

## BEYOND LITTLE VERA: WOMEN'S BODIES, WOMEN'S WELFARE IN RUSSIA AND CENTRAL/EASTERN EUROPE

### 3rd Biennial Conference of the Association for Women in Slavic Studies

Association for Women in Slavic Studies, Ohio State University (Columbus)

Time: April 26-27, 2007.

Place: The Ohio State University,  
Columbus.

Deadline: January 31, 2007.

All proposals must include:  
a 150-200 word abstract for each  
paper and an one-page CV for each  
participant.

Limited funding may be available  
for housing.

Proposals should be submitted  
electronically to: csees@osu.edu

This Conference will focus on discussing new research on women's health and welfare in Russia and Central/Eastern Europe since 1990. From a variety of disciplinary, theoretical and methodological approaches, participants will consider the changing social, cultural and political situations in this important part of contemporary Europe and their impact on women.

»Beyond Little Vera« will follow up on recent conferences addressing trafficking of women in these parts of the world, but will expand that focus to a more general consideration of the treatment and representation of women's bodies and welfare. Crises in women's treatment and exploitation in Russia and Central/Eastern Europe have perhaps never been more acute, given the now more entrenched negative impact of the market and »globalization« in this area. Scholarly exchange on these issues will thus be more than merely academic, and the cross-disciplinary conversations that emerge may have an effect on policy both in the U.S. and abroad.

Using a multi- and inter-disciplinary approach to women's health issues - from domestic relations to sex education, from prison conditions to artistic representations - the conference will explore the wide-ranging implications of the collapse of social networks and government structures in the former Communist bloc countries.