

Conference Agenda

Fifth Annual Tartu Conference on Russian and East European Studies

Date: Monday, 31/May/2021

5:00pm - 7:00pm

RT1: Pre-conference roundtable

Session Chair: **Holger Mölder**, Tallinn University of Technology

The rise of populism and information warfare - the influence of Russian strategic narratives on the Global Knowledge Warfare

Chair(s): **Holger Mölder** (Tallinn University of Technology, Estonia)

Presenter(s): **Eric Shiraev** (George Mason University), **Vladimir Sazonov** (University of Tartu/EMA), **Noel Foster** (Princeton University), **Zanobia Chan** (Princeton University), **Louis Wierenga** (University of Tartu)

Date: Saturday, 05/June/2021

4:00pm - 6:00pm

RT2: Pre-conference roundtable

Session Chair: **Epp Annus**, Tallinn University/ Ohio State University

Was there such thing as a Soviet subject? Subjectivities in flux, 1947-2000

Chair(s): **Epp Annus** (Tallinn University/ Ohio State University)

Presenter(s): **Alexey Golubev** (University of Houston), **Anatoly Pinsky** (University of Helsinki), **Epp Annus** (Tallinn University / Ohio State University), **Zita Karkla** (University of Latvia), **Uku Lember** (Tallinn University)

Date: Sunday, 06/June/2021

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Plenary: Plenary session

Session Chair: **Viacheslav Morozov**, University of Tartu

What makes a region a region? The future and promise of area studies

Ayşe Zarakol

University of Cambridge

Date: Monday, 07/June/2021

9:00am - 10:45am MA1: Disasters in transition – representation, memory, imagination
Session Chair: **Siobhan Kattago**, University of Tartu

Atomic and nuclear testimonies in their political context

Florence Fröhlig

Södertörn University

[Fröhlig-Atomic and nuclear testimonies in their political context-329.pdf](#)

Representations of the Chernobyl catastrophe in post-Soviet cinema: the narratives of apocalypse and rebirth

Johanna Lindblad

Lund University

[Lindblad-Representations of the Chernobyl catastrophe in post-Soviet cinema-330.pdf](#)

Political forms of exploitation and disaster in Senchin's Zona zatopeniia

Tora Lane

Södertörn University

[Lane-Political forms of exploitation and disaster in Senchins Zona zatopeniia-331.pdf](#)

A Tragic Way to Independence: Natural Disasters as a Cultural Trauma in Georgia

Ketevan Kakitelashvili

Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, Georgia

[Kakitelashvili-A Tragic Way to Independence-291.pdf](#)

9:00am - 10:45am MA2: International dimension of conflict management

Session Chair: **Michael Éric Lambert**, OSCE

Discussant: **Cesare Barberis**, Graduate Institute of Geneva

Perspectives of Donbas Reintegration: Ukrainian Political Strategies versus IDPs' Viewpoints and Intentions

Yuliya Bidenko

Karazin Kharkiv National University, Ukraine

[Bidenko-Perspectives of Donbas Reintegration-448.pdf](#)

The Strategic Entrapment in Delegated Rebellions: The Case of Local Elites in Donbas

Martin Laryš

Charles University, Czech Republic

[Laryš-The Strategic Entrapment in Delegated Rebellions-134.docx](#)

A more Independent Abkhazia and South Ossetia? Two Partially Recognized States' Foreign Relations since the Beginning of the Ukrainian crisis

David Xaver Noack

University of Mannheim, Germany

Instruments and means of penetrating the Russian Federation in the internal security dynamics of unresolved conflicts in Georgia and Ukraine

Elena Tudor-Onu

National School of Political Studies and Public Administration of Bucharest, Romania, Romania

9:00am - 10:45am MA3: International order and normative contestations

Session Chair: **Amelie Theussen**, University of Southern Denmark

Discussant: **Adrian Rogstad**, Leiden University

The EU, Russia and crisis: scripts of accountability

Tom Casier

University of Kent, Belgium

Discursive Interaction: The deployment of the 'Other' in the discursive battle over Syria in Russia and the West

Mario Baumann

Brussels School of International Studies - University of Kent, Belgium

[Baumann-Discursive Interaction-175.docx](#)

'The law is still the law': How Russian conceptions of legality conditioned the international responses to the Islamic State

Joakim Brattvoll

European University Institute, Italy

Space, borders and hybridity: a critical appraisal of EU and Russia narratives on Crimea's annexation

Maria Raquel Freire¹, **Ana Paula Brandão**²

¹CES|FEUC, University of Coimbra, Portugal; ²CICP, EEG, University of Minho, Portugal

9:00am - 10:45am

MA4: Everyday life and civic activism in Russia

Session Chair: **Leonid Polishchuk**, HSE University, Moscow

Discussant: **Alexander Sungurov**, National Research University Higher School of Economics - Saint Petersburg

Civic Culture vs. Apolitical Social Capital: The Case of Moscow Apartment Buildings

Leonid Polishchuk, **Alexander Rubin**, **Igor Shagalov**

National Research University Higher School of Economics, Moscow

Can citizens affect policy in hybrid regimes? Case of Russian waste management reform

Daniil Tiniakov

National Research University Higher School of Economics, Saint-Petersburg, Russian Federation

Non-Contentious Strategies of Environmental Social Movements in Contemporary Russia. Case study of *Razdel'niy Sbor* in Saint Petersburg

Maria Chiara Franceschelli¹, **Galina Selivanova**²

¹Scuola Normale Superiore; ²University of Bonn

[Franceschelli-Non-Contentious Strategies of Environmental Social Movements-154.pdf](#)

To be a decent citizen: justifications of everyday pro-environmental practices of young Muscovites

Daria Lebedeva

National Research University Higher School of Economics, Russian Federation

[Lebedeva-To be a decent citizen-367.pdf](#)

9:00am - 10:45am

MA5: Information technologies and the new media

Session Chair: **Jaana Reinek**, Baltic Defence College

Discussant: **Ilya Yablokov**, University of Leeds

Defining a Post-Soviet Political Regime via Digital News (Cases of Ukraine and Belarus)

