

# <br>Slovak Studies New Member Questionnaire

## 1. Introduction

Thank you for your interest in the Slovak Studies Association. We have waived first-year membership and so all we request of you at the moment is information that will help us serve you better. As part of our effort to transform the Slovak Studies Association into an organization that plays a useful role in your everyday efforts in scholarship and teaching, we would like to assemble information that might be of interest to other scholars who might be interested in contacting you or following your scholarly efforts from afar. The next forty-odd questions will help us transform the website and the organization. You have complete control over which information is shared with other Slovak Studies Association members, which is made available to anybody visiting this website and which is kept strictly private, held only for the association's administrative purposes and never shared with anybody without your permission. For that reason, we need you to fill out all questions marked with an asterisk (and the survey will not advance until you have filled those out). The bar above will tell you how close you are to the end of the survey.

First, we need to collect some basic demographic information.

\* 1. Your first name:

2. Your middle name (if you use one):

\* 3. Your last name:

4. Your preferred title (if any)

None

Dr.

Mrs.

Ms.

Mr.

Other (please specify)

\* 5. Who may view your name on the Slovak Studies Association website:

Anybody who accesses this website

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Nobody (for SSA administrative use only; never released without your express permission)

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## 2. Profession

Thank you. Now a few questions about your professional background:

6. Please give us some information about your *primary* professional affiliation (firm or institution):

The name of the institution:

Your professional title there:

The city and country in which it is located:

7. Please give us some information about any *secondary* professional affiliation (firm or institution):

The name of the institution:

Your professional title there:

The city and country in which it is located:

8. Please give us some information about any *other* professional affiliation (firm or institution):

The name of the institution:

Your professional title there:

The city and country in which it is located:

\* 9. Who may view information about your professional affiliation(s) on the Slovak Studies Association website:

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## 3. Profession, part I I

A few more detailed questions about your professional specializations:

10. In which occupational sector(s) do you participate in a professional capacity:

- |                                   |                                    |  |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Academia | <input type="checkbox"/> Diplomacy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Government            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business | <input type="checkbox"/> Military  | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-profit/Non-governmental |

Other (please specify)

11. In which area(s) do you have a formal degree, professional training or extensive experience? (check all that apply)

- |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Folklore                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Military Affairs       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anthropology                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Geography                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts/Music                       | <input type="checkbox"/> History                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Political Science      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Interdisciplinary                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology/Psychiatry  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cinema                           | <input type="checkbox"/> International Relations/Foreign Policy | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Health/Medicine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Journalism                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Demography                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Language                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science/Technology     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economics                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Law                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sociology              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Library/Information Sciences           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Studies          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental/Ecological Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> Linguistics                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's Studies        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ethnic Studies                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature                             |   |

Other (please specify)

\* 12. Who may view information about your occupational sector(s) and professional specialization(s) on the Slovak Studies Association website:

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## 4. Education

Now a few questions about your educational background:

13. Please give us some information about your highest academic degree:

Type of degree (e.g. PhD,

MA, MBA):

Academic discipline it was

in:

The institution that

granted it:

The year it was granted

(or is expected):

14. Please give us some information about a second relevant academic degree (if any):

Type of degree (e.g. PhD,

MA, MBA):

Academic discipline it was

in:

The institution that

granted it:

The year it was granted

(or is expected):

15. Please give us some information about any *other* academic degree:

Type of degree (e.g. PhD,

MA, MBA):

Academic discipline it was

in:

The institution that

granted it:

The year it was granted

(or is expected):

\* 16. Who may view information about your education on the Slovak Studies Association website:

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## 5. Languages

A quick question about the languages that you use professionally:

