

List of Contributors

Note 1: Japanese names are listed with family name first.

Note 2: Russian scholars commonly refer to the *kandidat* degree as a doctorate or PhD.

AOSHIMA YOKO is a Research Fellow of the Slavic Research Center. She is also a PhD candidate in European History, writing her dissertation on educational reforms in Russia's great reforms. Her recent publication is "The Dissolution of the Estate-based Russian Secondary Education System, 1862-1864 (in Japanese)," *Shigaku-Zasshi*, vol. 116, no.1, 2007.

GRZEGORZ EKIERT is Professor of Government at Harvard University. He is the author of *The State Against Society: Political Crises and Their Aftermath in East Central Europe*, among others. His current projects explore patterns of civil society development in the new democracies of Central Europe and East Asia. He is a member of the Club of Madrid Advisory Committee.

HIWATARI MASATO is JSPS Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Institute of Oriental Cultures, the University of Tokyo. He is the author of *Kansyukeizai to Shizyo, Kaihatsu* (University of Tokyo Press, 2008). He is currently applying social network analysis to development economics, focusing on the socio-economic structures of the local communities in Uzbekistan.

PANAYOT KARAGYOZOV is Professor and Dean of the Faculty of Slavic Studies at Sofia University, Bulgaria. He is the author of *The Self-consciousness of Letters. Historiography of Slavic Literatures* (Sofia, 1996); *Past Slavs Today* (Sofia, 1997); *Slavic Saint Martyrs. Sainthood and Canonization; Chronology and Typology; Criticism and Apology of Slavic Martyrdom* (Sofia, 2006). He is presently preparing a monograph on Slavic Literary *Partocentrism*.

MARLÈNE LARUELLE is a Research Fellow at the Central Asia and Caucasus Institute, Johns Hopkins University. Her main areas of expertise are nationalism, national identities, political philosophy, intellectual trends and geopolitical conceptions of the elites in Russia and Central Asia. Her book, *The Russian Eurasianism. An Ideology of Empire*, will be published in Spring 2008.

MOTOMURA MASUMI is Chief Researcher in the Research Department, Oil & Gas Upstream Business Unit, Japan Oil, Gas and Metals National Corporation (JOGMEC). He is the author of *Russia - Revival of the Oil Giant* (IDE-Jetro, 2005). He continues to analyze oil & gas production and transportation of the CIS and its surrounding regions.

NAGAYAMA YUKARI is Post-doctoral Researcher of the Research Institute for Languages and Cultures of Asia and Africa, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies. She is the author of *Ocherk grammatiki aliutorskogo iazyka* (ELPR Publications Series A2-038) (Osaka Gakuin University, 2003).

NAKAI KAZUO is Professor of Tokyo University and President of the Japanese Association for Ukrainian Studies. He is the author of *Ukrainian Nationalism* (Tokyo University Press, 1998). He is presently preparing a study on Ukrainian political thought in the 19th and 20th centuries.

SÉBASTIEN PEYROUSE is a Research Fellow at the Central Asia and Caucasus Institute, Johns Hopkins University. His main areas of expertise are political systems in Central Asia, Islam and religious minorities, and Central Asia's geopolitical positioning toward China, Russia and South Asia. He is the author, co-author or editor of seven books on Central Asia.

LÁSZLÓ PÓTI is Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of Strategic and Defence Studies of the National Defence University in Budapest and editor of *Security and Defence Policy Review* (monthly in Hungarian). His most recent publication is "The Post-Soviet Space as Security Challenge" (co-author in Hungarian) in Deák Péter, ed., *Osiris Kézikönyvek* (2007). Forthcoming is *A Comparative Study on Security Perception in the Western Balkans* (DCAF, Geneva)

JAN ŠÍR is Research Fellow in the Department of Russian and East European Studies, Institute of International Studies, Charles University, Prague. Presently he is completing his doctoral dissertation on nuclear renunciation in the post-Soviet space. He is co-author of *Turkmenistan under Berdymuhammedov* (forthcoming).

TAKIGUCHI JUNYA is a postgraduate student at the School of Arts, Histories and Cultures, University of Manchester (UK). He is currently preparing his PhD thesis that examines the Russian Communist Party Congress during the formative stage of the Soviet Union (1917- c. 1930).