Nataliia Steblyna

Vasyl Stus Donetsk National University, Ukraine

[Steblyna-Defining a Post-Soviet Political Regime via Digital News-279.docx](#)

Implementation of IT system in lack of digital labor conditions: Evidence from large Russian companies

Sofia Paklina, Iuliia Naidenova

National Research University Higher School of Economics, Russian Federation

[Paklina-Implementation of IT system in lack of digital labor conditions-180.docx](#)

Civil society and data in Russia: OVD-Info experience

Denis Shedov

HRC Memorial, OVD-Info, Russian Federation

[Shedov-Civil society and data in Russia-449.pdf](#)

The Contributions of New Media to Young People's Political Participation in Russia and Kazakhstan

Yerkebulan Sairambay

University of Cambridge, United Kingdom

[Sairambay-The Contributions of New Media to Young People's Political Participation-390.pdf](#)

9:00am - 10:45am MA6: Religion and National Indifference: Historical Perspectives from Imperial Borderlands

Session Chair: **Catherine Gibson**, University of Tartu

Religion, National Indifference, and Forms of Solidarity

Catherine Gibson, Irina Paert

University of Tartu

Could conversion bring worldly benefits? Reflections on the short- and long-term economic effects of the conversion to the Russian Orthodox Church in the Baltic province of Livland

Kersti Lust

University of Tallinn

Ruthenians into Romanians? National and religious indifference in Bukovina

Philippe Blasen

"A. D. Xenopol" Institute of History, Iași

An (Un)Loyal Orthodox People? 'Separatism,' Religious Ambiguity, and the Politics of Ethnicity in Early Twentieth-Century Bessarabia

Andrei Cușco

"A. D. Xenopol" Institute of History, Iași / „Ion Creangă” State University, Chișinău

9:00am - 10:45am MA7: Challenges in Internationalization of Higher Education in Postsocialist Russia and Cooperation with the EU

Session Chair: **Sirke Melina Mäkinen**, University of Helsinki

Discussant: **Katarzyna Kaczmarek**, University of Edinburgh

Tracing the Assemblage of Internationalisation of Postsocialist Russian Higher Education

Iuliia Gataulina

Tampere University

Collaborative degree programmes in internationalisation policies: The games of university stakeholders

Svetlana Shenderova

Tampere University

Internal Stakeholders in Double Degrees and Political Context of Finnish-Russian Cooperation

Sirke Mäkinen

University of Helsinki

Leadership at the Expense of Education: Universities of Northwest Russia in Cross-Border Cooperation Projects with EU Member States

Gleb Yarovoy¹, **Dmitry Lanko**²

¹University of Eastern Finland; ²St. Petersburg State University

11:15am - 1:00pm MB1: Roundtable

New regionalism on trial? Assessing the legacy of 1989 in Nordic-Baltic policy transfers and region-work

Chair(s): **Carl Emanuel Marklund** (Södertörn University, Sweden), **Mart Kuldkepp** (University College London)

Presenter(s): **Carl Emanuel Marklund** (Södertörn University), **Mart Kuldkepp** (University College London), **Ylva Waldemarson** (Södertörn University), **Kaarel Piirimäe** (University of Tartu)

11:15am - 1:00pm MB2: Roundtable

Studying the South Caucasus from the social science perspective – challenges, prospects, agenda

Chair(s): **David Sichinava** (CRRC Georgia, Georgia)

Presenter(s): **Tinatin Zurabishvili** (Università di Bologna), **Timothy Blauvelt** (Ilia State University, Tbilisi, Georgia; American Councils for International Education), **Anar Valiyev** (ADA University, Baku, Azerbaijan), **Sona Balasanyan** (CRRC-Armenia, Yerevan, Republic of Armenia; Yerevan State University, Republic of Armenia)

11:15am - 1:00pm MB3: Freedom of assembly in Russia: institutions, practices and protest publics

Session Chair: **Denis Shedov**, OVD-Info

Discussant: **Denis Shedov**, OVD-Info

Protest Publics: Comparative Analysis of Anti-garbage Protests in Moscow Region (2017-2020)

Alexandra Pozhivotko

National Research University Higher School of Economics, Russian Federation

Courts and the pandemic: an overview of the Russian experience

Alexandra Baeva

Human rights media project OVD-Info, Russian Federation

Criminal Prosecution in Relation to Mass Gatherings

Grigory Durnovo

Human rights media project OVD-Info, Russian Federation

[Durnovo-Criminal Prosecution in Relation to Mass Gatherings-501.docx](#)

Citizenship, gender, university: what increases the risks for participants of peaceful assemblies in Russia

Nataliya Smirnova

Human rights media project OVD-Info, Russian Federation

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You'll Never Stand Alone: How Activists Use Solo Demonstrations for Collective Action

Aleksandr Lokhmutov

Human rights media project OVD-Info, Russian Federation

[Lokhmutov-You'll Never Stand Alone-503.docx](#)

11:15am - 1:00pm

MB4: Education and social mobility

Session Chair: **Iuliia Gataulina**, Tampere University

Discussant: **Adam Lenton**, George Washington University

Educational Migration of Young Kazakhstanis: Life Strategies

Irina Chernykh

Kazakhstan Institute for Strategic Studies, Kazakhstan

Higher education transformation in the post-Soviet area: the case of Tomsk state university (Russia)

Anastasia Pogorelskaya

Tomsk State University, Russian Federation

[Pogorelskaya-Higher education transformation in the post-Soviet area-190.docx](#)

Russian academic migration to Finland: institutional culture, gender and race

Larisa Shpakovskaya

University of Helsinki, Finland

[Shpakovskaya-Russian academic migration to Finland-398.doc](#)

"Soul work": feelings and morality in Russian patriotic education

Yulia Sekushina

The Russian Literature institute (the Pushkin House), Russian Academy of Science, Russian Federation

[Sekushina-"Soul work"-410.pdf](#)

