

Social Science Research Council
Eurasia Program
DISSERTATION DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

THE EURASIA PROGRAM OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH COUNCIL invites applications for a three-day dissertation workshop focusing on the topic of governance, broadly conceived, to be held in March 2004. Graduate students from social science disciplines and the related humanities who are at any stage of the dissertation process (from proposal to write-up), and whose projects examine Eurasia, are eligible to apply. While applications from all fields are welcome, we look for those that are most grounded in, or that invite comparative perspectives on social science theory and methodology.

While the term "governance" often has been confined to political and economic frames, this workshop aims to recognize and cultivate the interdisciplinarity required to recognize and understand interactions between states, individuals, social institutions, and economic actors in both contemporary and historical perspective. We **encourage a broad conceptualization of governance** that includes but is not limited to:

- ▶ state-society relations (political change, economic change, human health and welfare)
- ▶ relations among and between families, kinship groups, social and economic networks (formal and informal), and non-governmental institutions
- ▶ systems of cultural production and social order

We particularly invite applications **that link governance issues to local, regional and transnational/international processes.**

10 graduate students and 5 faculty discussants will attend the 2004 workshop. Participants convene for three days of intensive and critical discussion of the students' dissertation projects, alongside larger theoretical and methodological issues. The SSRC covers all transportation, accommodation, and related expenses for participants.

**Governance
in Eurasia:
Historical and
Contemporary
Approaches**

University of Texas, Austin
March 5-7, 2004

Applicants should submit the following material by 5 January 2004 in order to be eligible:

- ▶ a five page, double spaced summary of the dissertation project highlighting its relationship to the objectives of the workshop
- ▶ one letter of academic recommendation from the applicant's primary advisor
- ▶ *curriculum vitae*

If selected, **participants will be required to submit a 15-25 page dissertation chapter or writing sample.** Selected participants will receive detailed information as to the requirements for the writing sample, which will be due by February 20th, 2004. The five page application statements, writing samples and CVs will be **circulated among all conference participants.**

To be eligible, applicants must be US citizens or permanent residents, currently enrolled in an accredited PhD program, and working at some stage on their dissertation projects. The **deadline for receipt of applications is January 5, 2004.** Decisions regarding final participants will be announced by January 20, 2004.

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