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University of Canterbury, New Zealand

The Ukraine crisis: a clash between a modern Russia and a postmodern European Union?
James Headley
University of Otago, New Zealand

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Natasha Kuhrt
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Vlad Vernygora
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Natalia Chaban
University of Canterbury, New Zealand

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Daniele Monticelli
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Karine Åkerman-Sarkisian
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Miriam Rossi
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Moscow State University

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Aaron T. Walter
University of Ss. Cyril & Methodius in Trnava

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Andrzej Turkowski
University of Warsaw

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Larisa Deriglazova
Tomsk State University

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Clarissa Hirst
Karlstad University, Sweden

Between Russian kin and Russian World: The contradicting goals of Russia’s foreign policy
Olga Talal
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Clingendael Institute

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Hanna Bazhenova
Institute of East-Central Europe, Lublin

Museum’s Place in Building up Non-Soviet Estonian Identity
Irakli Pipia
Tallinn University

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David Ilmar Lepasaar Beecher
University of California Berkeley

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Eva-Clarita Pettai
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Maria Mälksoo
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Ilya Nuzov
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Stefan Troebst
University of Leipzig

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**Deoffshorization Law: Political Perspectives in Putin’s Russia**
Maria Amoroso
University of Naples "L'Orientale"

**Translation 2: Translatability and Hermeneutic Challenges**

**Chair:** Julie Hansen
Uppsala University

**Translation as Inter / Intra Cultural Hermeneutics**
Olga Demidova
Leningrad State University and European University at St. Petersburg

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Piet Van Poucke
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Ora John Reuter
Case Western Reserve University
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Regina Smyth
Indiana University
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Wroclaw University

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Sergei Akopov
National Research University Higher School of Economics, Saint Petersburg

The dark side of cooperation? The EU, Russia and a new sphere of influence
Iain Ferguson
Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration, Saint Petersburg

Particularist, Universalist, Anti-European: Russian Discourse on Humanitarian Cooperation in the CIS
Natalia Morozova
National Research University Higher School of Economics, Nizhny Novgorod

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Tatiana Riabova
Ivanovo State University
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University of Coimbra

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Ghent University

The Eurasian Economic Union – an EU-like legal order in the post-Soviet space?
Maksim Karliuk
National Research University Higher School of Economics

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Peter Van Elsuwege
Ghent University

Central and Eastern European perceptions of the Eurasian Economic Union: fears of renewed Russian hegemony?
Fabienne Bossuyt
Ghent University

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Yale University

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Uppsala University

Policy Implementation in Russia: the Local Perspective
Ann-Mari Sätre
Uppsala University
Leo Granberg
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Organization of Political Life on Subnational Level: Local Political Practices and Institutions
Andrey Semenov
Center for Comparative History and Politics Studies
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Contracting out social services and decentralizing public sphere: explaining regional and municipal variations
Anna Tarasenko
National Research University Higher School of Economics

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University of Helsinki
Russia and its post-Soviet allies: current state of relations and possible future cooperation
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University of St Andrews

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Aliya Tskhay
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Case study on the ‘two Moldovas’: “All roads lead to...Rome?”
Nina Lutterjohann
University of St Andrews

An Increasingly Uneasy Alliance: Russia-Armenia Relations in the Age of Falling Oil Prices
Mikayel Zolyan
Regional Studies Center, Yerevan

Understanding Russian Position on Syria: Geopolitical Ambition or Domestic Necessity?
Daria Vorobyeva
University of St Andrews

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Harvard University

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Susanna Witt
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Maria Khotimsky
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Charlotte Bollaert
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University of Helsinki and Academy of Finland

Varieties of Imperial Legitimacy: The Case of Russia
Joseph MacKay
Columbia University

Europe as counter-discourse? The postcolonial backlash in the Polish government rhetoric
Dorota Kolodziejczyk
Wroclaw University

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Igor Torbakov
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Russian Transformism and Subaltern Social Groups in the Ukrainian Crisis
Maksim Kulaev
European University at St. Petersburg

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National Research University Higher School of Economics, Nizhny Novgorod

Economic Aspects of International Relations in Eurasia
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University of Oxford
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**Russian Foreign and Security policies: domestic shift and external implications**

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King's College London

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  Aglaya Snetkov  
  ETH Zurich

- Contesting boundaries, political entities and scales of regulations: Making and governing Eurasia
  Stephen Aris  
  ETH Zurich