11:15am - 1:00pm

MB5: Russian regional developments

Session Chair: **Ramesh Ganohariti**, Dublin City University

Discussant: **Konstantinas Andrijauskas**, Vilnius University

Russia Colonizes Itself...again

Kara Kathleen Hodgson

UiT - The Arctic University of Norway, Norway

Cadre Policy of the Federal Center in the North Caucasus

Evgeny Ivanov

HSE University (Moscow), Russian Federation

"Shadow" practices of Chinese migrants in post-socialist Russia in the 1990s: economic and social components

Olga Vladimirovna Zalesskaia

Blagoveshchensk State Pedagogical University, Russian Federation

[Zalesskaia-Shadow practices of Chinese migrants in post-socialist Russia in the 1990s-362.docx](#)

New "old" experience: Russian-Dutch collaboration in the regional context (Tomskaya Oblast)

Olga Smolenchuk

Tomsk State University, Russian Federation

11:15am - 1:00pm

MB6: New orders of neighbourly relations in the big cities in Russia: commonalities, materialities, sensualities

Session Chair: **Olga Tkach**, Centre for Independent Social Research (CISR)

Discussant: **Anisya Khokhlova**, St. Petersburg State University

“The neighbor is dead, long live the neighbor!” Neighboring Communication as Art of Border Management

Olga Brednikova

Centre for Independent Social Research (CISR)

Ordering the private within the life-in-common: noise and smell in the neighborly relations

Liubov Chernysheva

University of Amsterdam

The symbolic meanings of housing in Russian industrial neighbourhoods: ‘Khrushchev-era’ versus ‘Stalin-era’ flats

Elizaveta Polukhina

National Research University Higher School of Economics, Moscow

[Polukhina-The symbolic meanings of housing in Russian industrial neighbourhoods-456.docx](#)

Homeowner as a neighbour: property choice, residential practices and prospects for settling down in the peripheral high-rise neighbourhoods

Olga Tkach

Centre for Independent Social Research (CISR)

Urban pioneers: establishing neighborly relations in new urban areas

Oksana Zaporozhets

National Research University Higher School of Economics, Moscow

11:15am - 1:00pm

MB7: COMPASS panel I: The Relevance of ‘Local’ in Order Formation: Resilience as Self-Governance in Central Eurasia

Session Chair: **Irina Petrova**, University of Kent

Discussant: **Elena Korosteleva**, University of Kent

Discussant: **Irina Petrova**, University of Kent

The Nationhood through Neighbourhood? Critical Reassessment of Representation of Central Asia in International Relations

Timur Dadabaev

University of Tsukuba

“Imitated” and Intuitional Resilience of Sufi-hamsoya

Nargis Nurulla-Khodzhaeva¹, **Munira Shahidi**²

¹Lomonosov Moscow State University; ²Tajik National University

Belarus between West and East: Experience of Social Integration - Inclusive Resilience

Victor Pravdivets, Anna Markovich, Artsiom Nazaranka

Belarusian State University

Azerbaijanis’ Resilient Society: Explaining the Multifaceted Aspects of People’s Social Solidarity

Azer Babayev, Kavus Abushov

ADA University

The Afghan Factor in Constructing Resilient Order in Central and South Asia

Akram Umarov

University of World Economy and Diplomacy

New EU Strategy in Central Asia: contemporary challenges and risks

Nargiza Sodikova

University of World Economy and Diplomacy, Uzbekistan

[Sodikova-New EU Strategy in Central Asia-464.docx](#)

11:15am - 1:00pm

MB8: Transition Culture in Estonia: Discursive Shifts and Transformations in Artistic Practises

Session Chair: **Virve Sarapik**, Eesti Kunstiakadeemia

Discussant: **Francisco Martínez**, Tallinn University

Postmodernism before modernism: the ambivalent perception of modernism in Estonia

Jaak Tomberg

University of Tartu

[Tomberg-Postmodernism before modernism-527.pdf](#)

The coming of postmodernism. The arrival of postmodernist theory in Estonian culture in the early 1990s

Piret Viires

Tallinn University

[Viires-The coming of postmodernism The arrival of postmodernist theory-528.pdf](#)

Theatre system in a whirl of changes: the case of Estonia

Luule Epner

Tallinn University

Nostalgic reconstruction in Estonian fiction film in the 1990s

Mari Laaniste

Estonian Academy of Arts

[Laaniste-Nostalgic reconstruction in Estonian fiction film in the 1990s-530.docx](#)

3:00pm - 4:45pm

MC1: Civil society in the post-socialist region: decentering experiences and practices

Session Chair: **Linda Cook**, Brown University

Chair: **Diana Potjomkina**, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Ghent University, United Nations University – CRIS

Discussant: **Karolina Kluczewska**, Centre for Global Cooperation Research, University of Duisburg-Essen

Re-scaling civil society mobilisation in Hungary: forging new alliances

Luca Sára Bródy

Centre for Economic and Regional Studies, Institute for Regional Studies, Békéscsaba

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Strategies of in/visibility in the authoritarian state: human rights activists and the EU in post-2014 Azerbaijan

Laura Luciani

Centre for EU Studies, Ghent University

Inside the promotion of anti-corruption and democratic principles in Russia: understanding the agency and role of civil society organizations

Francesca Chiarvesio

International Laboratory for Social Integration Research, National Research University Higher School of Economics

[Chiarvesio-Inside the promotion of anti-corruption and democratic principles-495.pdf](#)

Anti-feminism and feminist resistance in contemporary Russia

Naja Friederike Augustin

Freie Universität Berlin & National Research University Higher School of Economics

[Augustin-Anti-feminism and feminist resistance in contemporary Russia-496.pdf](#)

Civil Society as Remedy?

Anna Radiukiewicz

Institute of Political Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences

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3:00pm - 4:45pm MC2: Roundtable

Decision-making in Putin's Russia

Chair(s): **Nikolay Petrov** (Chatham House, United Kingdom), **Maria Lipman** (PONARS)

Presenter(s): **Henry Hale** (PONARS), **Kirill Rogov** (Liberal Mission), **Pavel Baev** (PRIO, Oslo), **Evgeny Ivanov** (HSE, Moscow)

3:00pm - 4:45pm MC3: Perspectives on security

Session Chair: **Leonardo Zanatta**, University of Bologna

Discussant: **Ksenia Maksimovtsova**, National Research University Higher School of Economics

Main securitizing and de-securitizing actors of the OSCE debate in the Western Balkan.

