ANNA PARETSKAYA

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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Sociology, New School for Social Research, expected 2011
Dissertation: "Soviet Middle Class and the Twilight of Socialism: Discourses of Politics and Culture in the Two Decades before Perestroika" (advisor: Andrew Arato)

M.A. with merit, Society and Politics, University of Lancaster, UK (at Central European University, Prague, Czech Republic)

B.A./M.A., Sociology, Moscow State University (Moscow, Russia)

Fields of Specialization: political sociology, cultural sociology, comparative-historical sociology, social theory

Research and Teaching Interests: political and economic liberalizations; democracy and capitalism; sociological theory; class, culture, and consumption; socialist and post-socialist history, politics, and culture in Europe and Eurasia

ACADEMIC HONORS AND AWARDS

- Honorable mention, Edward Shils–James Coleman Memorial Award for Best Student Paper, Theory Section, American Sociological Association, 2011
- Winner, Suzanne Langer Prize for Best Student Paper, Section on the Sociology of Culture, American Sociological Association, 2009
- Runner-up, Graduate Student Essay Contest, Mid-Atlantic Slavic Conference, 2008
- Winner, Reinhard Bendix Best Student Paper Award, Section on Comparative and Historical Sociology, American Sociological Association, 2007
- Kennan Institute Short-Term Travel Grant, 2005 (declined)
- New School Eberstadt Dissertation Fellowship, Academic Year 2004–2005
- Frank Educational Fund Award, Association to Unite the Democracies, Spring 2000
- New Social Science Training Fellowship, Transregional Center for Democratic Studies, New School for Social Research, Fall 1999

PUBLICATIONS

Scholarly Articles and Essays

"The Soviet Communist Party and the Other Spirit of Capitalism," *Sociological Theory*, vol. 28, no. 4, 2010

Review of *From Elections to Democracy: Building Accountable Government in Hungary and Poland* by Susan Rose-Ackerman, *Constellations*, vol. 15, no. 4, 2008

"Constitution Writing Process in Russia and Brazil: The Role of the State in Shaping Federal Systems," *TCDS Working Papers Series*, no. 8, January 2000

Work in Progress

"The Politics of Smallest Things: How the 'Lazy, Cowardly, and Selfish' Changed the Soviet Union," in preparation for submission to *Social Science History*

"This is What Democracy Sounds Like: Protest Songs of the 2011 Wisconsin Uprising," in Jonathan Friedman ed., *The Routledge History of Social Protest in Popular Music*, in progress

Other Publications

Attacks on the Press in 2000: A Worldwide Survey by the Committee to Protect Journalists, Chapters on Azerbaijan, Belarus, Hungary, Moldova, Romania, and Ukraine, New York: CPJ, 2001

(with Danielle Lussier and Robert Orttung) *The Republics and Regions of the Russian Federation: A Guide to Politics, Policies, and Leaders*, NYC: M.E. Sharpe, 2000

(with Robert Orttung) "Presidential Election Demonstrates Rural-Urban Divide," *Transition*, vol. 2 no. 19, 20 September 1996

"Former Communists—Where Are They Now?" Part 3: Russia, *Transition*, vol. 2 no. 11, 31 May 1996

"Regional Governors Could Offset the 'Red Duma'," *Transition*, vol. 2 no. 4, 23 February 1996

"The Stateless Siberian Natives," *Transition*, vol. 2 no. 4, 23 February 1996

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"The Politics of Smallest Things: How the 'Lazy, Cowardly, and Selfish' Changed the Soviet Union," Research Center for East European Studies (University of Bremen, Germany), May 2011; Center for Contemporary History (Potsdam, Germany), April 2011; Midwest Sociological Society, April 2010

"Making Its Own Gravediggers: Post-Collectivist Values and the End of Socialism," American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, November 2008

"Professor Pipe-fitter: The Old New Soviet Man," Mid-Atlantic Slavic Conference, March 2008

"Middle Class Without Capitalism? Socialist Ideology and Post-Collectivist Discourse in Late Soviet Union," Havighurst Center for Russian and Post-Soviet Studies at Miami University, OH, October 2007; American Sociological Association, August 2007

"Socialist Consumer Society and a New Soviet Man—Worlds Apart? Consumption Discourse in the Soviet Union," Canadian Sociology and Anthropology Association, May 2006; Association for the Study of Nationalities, March 2006

"Revenge of the Superstructure: Did Socialist Ideology Create a Middle Class in the Soviet Union?" Mid-Atlantic Slavic Conference, April 2006

"Constitution Writing Process in Russia and Brazil: The Role of the State in Shaping Federal Systems," Transregional Center for Democratic Studies, New School for Social Research, December 1999

"Russia's *Ad Hoc* Asymmetric Federalism: Pre-Modern, Irrational, and Disintegrating," Association for the Study of Nationalities, April 1999

