

**USI HUMANITIES PROGRAM
WILL EXPLORE
CHANGES IN RUSSIA**



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Dr. Michael Makin, associate professor of Russian

at the University of Michigan, will speak on "Russia: Culture in Crisis" in a Humanities Forum program at 11 a.m. Monday, February 10, in Forum I at the University of Southern Indiana. The public is invited.

The program, sponsored by the School of Liberal Arts, will address the question of Russian cultural identity as reflected in the contradictory and often painful development of Russia and the Soviet Union, and the recent radical changes.

Dr. Makin received his undergraduate and D. Phil. degrees at the University of Oxford and spent a year as a British Counsel exchange scholar in the Soviet Union. He has taught many courses at Michigan on Russian literature and culture, both historical and in the recent period of perestroika. His book, *Marina Tsvetaeva: Poetics of Appropriation*, is an account of one of the finest Russian poets of the 20th century. It will be published this year by Oxford University Press.

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