Eni Lamce

University of Vienna, Austria

'Anxiety', 'Loneliness' and 'Toska' in Ontological Security Studies: Insights from Russian Existential Philosophy, Literature and Cinema

Sergei Akopov

National Research University Higher School of Economics, Russian Federation

Establishing a New Global Oil Order in The Post-Pandemic Era: Russia-Saudi Arabia-USA Coalition as an Alternative for OPEC?

Javad Keypour, **Armand Fazullin**

Tallinn University of Technology

[Keypour-Establishing a New Global Oil Order in The Post-Pandemic Era-395.pdf](#)

3:00pm - 4:45pm MC4: Memory, conflict and illiberalism

Session Chair: **Jacqueline Dufalla**, Central European University

Discussant: **Vello Pettai**, University of Tartu

International conflicts over history: What do people make of it?

Félix Krawatzek

ZOiS, Germany

[Krawatzek-International conflicts over history-408.pdf](#)

Is Desecuritization of Memory Possible? The Curious Case of Russian-Polish Mnemonical Reconciliation

Natalia Morozova

National Research University Higher School of Economics, Russia, Russian Federation

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Towards Illiberal Memory Law Regime: The Evolution of Polish 'Memory Laws' in 1989-2020

Andrii Nekoliak

University of Tartu, Estonia

Main Temple of Mutual Legitimation: The New Cathedral of the Russian Armed Forces as a Site of Power Made Meaningful

Bojidar Angelov Kolov

University of Oslo

[Kolov-Main Temple of Mutual Legitimation-412.docx](#)

Living under Stalin's Great Terror: The Survivors Narratives in Georgia

Iveta Gogava

Tbilisi State University/Institute of Cultural Studies, Georgia

[Gogava-Living under Stalin's Great Terror-274.pdf](#)

3:00pm - 4:45pm MC5: From Coverage and Framing, to Conspiracies and Strategies in Russian Media

Session Chair: **Zea Szebeni**, University of Helsinki

Discussant: **Elizaveta Gaufrman**, University of Groningen

Locating Russia's Masked Presence in RT's Coverage of the 2019 EU Elections

Stephen Hutchings, Vera Tolz

University of Manchester

[Hutchings-Locating Russia's Masked Presence in RT's Coverage-535.pdf](#)

The world according to the truthseekers: Conspiracy and the everyday on RT

Ilya Yablokov

University of Sheffield

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The Art of Disruption: RT's Social Media Strategies

Elizaveta Kuznetsova¹, **Mykola Makhortykh**²

¹Harvard University; ²University of Bern

[Kuznetsova-The Art of Disruption-481.pdf](#)

International Media from Below: Assessing 'Relevance' in Online News for Russian Speakers in Estonia

Heidi Erbsen

University of Tartu

[Erbsen-International Media from Below-482.pdf](#)

Conspiracy hubs as a new actor in Czech politics

Jonáš Syrovátka

Masaryk University, Czech Republic

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3:00pm - 4:45pm MC6: Re-thinking security, strategy and (soft) power in the Baltic Sea region

Session Chair: **Margit Bussmann**, University of Greifswald

Discussant: **Andris Banka**, University of Greifswald

The influence of international crises on Russian soft power

Natalia Iost

University of Greifswald, Germany

Russia's Soft Power In Lithuania – A Victim of Othering?

Giedrius Česnakas

The General Jonas Žemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania

The Societal Security Concept: The Russian Perspectives

Alexander Sergunin

St. Petersburg State University/Moscow State Institute of International Relations

[Sergunin-The Societal Security Concept-340.docx](#)

Security in the Baltic Sea Region: Re-thinking strategic partners and territorial defense in Denmark

Amelie Theussen

Center for War Studies, University of Southern Denmark

3:00pm - 4:45pm

MC7: Internal and External Dynamics of the De Facto Statehood in Eurasia

Session Chair: **Kristel Vits**, University of Tartu

Discussant: **Magdalena Dembinska**, Université de Montréal

Discussant: **Donnacha Ó Beacháin**, Dublin City University

Cheque-Mates? Abkhazia's Quest for International Recognition

Donnacha Ó Beacháin

Dublin City University, Ireland

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What Did the 2004–2005 Election Crisis Mean for the Political Leadership in Abkhazia?

Angieszka Tomczyk

University of Warsaw, Poland

The 2020 Parliamentary Elections as a Reflection of the Crisis of the Political System of Transnistria (Pridnestrovie)

Anatoliy Dirun

Tiraspol School of Political Studies (Moldova, Transnistria)

[Dirun-The 2020 Parliamentary Elections as a Reflection of the Crisis of the Political System of Transnistria-5.doc](#)

Nation-building in Transnistria: Overview of Identities through the Lens of Tourism

Félix-Antoine Cloutier

University of Montréal, Canada

[Cloutier-Nation-building in Transnistria-507.pdf](#)

The 2006 Sovereignty Referendum in the De Facto State of Transnistria – Why Did It Take Place?

Marcin Kosienkowski

The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Poland

3:00pm - 4:45pm

MC8: Gender and biopolitics

Session Chair: **Natalia Kovyliava**, University of Tartu

Discussant: **Robert Sata**, CEU

Moments of explosions: St Petersburg LGBTIQ+ activists negotiating spaces and ideas

Pauliina Lukinmaa

University of Eastern Finland

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Seeing like a biopolitical migration state. Deconstructing migration data production in Russia.

Caress Schenk

Nazarbayev University, Kazakhstan

Shifting masculinity practices in Tajik migrants' transnational life

Rustam Samadov

Berlin Graduate School Muslim Cultures and Societies, Germany

[Samadov-Shifting masculinity practices in Tajik migrants' transnational life-183.pdf](#)

Family budget in Karachay family: gender of money.