- The return of the Russian state: Russian foreign policy and growing state capacity in the energy sector
  Ingerid Opdahl  
  Norwegian Institute for Defence Studies and Norwegian Defence University College

- Strategic narratives in the Middle East and their impact on the development international system
  Holger Mölder  
  Tallinn University of Technology and University of Tartu

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Uppsala University

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  Sofie Bedford  
  Uppsala University
  Laurent Vinatier  
  Uppsala University

- Political Opposition Beyond the Capital: Oppositional Alliances In Russian Regions
  Andrey Semenov  
  Center for Comparative History and Politics Studies

- Forgetting “Ploshcha”: Quest for Alternative Concepts for Analysis of Belarusian Activism
  Vasil Navumau  
  Uppsala University

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Södertörn University

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University of Coimbra

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  Siobhan Kattago  
  University of Tartu

- The Expectations of 1989-1991 Revisited: an Autoethnography
  Marcos Farias Ferreira  
  University of Lisbon

- To Whom Belongs History? Retrofitting the Past in Post-Soviet Russia, Estonia and Georgia
  Francisco Martínez  
  Estonian Academy of Arts

Discussant: Tiina Kirss  
University of Tartu
Translation 4: Ideology, Tradition and the Market

Chair: Susanna Witt
Uppsala University

Literature of World Revolution as/vs World Literature: an Editorial and Translation Project
Elena Ostrovskaya National Research University Higher School of Economics

Russian Classics in Estonian Translation during the 1950–1960s: Ideology and Poetics in the Translations of Nikolai Leskov
Ljubov Kisseljova University of Tartu
Lea Pild University of Tartu

Translation as a Means of Soft Power: Translating Soviet Non-Fiction from Russian into Finnish
Hannu Kemppanen University of Eastern Finland

Discussant: Roman Ivashkiv
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Russian Reforms: Problems of Implementation
Chair: Viacheslav Morozov
University of Tartu

An accident at the crossroad: how Russian (de)centralization influenced the social benefit reform in 2005
Andrey Starodubtsev University of Helsinki
Viktoriya Poltoratskaya National Research University Higher School of Economics

Administrative reform in Russia: comparative role of officials, civil society and expert community
Alexander Sungurov National Research University Higher School of Economics, St. Petersburg
Danil Tynakov National Research University Higher School of Economics, St. Petersburg

Open Government Policy in Russia: National and Regional Dynamics
Yuri Kabanov National Research University Higher School of Economics, St. Petersburg

Russia’s High-Technology Industries: A Post-Neoliberal Development Strategy for an “Industrial Breakthrough”
Anna Lowry University of Helsinki

Discussant: Marina Khmelnitskaya
University of Helsinki

Legacies of the Yugoslav Conflicts
Chair: Julie George
Queens College and City University of New York

The End of the Post-Yugoslav Settlement
Timothy Less University of Cambridge

The role of symbolic capital in shaping the separatists’ strategies – the case of Bosnia and Ukraine
Bogdan Zawadewicz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies in Regensburg

Discussant: Vassilis Petsinis
European Commission’s Representation in Greece

Youth, Education and Social Inclusion in Russia and Eastern Europe
Chair: Kristina Kallas
University of Tartu

Attitudes about Success: Can Economic Transformation and Instability Influence Youth Values?
Marianna Klochko Ohio State University, Marion

Minority education in East-Central Europe: demands and justifications
Anna Kyriazi European University Institute

Institutions and allocation of talent: evidence from Russian regions
Leonid Polishchuk Uppsala University
Timur Natkhov National Research University Higher School of Economics

Does higher education contribute to the change in attitudes towards government price control in Russia?
Maksym Bryukhanov National Research University Higher School of Economics

Discussant: Andrey Semenov
Center for Comparative History and Politics Studies
Ukraine: Revolution and Intervention

Do Institutions Really Matter? Reflections on Transition, Color Revolutions and Western Interventionism
Stefan Hedlund
Uppsala University

Revolution, External Intervention, and Civil Conflict: The Maidan Uprising and Their Impact on Russian Policy toward Ukraine
Mark Kramer
Harvard University

The Intersection of National Identity Politics and Orthodox Church Dynamics in the Ukraine Crisis: Political and Ecclesiastical Vectors of Change
Jerry G. Pankhurst
Wittenberg University

Russia’s View of Ukraine After the Crisis
Giovanna De Maio
Università degli Studi di Napoli L’Orientale

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University of Canterbury, New Zealand

