

Winter 2012



*Ice cream packaging from post-soviet Russian brand 'CCCP' employs soviet era themes, stylizations, and designs – including a potentially controversial use of the historic 'State Quality Mark' – evoking the past and appealing to nostalgic feelings of the Russian people*

**Light refreshments will be served**

*The International Studies Program presents*

# 20 YEARS AFTER THE END OF THE USSR

## *Reflections on Russia's Transition from Communism and its Uncertain Future*

In the twenty years since the collapse of the Soviet Union, we have seen hopes for democracy and capitalism give way to an authoritarian turn under Putin and the entrenched corruption. Putin has brought Russia “back,” but many Russians are nervous about their country’s future. Join us for reflection on the twenty years of the post-communist experience and discussion on where Russia is headed.

A panel of the following speakers will provide overviews of the following topics. Active audience participation will be strongly invited.

- **Janusz Wrobel**, International Studies Program  
*Reflections on Gorbachev and his legacy*
- **Greg Allar**, International Studies Program  
*Capitalism Russian-Style*
- **Paul Kubicek**, Political Science  
*What Happened to the Hopes for Democracy?*
- **Cristian Cantir**, Political Science  
*Nationalism and the Breakup of the USSR*

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Presented by the  
International Studies Programs

Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2012

Time: 12 Noon to 1:30 pm

*Oakland Room  
Oakland Center*