Sofia Khosueva

National Research University Higher School of Economics, St. Petersburg

[Khosueva-Family budget in Karachay family-358.docx](#)

Post-Socialist gender order in Azerbaijan: between globalized feminism and conservative turn

Humay Akhundzade

Social Research Center, Azerbaijan

3:00pm - 4:45pm

MC9: GCRF COMPASS Panel II The Eurasian Post Socialist Order

Session Chair: **Siddharth Shanker Saxena**, University of Cambridge

Discussant: **Prajakti Kalra**, University of Cambridge

Social Capital as Community Insurance: The Role of Networks, Reciprocity, and Trust in Resilience of Kazakhstani Communities

Yulia Darmenova¹, **Eunjoo Koo**²

¹Karaganda Industrial University, Temirtau, Kazakhstan; ²McGill University

Localizing the Cold War Era Globality: Central Asian discourse of the "Soviet Asia" during the 1958 Afro-Asian Writers Congress

Boram Shin

Jeonbuk University, South Korea

Fragility and resilience community strategies in Belarus

Elena Korosteleva, Irina Petrova

University of Kent

Labour conflicts, trust, and state fragility in resource-abundant states: The case of Kazakhstan's extractive sector

Serik Orazagaliyev, Slyamzhar Akhmetzharov

Nazarbayev University

Locating Central Asians in the Making of Eurasia

Prajakti Kalra, Siddharth {Montu} Saxena

University of Cambridge and Cambridge Central Asia Forum

6:00pm - 7:45pm

MD1: Ideological transformations in Eurasia

Session Chair: **Adrian Rogstad**, Leiden University

Discussant: **Sergei Akopov**, HSE

Anti-Westernism in Eurasia: Neo-Eurasianism, Neo-Turanism and Neo-Ottomanism

Ümit Nazmi Hazır

National Research University Higher School of Economics, Russian Federation

Russia's 'Conservative turn' after 2012: evidence from European Social Survey data

Andrey Shcherbak

National Research University Higher School of Economics, Russian Federation

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The New Russian Militarism: Memory, Militainment, and (Discursive) Violence

Elizaveta Gaufman

University of Groningen

Yuri Dud' as 'A Hero of our Time: Identity Cues for the Young *Homo Post-Sovieticus*

Gulnaz Sharafutdinova

King's College London

6:00pm - 7:45pm MD2: Roundtable

Academic Orientalism: Western Academic Writing on the 2014 Ukraine Crisis and Russia's Annexation of Crimea and War in the Donbas

Chair(s): **Andrei Znamenski** (University of Memphis)

Presenter(s): **Taras Kuzio** (National University of Kyiv Mohyla Academy), **Serhiy Zhuk** (Ball State University), **Olga Bertelsen** (Embry-Riddle College of Security and Intelligence), **Andrey Makarychev** (University of Tartu), **Sanshiro Hosaka** (University of Tartu)

6:00pm - 7:45pm MD3: Critical perspectives on transition

Session Chair: **Kseniia Skogstad Larsen**, Prague University of Economics and Business
Discussant: **David Sichinava**, CRRC Georgia

Social Impact of Transition: An Interdisciplinary Perspective

Kristen Ghodsee, **Mitchell A Orenstein**

University of Pennsylvania, United States of America

Central & Eastern Europe in a modernization slope? – Attempts of catching ups and challenges of external dependencies

Zoltán Gál

University of Pécs, Hungary

Property and Civil Society: De-colonizing Property Relationships in Post-Socialist Cities

Marianna Shkurko, **Alexander Mikhaylov**

HSE University, Russian Federation

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Stuck in the "Grey Zone": An fsQCA of Constrained Transition States

Zachary Kramer

Charles University, Czech Republic

6:00pm - 7:45pm MD4: Orthodox Church and politics

Session Chair: **Katrin Uba**, Uppsala University

Discussant: **Irina Paert**, University of Tartu

Church, State, and Memory in post-Soviet Russia: Orthodoxizing History or Nationalizing Religion?

Ekaterina V. Klimenko

Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Sciences

[Klimenko-Church, State, and Memory in post-Soviet Russia-179.pdf](#)

Russian Orthodox Church and survivors of domestic violence: hopes, expectations and media representation

Yuliya Grishina

University of Wuppertal, Germany

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Unholy wars: understanding intra-Orthodox conflict in Ukraine since the granting of Tomos

Oxana Shevel

Tufts University, United States of America

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Geopolitical Dimensions of the Acquisition of Autocephaly for the Orthodox Church of Ukraine: Questions from the Global Experience with De-Secularization

Alar Kilp¹, **Jerry G. Pankhurst**²

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Re-ordering postsocialist disorder: The role of Orthodox Christianity in the economic sphere in Russia and Bulgaria

Detelina Tocheva¹, **Tobias Koellner**²

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6:00pm - 7:45pm

MD5: (De)constructing boundaries in the literary field

Session Chair: **Anna Gerasimova**, University of Tartu

Discussant: **Boris Aleksandrovich Lanin**, Polish Institute for Advanced Studies

***Noms de plumes* of Latvian Prose Writers under the Soviet Occupation (1968–1991)**

Jānis Oga

Institute of Literature, Folklore and Art of the University of Latvia (ILFA), Latvia

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The Deconstruction of the European Tradition of Tbilisi's Urban Poetry in the 1990s

Nino Pirtskhalava

Ilia State University, Georgia

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Illness as Metaphor in Alexei Salnikov's *The Petrovs in and around the Flu*

Nataliya Karageorgos

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Disputes Over Community Boundaries in the Russian Literary Field After 1991. Female Writers' Point of View.

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DYSTOPIC DISORDER IN TRANSLATION: SOROKIN'S NOVEL *Day of the oprichnik*.