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Italy’s Russia policy: squaring the ‘special relationship’ with Euro-Atlantic commitments
Marco Siddi
Finnish Institute of International Affairs

The Russia factor and its influence on the foreign policies of four Central-Eastern European member states
Cristian Nitoiu
London School of Economics

Finnish–Russian relations: Strategic tensions, new dependencies
Toivo Martikainen
Finnish Institute of International Affairs

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University of Tartu

Russia’s Changing Attitudes towards International Criminal Justice: is there a Way Forward?
Gleb Bogush
Lomonosov Moscow State University

Broken Human Rights Perception in Russia: After Crimea
Maria Issaeva
Threefold Legal Advisors LLC, Moscow

From commitment to compliance: Implementation of LGBT rights in Lithuania and Estonia
Ausra Padskocimaite
Uppsala University
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Russia, Europe, and the Prisoners’ Voting Rights Issue: a Minor Pretext for a Major Standoff
Grigory Vaypan
Institute for Law and Public Policy and Moscow State University

Discussant: Bill Bowring
University of London

Russian Foreign Policy (Making)

Status, power or both? Russia’s foreign policy after Ukraine
Maria Raquel Freire
University of Coimbra

Speaking Truth to Power? Knowledge, Expert Networks and Russian Foreign Policy Making
Alexander Graef
University of St. Gallen

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Andrei Znamenski
University of Memphis

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Tomsk State University
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Chair: Karine Åkerman-Sarkisian
Uppsala University

Time, Sleep and Death in Pelevin’s “Sleep” and its English translation: Ways of Interpreting Realia, Allusions and Time Movement
Anastasia V. Urzha
Moscow State University

Images of Translation in Contemporary Russian Fiction
Julie Hansen
Uppsala University

Thinking Translation through Georgii Danelia’s Osennii Marafon: Run, Buzykin, Run
Roman Ivaškiv
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Discussant: Maria Khotimsky
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Contemporary Challenges of Ethnicity and Identity in Eastern Europe

Chair: Maria Mälksoo
University of Tartu

Identity and Violence: Bringing Ethnicity Back in the Debate
Nino Kemoklidze
University of Birmingham

Working for interethnic dialogue: NGO driven participatory model for social agriculture in rural Hungary
Ildikó Asztalos Morell
Uppsala University

Nation-building and regional identities in Ukraine
Valentina Romanova
Institute for Strategic Studies "New Ukraine", Kiev

Olena Podolian
Södertörn University

Ethnicity and political (de)legitimization in Belarus: The case of Alexander Lukashenko
Anastasiya Astapova
University of Tartu

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University of Tartu

Energy Politics and Energy Security

Chair: Bruno Merlevede
Ghent University

Energy sector reform in Ukraine (2014-2016)
Eugenia Gusilov
Romania Energy Center (ROEC)

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Niels Smeets
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University of Tartu

Challenges to Democracy Promotion in the Neighbourhood

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Ohio State University

Status Seeking or Interest in Democracy Promotion in the Eastern Partnership States? Lithuania’s Foreign Policy Toward Ukraine
Gerda Jakstaite
Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas

Ausra Park
Siena College, NY

Promoting democracy through new media? Polish media assistance in Ukraine.
Aleksandra Galus
Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań

Invested in Ukraine: The Struggle of Lithuania against Russia Over the Future of Europe
Dovile Jakniuneaitė
Vilnius University

Fatal Attraction: Ukraine, EU Soft Power and the Capability-Expectations Gap
Kristian L. Nielsen
Copenhagen Business School

Discussant: Stefan Hedlund
Uppsala University
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**Sovereignty, Self-determination and Identity: Theorising and Explaining Change in International Order**

**Chair:** Timothy Less  
*University of Cambridge*

**Systemic Transformations and the Management of Secessionist Bids: Kosovo, South Caucasus, Crimea**  
Eiki Berg  
*University of Tartu*

**More harm than good? The pernicious influence of self-determination on international legal order**  
Ciarán Burke  
*Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena*

**Military intervention and self-determination of minorities: a few recent cases**  
Aleksandar Pavković  
*Macquarie University, Sydney*

**Sovereignty and Self-determination: Probing the Conceptual Foundations and Practical Ramifications of R2P**  
Eva Piirimäe  
*University of Tartu*

**Discussant:** Iain Ferguson  
*Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration, Saint Petersburg*

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**Culture and Politics in Contemporary Russia**

