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When is Transition Over? is the thirty-fourth annual Public Lecture-Seminar Series organized by the Department of Economics at Western Michigan University. This year, the series focuses on the dramatic changes sweeping through the countries of Central and Eastern Europe, the former Soviet Union, and China—changes that have challenged policy makers and fascinated economists. This year’s series is directed by Annette N. Brown, Assistant Professor in the WMU Economics Department, with the assistance of Sisay Asefa, William Kern, Christopher O'Leary, and Huizhong Zhou, and is co-sponsored by the Institute of Applied Mathematics and Economics, followed by a question and answer session and a reception, are open to the public. During his or her visit, each scholar also presents an academic seminar, which is open to graduate students, faculty, and all interested practitioners. For further information, please contact Dr. Brown at (616) 387-5557 or A.N.Brown@wmich.edu.

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Professor Lavigne earned her Ph.D. in economics at the University of Strasbourg, where she also earned an M.A. in Russian Language and Literature. She is currently an Emeritus Professor at the University of Pau in France. She has also taught at the University of Paris, where she was a Professor in the Faculty of Law and Economics and the Director of the Center for International Economic of Socialist Countries and at the University of Strasbourg. She served as Director of the European Studies Center in Caechovskulova in 1991. Currently, she is a Research Fellow at the Institute of Applied Mathematics and Economics in Paris.

Professor Lavigne has been studying the countries of the former Soviet Bloc for four decades now. She has conducted research both before and after the onset of transition in many of these countries, including the USSR, Russia, Albania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, the Czech Republic, the GDR, Hungary, Poland, Romania, and Yugoslavia. She has visited many institutions in the Visiting Professor or Guest Researcher including the Kenman Institute, Bardin College, Columbia University, Stanford University, and the Institute for West German Studies. She has served as a consultant to the European Community and the Polish Senate.

Professor Lavigne’s fields of research are the political economy of socialism, international economic relations of the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, integration of Eastern Europe in the world economy, and transition to the market in Russia and Eastern Europe. Recently, she has expanded her research agenda to include the transition market and patterns of growth in Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia. She has published numerous books, the most recent of which is “The Economies of Transition from Socialistic Economy to Market Economy,” which was published in both English and Spanish. Other recent books are: “The Soviet Union and Eastern Europe in the Global Economy,” “International Political Economy and Socialism,” and “Transition to the Market in the USSR, the Center of the Shaken Planet.” Her recently published papers include the journal articles “Russia and Eastern Europe: In Transition Over,” “Journal of Comparative Economics and book chapters “How to Solve the Problems Resulting from the Collapse of East European Soviet Trade,” “Economic Relations of the (former) COMECON Countries: Past, Present, and Future,” “Market Economies as Project and Practice,” and “The ERBD in Eastern Europe,” in various edited books. In addition to these and other works in English, Professor Lavigne has published numerous books and articles in French. She is editor of the journal Economies et Societes and has served on the editorial boards of several other journals.

**Economic transition: What Remains To Be Done?**

Wednesday

October 15, 1997

3:00 P.M.

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Dr. Aslund graduated from both the Stockholm School of Economics and the University of Stockholm and received his Ph.D. in economics from Os­
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Dr. Lardy serves on the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of the National Committee on United States-China Relations, is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and is a member of the Editorial Board of the Chinese Economic Review. He has received several other awards as well. He has received sev­
eral prestigious fellowships and research grants from non-governmental organizations. He has also written numerous chapters in edited books. His books are forthcoming and are forthcoming from the University of Chicago Press and the Brookings Institution.

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