Caterina Squillace

The Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland

Date: Tuesday, 08/June/2021

9:00am - 10:45am **TA1: Historical narratives and memory wars**

Session Chair: **Kacper Krzysztof Dziekan**, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan
Discussant: **Natalia Morozova**, National Research University Higher School of Economics, Russia

Rethinking the monuments to revolution

Tigran Harutyunyan

Independent researcher, Russian Federation

Soviet Monuments in Post-Soviet Cities: Reframing, Renaming, Replacing

Daria Radchenko

Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration

Memory, Don't Speak! Monumental negligence and memorial sacrifice in contemporary Estonia

Francisco Martínez

Tallinn University, Estonia

Framing the memory of the recent past: Evolving narratives about the constitutional crisis of 1993

Olga Malinova

National Research University Higher School of Economics, Russian Federation

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Memorials, Museums, and Memorial Museums: Remembering Mass Repression in Contemporary Moscow

Margaret Anderson Comer

Tallinn University, Estonia

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9:00am - 10:45am **TA2: Biopolitics in Eastern Europe and Eurasia: critical approaches**

Session Chair: **Alexandra Yatsyk**, University of Tartu
Discussant: **Ergo-Hart Västriik**, University of Tartu

Visual Biopolitics in Times of Exception: Outlining a Research Field

Andrey Makarychev

University of Tartu

Biopolitical populism and pastoral power in Poland: the case of LGBT and gender issues after 2015

Alexandra Yatsyk

University of Tartu

Expressions of Surrogacy Stigma in A Russian Online Forum

Natalia Khvorostyanov, Daphna Yeshua-Katz

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel

9:00am - 10:45am **TA3: Russia-West relations: Changing discourses of the Other post-Crimea**

Session Chair: **Gwendolyn Sasse**, Centre for East European and International Studies (ZOIS)
Discussant: **Félix Krawatzek**, ZOIS

"NATO is approaching our borders, should we not react?": Rhetorical commonplaces as drivers of Russian securitization of NATO

Julie Wilhelmsen, Anni Roth Hjermann

Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI)

The West and Selected Western Actors (Germany, Norway, Estonia, NATO) in the Russian Media: Post-Crimea Dynamics

Ekaterina Chimiris

Financial University under the Government of the Russian Federation

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Mass Common Sense and Mutual Othering in Estonia and Russia: Approaching the Problem

Viacheslav Morozov

University of Tartu

'Double standards' vs. 'whataboutism': colliding commonplaces in Russian and US official rhetoric

Kristian Lundby Gjerde

Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI)

9:00am - 10:45am TA4: Art, activism and resistance

Session Chair: **Philippa Mullins**, London School of Economics (LSE)

Discussant: **Volodymyr Ishchenko**, TU Dresden

Testing the Omnivore Hypothesis in Russia

Iuliia O. Papushina

National Research University Higher School of Economics, Russian Federation

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Managing Dissent in Post-Soviet Authoritarianism. The Hybrid Censorship of Protest Musicians in Belarus and Russia

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Probing, brokering and resisting the state: place-based activism in Moscow

Maria Davidenko, Victor Albert

National Research University Higher School of Economics, Russian Federation

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Who are populists in Russia – the regime or the opposition?

Denis Bilunov

Charles University, Czech Republic

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9:00am - 10:45am TA5: The global Baltics

Session Chair: **Kaarel Piirimäe**, University of Tartu

Discussant: **David Ilmar Lepasaar Beecher**, Tartu University

The Intermarium Project: Recycling Józef Piłsudski's Geopolitical Utopia

Eleanor Soekõrv

University of Pittsburgh, United States of America

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"Home" again: experiences and narratives of Baltic return migrants

Kata Fredheim, Zane Varpina

Stockholm School of Economics in Riga, Latvia

How has the role of Eastern European countries changed in the Baltic states' foreign policies over the last three decades?

Andrei Valodzkin^{1,2}

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(Re)imagining the Post-Soviet Baltic Republics Across the Continent: Mystic Representation, Illusive Reconstitution of Estonia in the South Korea Media.

Gyu Chan Jeon

Korea National University of Arts

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Talking about Brexit with Lithuanians: A Cognitive Anthropological Approach to EU Support

Rosita Garškaitė

Vilnius University

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TA6: Struggling with (Dis)Orders: The Politics of International Law in the Post-Soviet Region and Beyond

Session Chair: **Cindy Wittke**, Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies

Discussant: **Lauri Mälksoo**, University of Tartu

Russian Foreign Policy and International Law in the 1990s versus 2000s: Using, Abusing, or Creating a New Politico-Legal Environment?

Natalia Piskunova

Moscow State University

The International Legal Politics of Secession

Elia Bescotti

Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (IOS)

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Defining the Conflict and Uncontrolled Territories: The Interplay between Ukraine's Domestic Legislation and its Strategic Use of the "Lawfare"

Maryna Rabinovych

Kyiv School of Economics

Places and Spaces of Struggle in the post-Soviet Region: Rule of Law Promotion in Central Asia

Nargiza Kilichova

Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (IOS)

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TA7: The Appeal of the Banal: Populist Leaders' Visual Performances on Social Media. Case Studies in Eastern Europe

Session Chair: **Andrea Schmidt**, University of Pecs

Discussant: **Nataliia Steblyna**, Vasyl Stus Donetsk National University

Discussant: **Sophie Schmalenberger**, Aarhus University

"It feels good to clean" – Performing femininity in Hungarian politics

Zea Szebeni

University of Helsinki

Haf haf! The role of dogs in Czech populist political communication on social media

Ilana Hartikainen

University of Helsinki

AfD-politician Björn Höcke: Becoming an 'Ossi' on Instagram

Sophie Schmalenberger

Aarhus University

"Do you recognise me?" A Visual Analysis of Ukrainian Political Leaders' Self-representations on Instagram

Michael Cole

University of Tartu

9:00am - 10:45am

TA8: Disinformation and propaganda

Session Chair: **Heidi Erbsen**, Tartu University

Discussant: **Viktor Denisenko**, General Jonas Žemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania

Authoritarian Russia's Appeal as an 'Alternative Civilization' through Internet-based Media: the Case of Sputnik International

Jessica Valisa

University of Otago, New Zealand

Strategic narratives and public diplomacy in the Russian news media portrayal of Sweden: the case of Russia Today

