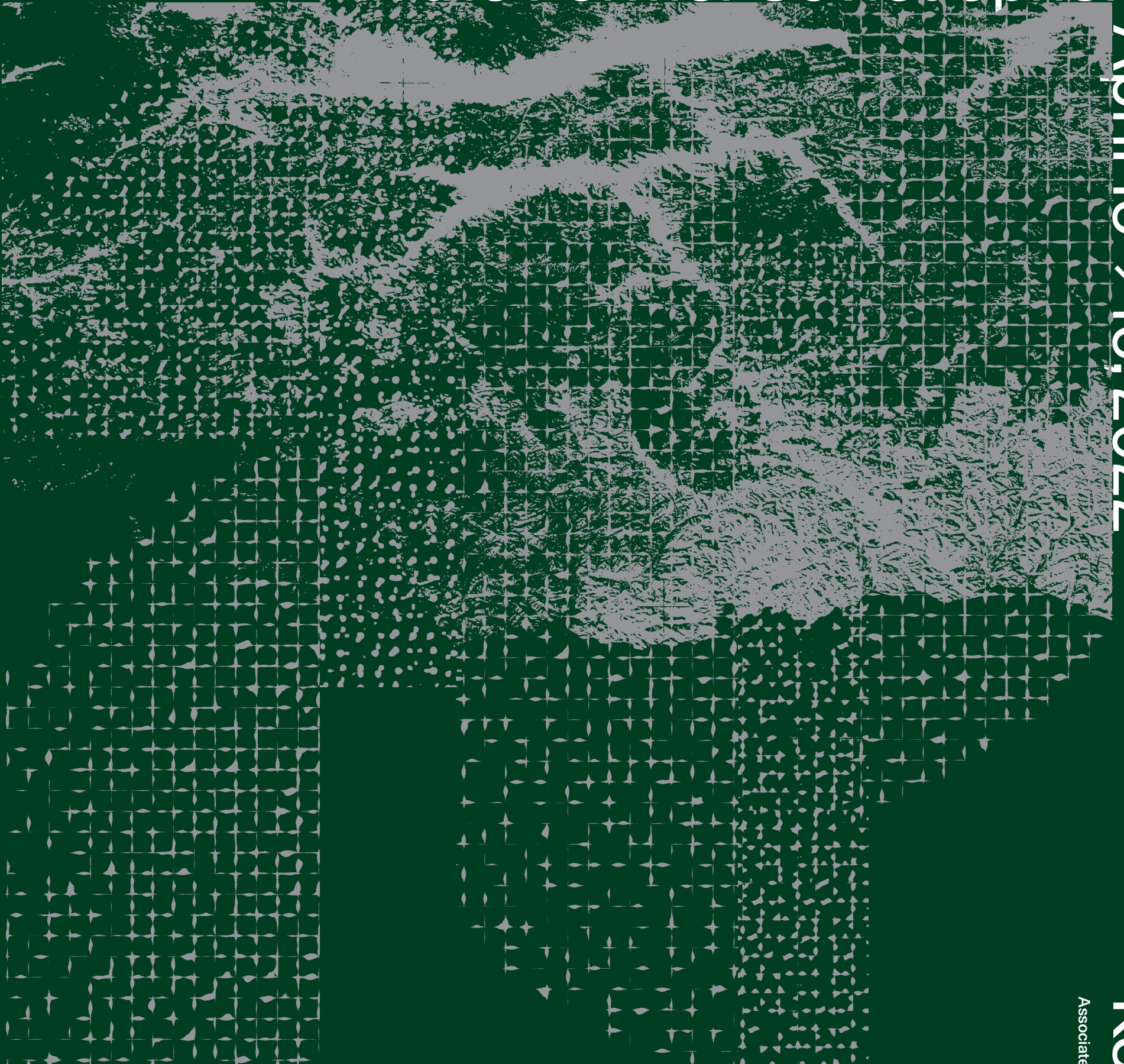


SHIFTING GROUNDS: Changing Models of Nature in the Former Soviet Sphere

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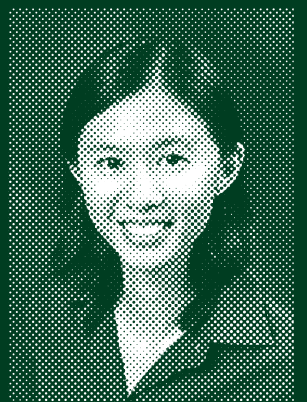
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The Slavic Graduate Students Association (SGSA) in conjunction with the Slavic Languages and Literatures Department at the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign invites submissions of presentation proposals from scholars across disciplines to this year's conference, titled "Shifting Grounds: Changing Models of Nature in the Former Soviet Sphere." This interdisciplinary conference is intended to explore the movement of disparate models of nature as they circulate through and coalesce into larger ideas about Post-Soviet and Eurasian existence.

Relevant topics might include:

- Histories of Soviet terraforming and environmental policies
- Indigenous ecologies
- Climate fictions and the production of history
- Ecological and cultural conflicts of green industrialization
- National identity in the Anthropocene
- Histories and legacies of science and technology in the Soviet Union
- Climate change and human geography in the FSU
- Environmentally induced labour movement and migration
- Reconciliation of theory and practice in historical and contemporary ecological conservation
- Literary representations of nonhuman timescales and ecological collapse
- Eschatological climate language and its political uses
- Environmental heritage and fictions of state

If you would like to participate, please submit an abstract (up to 350 words) and the title of your paper to briany5@illinois.edu or alexkarsavin@gmail.com. Some travel funding for out of state participants may be available: please indicate interest at the top of the page. The deadline for submitting abstracts is February 15th, 2022. Participants will be notified by February 28th. The Conference will take place April 15th–16th.



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