

**International program**  
**EASTERN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION**

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For the tenth year since 2003, EPA again offers an international program on March 2-3, 2012, in Pittsburgh. The two days of activities on Friday and Saturday include several paper and poster presentations, a keynote address, and 4 symposia with presenters from the USA and overseas.

ATOP Meaningfulworld has organized a symposium on psychosocial and eco-spiritual rehabilitation post disasters, and will focus on two of their recent Humanitarian Psychosocial Missions. How can international psychologists best intervene after human-made or natural traumata? This symposium focuses on two recent projects by the Mental Health Outreach Project (MHOP) of ATOP Meaningfulworld, in which professionals and students delivered expert psychosocial and eco-spiritual services in Kenya in 2010 and in Romania in 2011. Implications for future outreach and research will be discussed.

Dr. Kalayjian will chair the symposium as well as taking on the role of a discussant. Katherine Kaze will present the work in Kenya, in 2010, addressing youth empowerment, HIV/AIDS education, oral hygiene, and solar cooking. Georgiana Sofletea will present the work in Romania focusing on ancestral healing, transforming generational suffering into meaning-making after decades of communism, oppression and political upheaval. Please join us on Friday at 12-1:20 at the Convention Center in Pittsburgh, PA.

Dr. Kalayjian is also a discussant of symposium on: International psychology at the United Nations: Past & future.

Plan early for the 2013 EPA in New York at the Marriott Marquis Hotel on March 1-3. Here is the international program listed below:

1. Fri 8-8:50 am, **Papers session:** Cross-cultural research.

Chair: John D. Hogan (Saint John's)

**Zachary Warren** (Georgetown), Who values children's imagination?

**Lavinia L. Marchis, Alina A. Boie, Fabian A. Boi** (Saint John's), Smart & happy.

2. Fri 9- 10:20 am, **Symposium:** International psychology at the United Nations: Past & future

Chair: **Florence L. Denmark** (Pace)

**Harold Takooshian** (Fordham). History of psychology organizations at the United Nations.

**Janet A. Sigal** (Fairleigh Dickinson). Psychology Day at the United Nations.

**Judy B. Kuriansky** (International Association of Applied Psychologists). Psychology student opportunities at the UN.

Discussant: **Ani Kalayjian** (Meaningful World)

How have psychologists become increasingly involved in United Nations activities in recent years? This symposium describes past activities, current roles, and future opportunities in international psychology

3. Fri, 10:30-11:50 am, Keynote speaker: **Harold Takooshian** (Fordham). Beyond Fulbright: New opportunities in international psychology.  
Chair: **Mercedes McCormick** (Pace)

This data-based presentation offers a four-part overview of: (1) the fascinating international origins of psychology; (2) the gradual recognition of international psychology as a specialty; (3) the current diversity within international psychology; (4) the breadth of emerging opportunities for psychology teachers, researchers, practitioners, and students.

**4. Fri 12-1:20 pm, Symposium:** International humanitarian outreaches to Kenya and Romania  
Chair: **Ani Kalayjian** (MeaningfulWorld)  
**Katherine Kaze** (Fordham University & ATOP). Outreach to Kenya in 2010  
**Georgiana M. Sofletea** (Teachers College & ATOP). Outreach to Romania  
Discussant: **Ani Kalayjian** (ATOP MeaningfulWorld)

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**5. Fri, 3-4:20 pm, Symposium:** Adaptation of international students in Russian Universities  
Chair: **Irina A. Novikova** (Peoples' Friendship University of Russia)  
**Sergei I. Kudinov** (Peoples' Friendship University of Russia) & **Stanislav S. Kudinov** (Togliatti State University). Psychological barriers of foreign students' self-realization in a multi-cultural environment.  
**Elena Ju. Chebotareva** (Peoples' Friendship University of Russia)  
The value orientations of Russian and international students.  
**Olga V. Maslova** (Peoples' Friendship University of Russia). Social perception of Russian and Latin American students.  
**Irina A. Novikova** (Peoples' Friendship University of Russia). Personal traits as a factor of intercultural adaptation of international students in Russian universities.  
**Alexey L. Novikov** (Peoples' Friendship University of Russia). Psychological and linguistic problems of international students' Russian language study.  
Discussant: **Oksana Ostrovskaya** (Pace University)

How well do students adapt within Russian universities, which have a long history of international education? In this symposium, faculty and students from Russia report their research and service projects to study and serve the adaptation of international students.

**6. Sat, 12-1:30 pm, Poster session**

25: **Mazneen C. Havewala** (American), **Sudipta Roy** (Maharaja Sayajirao U), Gender differences in the 16 PF in Indian college/university students.

37: **Katherine Marino & Thomas P. Hogan** (Scranton), Comparison of USA and international IRT parameters on TIMSS Mathematics items.

53: **Megan Hoffman** (Westminster), Social dominance orientation and gender roles predict norms related to emotional expression in Egyptian families

7. Sat, 9-10:20 am, **Symposium:** Applied psychology research in Russia

Chair: **Elena Ju. Chebotareva** (Peoples' Friendship University of Russia)

**Alexander Voronov** (State Academic University of Humanities, Russia), **Harold Takooshian** (Fordham). Communication between Russian and U.S. psychologists.

**Evgeny V. Martynenko** (Peoples' Friendship University of Russia)

Legal basis of CIS united educational space formation.

**Olga A. Kadilnikova** (Peoples' Friendship University of Russia). Hardiness related to intercultural adaptation of international students.

**Natalya A. Kozlova** (Peoples' Friendship University of Russia). Value orientations of young Russian married couples:

**Anna S. Loskutova** (Peoples' Friendship University of Russia). How important is intercultural competence for heads of transnational corporations?

**Ksenia A. Shkvarilo** (Peoples' Friendship University of Russia). Are non-academic forms of intelligence related with cross-cultural adaptation?

**Anastasia V. Chebotareva** (State Academic University of Humanities, Russia). Cultural interaction in contemporary Russian art.

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Russian society values multicultural education to promote "intercultural competence" of its citizens. This symposium assembles behavioral and cognitive research on diverse issues in Russian society.