Anna Ryzhova

University of Passau, Germany

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Leveraging public-private partnerships in effectuating online media control: The case of Russian Netoscope

Liudmila Sivetc, Mariëlle Wijermars

University of Turku, Finland

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RUSSIA'S SHARP POWER MANIFESTATIONS IN LITHUANIAN MASS MEDIA

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TB1: The Nagorno-Karabakh conflict: past and present

Session Chair: **Laura Luciani**, Ghent University

Discussant: **Yulia Nikitina**, MGIMO University

The CIA and the making of American Diplomacy in Nagorno-Karabakh (1988-2021)

Michael Lambert

OSCE Academy in Bishkek

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Separatism, Enemy Frames and Political Development in the Caucasus: a Comparative Analysis of Georgia and Azerbaijan

Cesare Figari Barberis

Graduate Institute of Geneva

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Peacebuilding in Nagorno-Karabakh: a gender perspective

Claudia Ditel

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The Role of Syrian Mercenaries in the Current Turkish Foreign Policy: a Comparative Analysis of the Use of Proxy Forces in the Libyan and the Nagorno-Karabakh conflicts

Leonardo Zanatta, Marco Alvi

University of Bologna, Italy

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11:15am - 1:00pm TB2: Character or Institutions? Explaining political passivity of Latvians

Session Chair: **Lelde Arnicane**, University of Tartu

Discussant: **Liisa Talving**, University of Tartu

Structure of Social Capital of Latvians

Sanita Vasiljeva

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Trust indicators for different Latvian population generations: framework of the social capital concept.

Sanita Šurina, Kristīne Mārtinsone

Rīga Stradins University, Latvia

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Character vs. Institutions: What Went Wrong with the Post-Soviet Transition?

Sergei Kruk

Latvian Academy of Sciences

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11:15am - 1:00pm TB3: Crises of democracy

Session Chair: **Zoltán Gál**, University of Pécs

Discussant: **Wojciech Ufel**, SWPS University

Post-truth politics, post-socialist (dis)orders and the crisis of democracy

Siobhan Kattago

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Democratic Decline in the EU and its Effect on Democracy Promotion in Central Asia

Shirin Tumenbaeva¹, **Anna-Lena Hoenig**²

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"Rethinking the Varsovian Express" - the similarities and the differences in Polish and Hungarian itranformation, lessons what we learned

Andrea Schmidt

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Anti-establishment and Euroscepticism: Bulgarian far-right 2005-2019

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11:15am - 1:00pm TB4: Authoritarianism and corruption

Session Chair: **Kristiina Silvan**, University of Helsinki / Finnish Institute of International Affairs

Discussant: **Francesca Chiarvesio**, HSE University

Analysis of the 2020 presidential elections in Belarus: functions, strategies and the menu of electoral manipulations

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Cultural and Organizational Causes for Active Corruption – Results of Cross-Country Experimental Corruption Research in Russia, Poland and Germany

Alexander Fürstenberg, Sebastian, Dr. Starystach

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Case study of populism and authoritarian rule. The example of the foreign policy of the Republic of Poland

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Political Consequences of the Implementation of Municipal Heads' Appointments in Russia

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Corruption as a threat to societal security in the Russian Far East

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TB5: Information warfare and security in the Baltic region

Session Chair: **Gerda Jakstaite-Confortola**, General Jonas Zemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania
Discussant: **Vladimir Sazonov**, University of Tartu

Polarization for Paralysis: How Authoritarian Regimes Weaponize Information to Shift Foreign Political Behaviors in the Post-Soviet Sphere

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Russian information warfare in Lithuania. Lithuanian experience.

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NATO Enhanced Forward Presence in Lithuania as subject of Kremlin propaganda

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Military maneuvers and geopolitical signaling in the Baltic Sea region

Andris Banka, Margit Busmann

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The nexus between the Baltic governments and think tanks: Instrumentalizing for the national interest

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11:15am - 1:00pm TB6: History, institutions and practices

Session Chair: **Natalia Piskunova**, Moscow State University

The KGB's Transformations during Perestroika

Sanshiro Hosaka

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A Failed Democratic Turn? Soviet attempt to participate in the postwar integration

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Repressive Stalinism Regulations in Criminal Law of Post-Soviet Countries

Ansis Ataols Bērziņš

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Features of status transmission in professional dynasties of Russian society

Oxana Posukhova

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Dividing the Caspian: conflict, cooperation and sovereignty in early post-Soviet period

Leyla Sayfutdinova

University of Eastern Finland, Finland

11:15am - 1:00pm TB7: Centre-periphery relations in Russia

Session Chair: **Alisa Romanovna Shishkina**, National Research University Higher School of Economics

Discussant: **Evgeny Ivanov**, HSE University (Moscow)

Establishing a dialogue between State and indigenous peoples (using the example of small indigenous peoples of North-Western Russia)

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The Rise of Paradiplomacy of the Subjects of Federation and the Russian foreign policy in the first half of 1990s

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Paradiplomacy in Russia's counter-terrorism strategy: the case of Kabardino-Balkaria

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The Legitimacy of Individualism and Voluntary Cooperation in Modern Rural-Urban Russian Market Formation through the Lenses of Cultural-Institution Evolution and Rebellion in Nineteenth-Century Russia

Sylvia Sztern

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel

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Transportation Infrastructure, Expansion of Soviet Power, and Russia's "Political Connectivity" in Crimea

Konstantinas Andrijauskas

Vilnius University, Lithuania

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11:15am - 1:00pm TB8: Civil society in action

Session Chair: **Luca Sára Bródy**, Centre for Economic and Regional Studies

Discussant: **Olena Podolian**, Sodertorn University

"I don't feel like a classic *pravozashchitnik*": Rethinking rights through civil society in action

Philippa Mullins

London School of Economics

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Post-Soviet Civil Society in Transition: Leftist Social Movements in Lithuania

Laura Dauksaite

Central European University

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The political role of NGOs in the East Europe: the Lithuanian case

