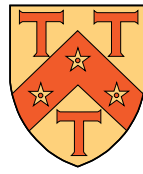


# St Antony's College Oxford



## Russian and Eurasian Studies Centre

(formerly Russian and East European Centre)

### *Building on Success*



### *Building on Success*

Over the last fifty years the Centre has gained an outstanding international reputation for research and teaching on Russia and Eastern Europe. It has brought together individuals from diverse fields and inspired commitment to a multi-disciplinary understanding of the region.

The Centre's prestigious weekly *seminar* is among the longest-running forums in the Western world for the academic discussion of Russia and Eastern Europe.

*Centre Fellows* have long been at the forefront of research on the history, culture, economics, politics and external relations of Russia and Eastern Europe.

*Centre students* have become leading scholars as well as prominent figures in the media, commercial and policy worlds.

The Centre has made a major contribution to public and political understanding of the region and to British *policy* towards Russia.

We want to **meet the challenges of success.**

- ▶ Growing numbers of students want to study at the Centre. To continue to attract the best in the world, we must ensure our facilities remain globally competitive.
- ▶ Our high academic reputation makes the Centre an attractive base and partner for leading scholars and policy-makers around the world.

To take full advantage of these opportunities we must strengthen our resources for teaching, research and administration.

#### **The Centre needs £4,360,000**

- ▶ £2,500,000 to establish a sound financial basis for its expanding activities
- ▶ £1,000,000 to modernise the Centre Library and create a Lower Library
- ▶ £860,000 to fund Research Fellowship programmes

#### **New Horizons: The Russian and Eurasian Studies Centre.**

Since the end of the Cold War the Centre has continued to study the East European states in their 'migration' to Europe. Eight are set to join the European Union in 2004 and the others want to follow suit. In the world of St Antony's their natural home is now the European Studies Centre.

Our Centre will continue to focus on the study of Russia, a country firmly anchored in Europe though extending well beyond its geographical bounds.

To build on our research distinction in advanced Russian studies we plan to:

- ▶ Create a five-year programme to enable outstanding younger social scientists annually to spend three terms at the Centre (£165,000)
- ▶ Raise additional funds (£200,000) to enable us to appoint a Max Hayward Fellow each (rather than every other) year to work on cultural and social issues.

While reinforcing our commitment to the study of Russia, we must be able to respond actively to growing research and teaching demands relating to Ukraine, the Caucasus (Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia) and Central Asia (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan). These are critically important regions and ones on which several members and associates of the Centre already teach and publish.

Developing the Centre's work here will strengthen complementarities between ourselves and other parts of the College, notably the Middle East and Asian Studies Centres.



To expand our existing expertise on these areas we plan to:

- ▶ Establish a five-year programme of Research Fellowships, at a cost of £495,000. This will support annually a total of three Research Fellows, on Ukrainian, Caucasian and Central Asian studies. By attracting outstanding younger and established scholars to St Antony's, the programme will help raise the Centre's research profile in these areas to the world-class reputation it enjoys in Russian studies.
- ▶ Strengthen the Centre's research resources in these areas. This will involve a substantial increase in our acquisitions budget as well in our Library storage capacity.



An artist's impression of what the redesigned Russian library will look like. Inset, the Russian Library as it is today.

### A solid financial base.

To support its expanding work and improved resources the Centre needs an enhanced financial base. The way forward is for the Centre to become financially self-sufficient. A **capital sum of £2,500,000** will generate sufficient income to enable us to upgrade our resources to support expanding research and teaching activities. Upgrading will include the appointment of a full-time Secretary-Administrator as well as a Librarian. It will support a Library budget capable of coping with the wider range and growing

cost of books and periodicals that we need for research and teaching.

### Modernize the Library.

The Library is the heart of the Centre. It forms its physical core, occupying a dominant position on the ground floor of the North Wing of the College's Main Building.

The Library houses a qualitatively outstanding collection of research materials on Russia which has

few equals. To do justice to the distinction of this collection and make provision for future expansion, we need to make better use of existing spaces.

- ▶ We have run out of shelf space. There is an urgent need for more storage capacity, as there is no longer any room for new materials on Russia, let alone our planned acquisitions on the Caucasus and Central Asia. We have plans to remodel our basement area and create a new Lower Library. With the installation of rolling stacks we can double our existing capacity.
- ▶ We need a modern Library area. The new design for the main Library will make material more readily accessible and greatly improve working facilities. The new Library will accommodate twice as many readers and provide them with modern and effective work spaces. There will be 12 study places, all with Ethernet connections plus 4 computer work stations. Several will have carrel facilities which are in keen demand from students and senior visitors alike. Readers will benefit from a better working environment. As is clear from the artist's impression, the new design opens up an imposing space, revealing the original beamed ceiling and creating a new mezzanine section to house much of the collection.

### The Campaign.

We are marking our 50th anniversary year by launching a drive to raise the £4.36 million the Centre needs to develop and extend its work.

To succeed in this campaign we need help from Antonians and friends of the Centre.

Several Antonians have been generous enough with their time to join the Campaign Committee, which is chaired by the Warden and comprises His Honour Judge William Birtles, Sir Bryan Cartledge, Geoffrey Elliott, David Hoffman, Bridget Kendall, John Lloyd, Paul Newman, Dr Julie Newton, Tina Podplatnik, Dr Maxim Shashenkov, Dr Rair Simonyan and Sir Norman Wooding.

We have already been encouraged by the generosity of Antonians in donating funds to enable us to start the campaign. We are confident that others will express their commitment to the modernization and renaissance of the Centre by helping us achieve our funding targets.

Throughout the Campaign period, supporters of the Centre will have an opportunity to express their commitment and see it recognised.

Contributions may be made towards:

- ▶ Giving the Centre a solid financial base. For those giving £10,000 or more there will be naming opportunities.
- ▶ Remodelling the Library. Donors of £5,000 or more will be honoured by having their name included on a plaque in the Library.
- ▶ Fellowships. There are opportunities for major donors to name and endow the four College Fellowships in the Centre. Similar opportunities exist for those supporting the Research Fellowships for Russia, Ukraine, the Caucasus and Central Asia.
- ▶ Creating the Lower Library. Major contributors will have the opportunity to name rooms.



If you are able to help please contact us.

St Antony's College

Russian and Eurasian Studies Centre (formerly Russian and East European Centre)

Oxford OX2 6JF

Telephone + 44 (0)1865 284728 Facsimile + 44 (0)1865 310518

website [www.sant.ox.ac.uk/russian/](http://www.sant.ox.ac.uk/russian/) email [russian.studies@sant.ox.ac.uk](mailto:russian.studies@sant.ox.ac.uk)

Thank you

---