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor

- University of Wisconsin–Madison, Spring 2011, "Classical Sociological Theory"
- Eugene Lang College, Fall 2001, "Thinking about Society"

Teaching Assistant

- New School for Social Research, Fall 2007, Fall 2006, "Social Thought I: Social Change"
- New York University, Spring 2007, Spring 2006, "World Cultures: Russia Between East and West"
- New York University, Spring 2004, Spring 2003, Spring 2002, "World Cultures: Russia since 1917"

EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

Co-Editor, *Laboratorium: Russian Review of Social Research*, June 2011–present

- Solicit and review article manuscripts; find and communicate with outside peer-reviewers; participate in acceptance/rejection decisions
- Edit, copy-edit, and proof-read manuscripts
- Translate article summaries from Russian to English
- Oversee printing–on–demand, marketing, and distribution of the journal in the US and Canada

Outreach and Marketing Intern, *University of Wisconsin Press, Madison, WI*, 2009

- Wrote catalog, ad, and book cover copy for three titles in Slavic studies
- Assisted Press director with administration of an Andrew W. Mellon Foundation grant for a special series in Slavic studies by University of Wisconsin and two other academic presses; tracked expenses associated with the series; communicated with authors, manuscript reviewers, editors at the other two presses; helped organize author events
- Researched possibilities of foreign publishing rights' sales to Russian and Central European presses: identified appropriate publishing houses, chose books to be pitched, translated book descriptions

RESEARCH / NON-PROFIT EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, *New School For Social Research, New York*, 2001–2002

- Conducted library and internet research for Prof. Diane E. Davis's project "Public versus Private Security Forces and the Rule of Law: The Transformation of Policing in South Africa, Russia, and Mexico"
- Wrote background reports on Russian public police reform, the development of legal and illegal private policing in Moscow, Moscow City policies of spatial development

Research Associate for Europe and Asia, *Committee to Protect Journalists, New York*, 2000–2001
(acting **Program Coordinator** June–August 2000)

- Wrote analyses of freedom of press conditions in select countries for CPJ's publications
- Participated in regional advocacy efforts by writing protest letters to government officials, press releases for news organizations, and by giving interviews to the media covering press violations
- Established and maintained ties with other NGOs and regional media to collect information, publicize CPJ's advocacy efforts, and provide informational, logistical and legal assistance
- Hosted delegations of local journalists and facilitated their meetings with CPJ leadership

Research Analyst, *EastWest Institute, New York*, 1997–2000
(based in Moscow, Russia, and New York)

- Wrote weekly reports and analyses of events in Russian regions for the *EWI Russian Regional Report* with a special focus on center-periphery relations, patterns of regional development, democracy- and state-building, electoral processes, ethnic issues, national political parties' and foreign businesses' activities
- Compiled and published profiles of all 89 regions of the Russian Federation outlining major political and economic developments, which were later used as the basis for *The Republics and Regions of the Russian Federation*

Assistant Research Analyst, *Open Media Research Institute, Prague, Czech Republic*, 1995–1997
(based in Prague, Czech Republic, and Moscow, Russia)

- Monitored electoral campaigns during parliamentary, presidential, and gubernatorial campaigns

- Contributed daily news reports to the *OMRI Daily Digest*; political analysis of Russian domestic affairs for publications as *OMRI Analytical Briefs* and articles for the journal *Transition*; weekly reports on political and social issues in Russian Federation's regions for the *OMRI Russian Regional Report*

Communications Director, *Greenpeace Russia, Moscow, Russia*, 1994
- Wrote and distributed press releases, gave interviews, and provided background information to the media to publicize organization's activities
- Strategized with other environmental organizations on media outreach

Interviewer, *National Public Opinion Research Center (VCIOM), Moscow, Russia*, 1989–1992
- Collected data for several opinion polls

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Co-organizer, panel on "Paradoxes and Meanings of Work and Leisure in Brezhnev's Soviet Union," Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Washington, DC, November 2011
- Organizer, panel on "State and Individual under Brezhnev: The Cultural Contradictions of Late Socialism and Their Consequences," American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Philadelphia, PA, November 2008
- Discussant, panel on "Center-Periphery Relations in Putin's Russia," Association for the Study of Nationalities, New York, NY, April 2008
- Member, 2008 Reinhard Bendix Student Paper Award Selection Committee, Comparative and Historical Sociology Section, American Sociological Association
- Occasional discussant, "Scapes and Grapes" Student Work-in-Progress Workshop, Department of Sociology, New School for Social Research, 2007–2009
- Manuscript reviewer for *Political Power and Social Theory* and *Theory and Society*
- Editor, *UFAS News* (newsletter of the University of Wisconsin–Madison faculty and academic staff labor union, United Faculty & Academic Staff, American Federation of Teachers local 223)

REFERENCES

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