the Western Balkans after 2000 Suite 315, 5:00-6:45 p.m.

Chair: Ron Linden, U of Pittsburgh

Papers: Andrew Konitzer, U of Pittsburgh "Small Parties and the Collapse of Oversized Coalitions: The Cases of Serbia and Croatia"

Jim Seroka, Auburn U "Assessing Regional Security and Foreign Policy Integration Efforts in the Western Balkans"

Paula M. Pickering, College of William & Mary "How Local and International Forces Shape the Outcome of Local Governance Reforms in the Western Balkans"

Disc.: Mila Dragojevic, The U of the South

Friday, November 18, 2011

Manifestations of Sovereign Power and Authority in the Arts 8:00 9:45 a.m., Suite 163

Chair: TBA

Papers: Ljubica D. Popovich, Vanderbilt U (Emeritus) "Celestial and Earthly Authority: Its Representation in Serbian Frescoes in the Byzantine Style"

Ljubomir Milanovic, Rutgers U "Materializing Authority: The Church of St. Sava in Belgrade and Its Architectural Significance"

Lilien F. Robinson, George Washington U "Painting Authority: From Myth to Reality"

Disc.: Dragana Vasiljevic, ECPI College of Technology

Authority (Re)built: Spatial Representations of Political Power in and after Yugoslavia 10:00 11:45 a.m., Suite 268

Chair: Elidor Mehili, Princeton U

Papers: Tanja Damljanović Conley, U of Belgrade (Serbia) "The 'Imperial Belgrade' from the Karadordevics to Milošević"

Emily Gunzburger Makas, UNC at Charlotte "Sarajevo's Trg Oslobođenja in Changing State Contexts"

Vladimir Kulić, Florida Atlantic U "Tito's White Houses and the Functions of a Cult"

Disc.: Patrick H. Patterson, UC San Diego

Saturday November 19, 2011

Serbia, Its Neighbors, and Its Region: A Constructive Actor? Roundtable, Senate Room, 8:00-10:45 a.m.

Chair: Francine Friedman, Ball State U

Part.: David Kanin, CENTRA Technology/Johns Hopkins U

Obrad Kesic, TSM Global Consultants, LLC

Konstantin Khudoley, St. Petersburg U (Russia)

Julie Mostov, Drexel U

George Schopflin, London School of Economics (UK)

Between Faith and Subversion: The Construction of Authority in Serbian Religion, Literature, and Music 10 a.m., Suite 263

Chair: Nada Petković-Djordjević, U of Chicago

Papers:

Milica Bakic-Hayden, U of Pittsburgh “St Sava and The Power(s) of Spiritual Authority”

Tomislav Longinovic, U of Wisconsin-Madison “Narrative Authority and Political Reality in Late Yugoslav Prose”

Vladimir Pištalo, Becker College, Worcester, MA: “Thoughts and Notes on Authority: The Case of Nikola Tesla”

(Branca Mijatović, Christopher Newport U “The Concept of Authority and Serbian Musical Tradition”)

Disc.: Vladimir Zoric, U of Nottingham (UK)

Authority and Development in Southeastern Europe: Opportunities and Risks in the XXI Century Suite 368, 2:00-3:45p.m.

Chair: Slobodan Pesic, American Public U

Papers: Julian Schuster, Webster U “Institutional Optimization, Governance and Reputation in Southeastern Europe”

Jasminka Ninkovic, Emory U “FDI and Economic Growth in Southeastern Europe”

Gordana Pesakovic, Argosy U “Designing and Delivering Effective Learning: Education Management in Southeastern Europe”

Disc.: Snezana Grk, Inst of Social Sciences (Serbia)

The End of Yugoslavia: Perspectives on Real-time Analysis Twenty Years Later (Roundtable) Empire Ballroom, 2:00 -3:45 p.m.

Chair: Robert M. Hayden, U of Pittsburgh

Part.: Steven L. Burg, Brandeis U

Robert Donia, U of Michigan

David Kanin, CENTRA Technology/Johns Hopkins U

Susan L. Woodward, The Graduate Ctr, CUNY

Serbia since Milosevic Ambassador Ballroom, 4:45-6:30 p.m.

Chair: Sabrina P. Ramet, Norwegian U of Science & Technology (Norway)

Papers: Zachary T. Irwin, Penn State U “Serbian Politics since Milosevic”

Snjezana Milivojevic, U of Belgrade (Serbia) “The Serbian Media since Milosevic”

Eric D. Gordy, U College London (UK) “Serbia: Memory at Stake”

Disc.: James Gow, King’s College London (UK) Reneo Lukic, Laval U (Canada)

Sunday November 20, 2011

Poetry of Vasko Popa (1922-1991): Twenty Years after the Poet’s Death Suite 153, 10:00-11:45 a.m.

Chair: Radmila Gorup, Columbia U

Papers: Svetlana Dimitrijevic-Seatovic, U of Belgrad (Serbia) “New Reading of Vasko Popa’s Poetry”

Krinka Vidakovic Petrov, U of Pittsburgh “Popa’s Poetry in English Translation”

Branko Vranes, U of Belgrade (Serbia) “Emptiness in Vasko Popa’s Early Poetry”

Disc.: Aleksandar Petrov, U of Pittsburgh

Respectfully submitted by,

Nada Petković-Djordjević

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- Institution — \$50 _____
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