17. Which languages do you use for your professional work? (check all that apply)

- |   |  |                                    |
|---|--|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Albanian       | <input type="checkbox"/> French              | <input type="checkbox"/> Romanian  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Belarusian     | <input type="checkbox"/> German              | <input type="checkbox"/> Russian   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bosnian        | <input type="checkbox"/> Hungarian           | <input type="checkbox"/> Serbian   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bulgarian      | <input type="checkbox"/> Latvian             | <input type="checkbox"/> Slovak    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carpatho-Rusyn | <input type="checkbox"/> Lithuanian          | <input type="checkbox"/> Slovene   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Croatian       | <input type="checkbox"/> Macedonian          | <input type="checkbox"/> Ukrainian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Czech          | <input type="checkbox"/> Old Church Slavonic | <input type="checkbox"/> Yiddish   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Estonian       | <input type="checkbox"/> Polish              |                                    |

Other (please specify)

\* 18. Who may view information about your language(s) on the Slovak Studies Association website:

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## 6. Interests

A few quick questions about the time periods and geographical areas of greatest interest to you.

19. Period(s) of Interest. In which of the following time periods are you most interested (check all that apply):

- |                                      |                                    |  |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Before 1780 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1918-1939 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1989 to the present |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1780-1848   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1939-1948 |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1848-1918   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1948-1989 |  |

Other (please specify)

20. Other Contemporary Countries of Interest: Does your academic work concern any of the following countries? (Check all that apply)

- |   |                                  |                                  |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Austria        | <input type="checkbox"/> Germany | <input type="checkbox"/> Poland  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Czech Republic | <input type="checkbox"/> Hungary | <input type="checkbox"/> Ukraine |

Other (please specify)

21. Other Regions of Interest: Does your academic work concern any of the following regions? (Check all that apply)

- |                                   |  |   |
|-----------------------------------|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Balkans  | <input type="checkbox"/> Central Asia        | <input type="checkbox"/> Ottoman Empire |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baltics  | <input type="checkbox"/> European Union      |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caucasus | <input type="checkbox"/> Former Soviet Union |   |

Other (please specify)

\* 22. Who may view information about your interests and professional specialization (s) on the Slovak Studies Association website:

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## 7. Contact Information

You've reached the second-to-the-last page. Here are a few basic questions about how we (and, if you wish, others) may contact you. We are sensitive to your desire for privacy and therefore ask at each step who may have access to this more personal information.

23. Please enter any email addresses through which we might contact you (since even one typo renders this unusable, we ask you to enter each one twice):

Your primary email address:

Please re-enter it:

Any secondary email address:

Please re-enter it:

\* 24. Who may view your email address on the Slovak Studies Association website (as a matter of course we will replace "@" and "." with "{at}" and "{dot}" or take other more advanced efforts to prevent your email from being harvested for sending spam):

Anybody who accesses this website

Registered Slovak Studies Association members only

Nobody (for SSA administrative use only; never released without your express permission)

25. List the addresses of any websites or blogs that you maintain:

Website or Blog #1

Website or Blog #2

Website or Blog #3

Website or Blog #4

Website or Blog #5

26. Who may view your websites or blogs on the Slovak Studies Association website (if you do not have any, you can leave this blank):

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27. A few questions about how to reach you by phone:

Phone Number:

Alternative Phone Number:

Fax Number:

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\* 28. Who may view your phone numbers on the Slovak Studies Association website:

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29. A few questions about how to contact you by non-electronic means:

Postal Address:

Postal Address 2:

City/Town:

State/Province/Region:

ZIP/Postal Code:

Country:

\* 30. Who may view your address on the Slovak Studies Association website:

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## 8. Your advice and assistance

Thank you for getting this far. On this final page we have a few questions that tap your knowledge and, potentially, your ability to offer us your professional judgment and a few hours of your time. *Nothing* you enter on *this* page will go into the Slovak Studies Association database or be displayed on the website, though if you express interest in helping out, we will follow up with an email.

### 31. Book and Article Prize Nominations

At the 2008 AAASS Convention the Slovak Studies Association will award prizes for the best book and best article in Slovak studies published between 2004 and 2007. Please list below any books or articles that you would like to see nominated (nominations accepted only if submitted by midnight PST on September 30, 2008). Please nominate as many as you would like in the box below but give us enough information to track down the books or articles you have in mind. You can find more information online at <http://www.slovakstudies.org/?q=node/17>.

