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Poetry/Patria: The Poet's Role in Russia Today

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Contemporary Russia is reinvesting in a patriotic, at time nationalistic collective identity. What does this mean for Russian literary life and cultural life more generally? Dmitry Golyenko, a poet and critic from St. Petersburg, and Kevin M. F. Platt of the University of Pennsylvania Slavic Department will engage in a dialogue on these topics. The discussion will conclude with readings of a few of Golyenko's poems in English translation.



Dmitry Golyenko, born in 1969 in Leningrad, is one of the most innovative poets in Russia today, employing his poetry to examine the relationship between post-Soviet language, culture, and society. The author of three books of poems—*Homo Scribens*, *Directory*, and *Concrete Doves*—Golyenko has been nominated for the Andrei Bely Prize. His poetry has been translated into several European languages. In his parallel career as a cultural critic, he defended a pioneering PhD dissertation on the Russian post-avant-garde and regularly publishes essays on contemporary art and cinema. After a teaching stint in South Korea and a fellowship at the Literarischer Colloquium Berlin, he is again living in Saint Petersburg.

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Kevin M. F. Platt is Professor of Slavic Languages and Literatures and Graduate Chair of the Comparative Literature Program. He works on representations of Russian history, Russian historiography, and history and memory in Russia. He is the author of *History in a Grotesque Key: Russian Literature and the Idea of Revolution* (Stanford, 1997; Russian edition 2006), and the co-editor (with David Brandenberger) of *Epic Revisionism: Russian History and Literature as Stalinist Propaganda* (Wisconsin UP, 2006). His new book, *Terror and Greatness: Ivan IV and Peter I, as Russian Myths*, is forthcoming from Cornell UP in 2011.

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