**Chair:** Tina K. Ramnarine  
*Royal Holloway University of London*

**Mass Literature as Indicator of Social Vectors in Modern Russia**  
Maria Galina  
*Novy Mir Magazine, Moscow*

**Contemporary Russian cultural policy: explicit discourse and implicit practice**  
Tatiana Romashko  
*Herzen State Pedagogical University of Russia, St. Petersburg*

**Metamorphoses of the legend of the Antichrist in post-Soviet Russia**  
Magda Małgorzata Dolińska-Rydzak  
*Justus-Liebig University in Giessen*

**From Attraction to Retraction and Its Artistic Consequences: The Russian Case**  
Helena Goscilo  
*Ohio State University*

**Discussant:** Julie Hansen  
*Uppsala University*
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Russian (Un)Civil Society in the Age of Politicization
Chair:  Vello Pettai
University of Tartu

“Les Miserables”: comparative biographies of Ukrainian and Novorossiyan militia commanders
Andrey Shcherbak National Research University Higher School of Economics

Politicization through Elections 2011-12: Prospects for Civil Society in Russia
Margarita Zavadskaya European University Institute, Fiesole

Consultative bodies in Russian politics: in search of theoretical framework
Dmitry Goncharov National Research University Higher School of Economics

The failed cooptation of local government: The case of Petrozavodsk
Mikhail Turchenko National Research University Higher School of Economics

Discussant:  Marianna Klochko
Ohio State University, Marion

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Secessionist Conflicts and Their Consequences
Chair:  Andrey Starodubtsev
University of Helsinki

Transnistrian conflict in the context of the policy of the European Union: points of contacts and contradictions
Anatoliy Dirun Moscow Institute of Business and Law, Tiraspol

Unintended Consequences: State Governance, Secessionist Movements, and Instability in Georgia and Moldova
Julie George Queens College and City University of New York

De Facto States – A European Challenge: Russian and European Policies in the Case of Abkhazia
Sebastian Relitz Institut for East and Southeast European Studies

Discussant:  Timothy Less
University of Cambridge

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Sovereignty: How Russia Sees Itself, Its Neighbours, and the World
Chair:  James Headley
University of Otago, New Zealand

Russia and the WTO: Beyond Sovereignty
Camille Merlen University of Kent

Crisis Modernisation: How Crises Strengthen Economic Institutions in Russia
Rabekah Everett University of Kent

Sovereignty and World Order: The Russian Perspective
Zachary Paikin University of Kent

The Baltic States and the “New” Geopolitics of European Security Order
Eoin Micheal McNamara University of Tartu

Discussant:  Cristian Nitoiu
London School of Economics

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Regional and Local Identities and Politics in the Russian Federation
Chair:  Regina Smyth
Indiana University

Political Transformation Under Control: The President’s Electoral Support in the Republics of the Russian Federation
Tatiana Tkacheva European University at St. Petersburg

How the multilevel elite loyalty strengthens electoral authoritarianism: Evidence from the gubernatorial elections in Russia
Elena Sirotkina National Research University Higher School of Economics

Local Self-Government Reform in Russian Regions 2003-2015: Factors of Mayors’ Survival
Pavel Kononenko St. Petersburg State University

Kristina Gushchina Independent researcher

Discussant:  Ora John Reuter
Case Western Reserve University
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Conflicting Perspectives on Security and Geopolitics

Chair: Andres Kasekamp
University of Tartu

Response to Changing Geopolitical Situation: Subjective Perception of External Threats

Eglė Vileikienė  Institute for Social Innovations, Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Lithuania and General Jonas Žemaitis Military Academy

Dutch perspectives on prospects for Europeanisation of Russia

Anthony (Tony) M. van der Togt  Clingendaal Insitute

Contestation, confrontation, counter-action: Collective identity constructions and perceptions of security in the South Caucasus

Susanne Szkola  University of Kent

Discussant: Dovile Jakniunaite
Vilnius University

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Identities and Rights in Contemporary Russia

Chair: Bernard Maegi
Normandale Community College

Identity, Home and an Imagined Future: Russian Women Migrants and Nationalism. ‘Chto Deylat?’ (What is to be Done?)

Shubhra Nagalia  Ambedkar University, Delhi

The European initiatives in fight against racism in Russia and Baltic States

Elena Eltc  Saint-Petersburg State University

‘Burden for Society’ or ‘Unique Experience’?: Constructing New Identity of Disabled People in Today’s Russia

Elena Nosenko-Stein  Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology, Russian Academy of Sciences

Discussant: Andrei Znamenski
University of Memphis