### 32. New member recommendations

We are in the process of dramatically broadening our membership base. Do you know anybody who isn't (or to your knowledge might not be) a member whom we should invite to join? Please let us know in the boxes below. Please give us enough information to find the people in question.

### 33. Assistance with our new factsheets

As part of our effort to create a website that is genuinely useful for our members and for those who might be interested in studying Slovakia, we will be developing a series of websites and factsheets to assist newcomers and experienced researchers alike. Would you be able to lend some time and assistance (as little as 2 or 3 hours) to working with others on this project?

- Yes, contact me about getting started
- Not right now but perhaps next semester. Contact me then.
- No and probably not for a long time ("Don't call us, we'll call you").

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### 34. Adding a list of your publications to our database

One of the most important parts of our effort to improve Slovak studies will be an effort to create an active, constantly-updated database of member publications that are updated (in easy and quick fashion) by members themselves. In order to do this, however, it is useful to begin with a substantial database. Would you be willing to send us a recent CV and allow us to add up to ten of your most recent publications to our database?

Yes, contact me about getting started.

Not right now but perhaps next semester. Contact me then.

No, that is not something I wish to do.

### 35. Finding professional technical assistance

As part of our effort to build a new and better website--in fact a new and better way for scholars of Slovak studies to work together--we are looking for members who might have the right expertise or who have colleagues in the industry or at Computer Science or Information Technology departments (or the likes) that could help us build our website (a system called "Drupal") as part of a research project or at reduced cost.

No, I'm sure I do not know anybody.

Maybe. Let me think about it and get back to me.

Yes, I think I do. Contact me to discuss it.

36. Finally, some questions about how you use your computer for your work. Your answers here will help us figure out where we should focus our next efforts (and where we shouldn't bother). Please let us know how often you engage in the following computer-related activities:

	Never even heard of it	Heard of it, but never tried it	Used it once or twice	Use it occasionally	Use it all the time
Reading and writing email	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reading newspapers online (e.g. nytimes.com, pravda.sk)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Watching video (e.g. YouTube.com)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reading blogs (e.g. dailykos.com, redstate.com)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commenting on others' blogs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Writing your own blog	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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37. Here are a few other things that some scholars use their internet connections for. How often have you used the following technologies:

	Never even heard of it	Heard of it, but never tried it	Used it once or twice	Use it occasionally	Use it all the time
Internet commerce (e.g. Amazon, eBay)	j0	j0	j0	j0	j0
Internet-based telephone calls (e.g. Skype)	j0	j0	j0	j0	j0
Text messaging (SMS)	j0	j0	j0	j0	j0
Peer-to-peer (P2P e.g. BitTorrent, Kazaa)	j0	j0	j0	j0	j0
Virtual Worlds (e.g. Second Life)	j0	j0	j0	j0	j0
Multiplayer Online Games (e.g. World of Warcraft)	j0	j0	j0	j0	j0

38. Finally, here are some ways that scholars are using the internet to work together. How often have you used any of the following:

	Never even heard of it	Heard of it, but never tried it	Used it once or twice	Use it occasionally	Use it all the time
Social networks (e.g. Facebook, MySpace)	j0	j0	j0	j0	j0
Social bookmarking (e.g. Del.icio.us)	j0	j0	j0	j0	j0
Microblogging (e.g. Twitter, Pownce)	j0	j0	j0	j0	j0
Social citation sharing (e.g. Connotea, CiteULike, Zotero)	j0	j0	j0	j0	j0
Collaborative document creation (e.g. GoogleDocs, Zoho)	j0	j0	j0	j0	j0
Collaborative scholarly publication (e.g. Wikipedia)	j0	j0	j0	j0	j0
Photosharing (e.g. Flickr)	j0	j0	j0	j0	j0