Marta Gadeikiene

Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania

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From former aid beneficiaries to aid professionals: the rise of internationalized civil society elites in Poland

Galia Chimiak

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3:00pm - 4:45pm TC1: Soviet literary institutions vs. post-soviet literary communities: legacies, relationships and market transformations

Session Chair: **Evgeniya Isaakovna Vorobyeva**, Russian State University for the Humanities

Discussant: **Jānis Oga**, Institute of Literature, Folklore and Art of the University of Latvia (ILFA)

The Long and Winding Road: Reading in Russia in Soviet Time and Now

Anna Gerasimova

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Between Individual and Impersonal: Social Systems of Contemporary Russian Literature

Anna Nizhnik

Russian State University for the Humanities

The Figure of Late Soviet "Poet-Songwriter" in Institutional Design of Official Song Industry

Anna Ganzha

3:00pm - 4:45pm TC2: Geopolitics, security and migration in East-Central Europe and in the post-Soviet region

Session Chair: **Tomasz Stepniewski**, Institute of Central Europe
Discussant: **Louis John Wierenga**, University of Tartu

NATO, the European Union, Ukraine and Putin's Russia: geopolitics and security issues

Tomasz Stepniewski¹, **George Soroka**²

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Migration in the Baltic States: New Trends, New Dimensions

Aleksandra Kuczyńska-Zonik

Institute of Central Europe, Poland

Migration from Eastern Europe after Ukrainian crisis: determinants, scale and significance

Andrzej Szabaciuk

Institute of Central Europe, Poland and Catholic University of Lublin, Poland

The Visegrad Group in the face of contemporary geopolitical challenges

Agata Tatarenko

Institute of Central Europe, Poland

3:00pm - 4:45pm TC3: Women's struggles in the post-socialist world

Session Chair: **Galia Chimiak**, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Sciences
Discussant: **Larisa Shpakovskaya**, University of Helsinki

Silencing women - The populist turn against gender in Hungary

Robert Sata

Central European University, Hungary

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What Is Left to Women's Protest in Authoritarian Russia? Exploration of Opportunities for Mobilization

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Post-Soviet re-Islamization and Islamic education as sources of building new identities: a case of women in Dagestan

Alisa Romanovna Shishkina, **Leonid Markovich Isaev**

National Research University Higher School of Economics, Russian Federation

Securitising sex work in Tajikistan

Karolina Kluczevska

'Centre for Global Cooperation Research, University of Duisburg-Essen

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Social construction of contraception risks among Russian women

Polina Krapchitova

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Session Chair: **Simo Mannila**, University of Helsinki
Discussant: **Caress Schenk**, Nazarbayev University

TYPES OF PROFESSIONAL IDENTITY AMONG YOUNG DOCTORS WORKING IN RURAL AREAS

Konstantin Galkin

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Working in political technology in modern Russia: features of professional trajectories and identities

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Physicians' work and the Health Care Reform in Russia

Saniya Isaakovna Boyarkina

The Sociological Institute of the RAS — Branch of the Federal Center of Theoretical and Applied Sociology of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Russian Federation

3:00pm - 4:45pm TC5: Ethnopolitics and national identities

Session Chair: **Kristjan Kaldur**, University of Tartu
Discussant: **Gulnaz Sharafutdinova**, King's College London

Managing ethnicity in the transition to democracy

Peter Rutland

Wesleyan University, United States of America

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Regional Disparities of Belarusian Identity: Logic and Conundrums

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Is Ukraine a Multiethnic Country?

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A tale of two countries and a minority: Evidence from Széklerland about how two populist-nationalist stimuli influenced the Székler people

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3:00pm - 4:45pm TC6: Populism

Session Chair: **Stefano Braghiroli**, University of Tartu
Discussant: **Siobhan Kattago**, University of Tartu

From Democratization to Populism: Explaining the rise and resilience of populism in Central Europe

Tsveta Petrova, **Maria Snegovaya**

Columbia University, United States of America

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Illiberal civil society in post-communist countries

Alexander Sungurov, **Dariya Kiseleva**

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Adapting, Zig-zagging or Staying Put? Populist Supply, Welfare, and Cultural Divisions in Lithuania and Hungary

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Participation of Populist Radical Right Parties in Coalition Governments of Central and Eastern Europe after the 'Great Recession': Do National Party Systems Matter?

Iliia Viatkin

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3:00pm - 4:45pm

TC7: Central Asian politics

Session Chair: **Nargiza Kilichova**, Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (IOS)

Discussant: **Prajakti Kalra**, University of Cambridge

Michel Foucault's concept of 'dispositif of security': Central Asian weak states

Rustam Burnashev

Kazakh-German University, Kazakhstan

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"The one and only" - Russia in political discourse of Kyrgyz Republic

Oliwia Piskowska

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Stepping down but remaining in power? Gradual authoritarian leadership succession in 2010s Kazakhstan

Kristiina Silvan

University of Helsinki / Finnish Institute of International Affairs, Finland

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Consequences of Non-Consolidation: Evaluating Hierarchy and Resilience in Kyrgyz Republic

Yuval Weber^{1,3}, **Fabienne Bossuyt**²

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The current difficulties in building resilient local government institutions: the case study of Uzbekistan

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TC8: Secession, democracy and nation-building

Session Chair: **Elia Bescotti**, Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (IOS)

Discussant: **Michael Éric Lambert**, OSCE

A Potential Fifth Column? Anti-Secession Sentiment Among Transnistria's Moldovans, 1989-1990.

Keith Sean Harrington

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Hybrid Democratizations in de facto States

Magdalena Dembinska

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Citizenship in post-Soviet *de facto* States - Citizenship legislation as a nation-building tool

Ramesh Ganohariti

Dublin City University

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The Conflict over Abkhazia: Mutually Exclusive National Projects and A Fragmented Statehood

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TD1: Georgian politics

Discussant: **Timothy K. Blauvelt**, Ilia State University/American Councils for International Education

The political decision-making process and business elites in Post Soviet transformations: the case of Georgia's mining enterprises

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Multistakeholder Bodies in the EU's Partner Countries: Analysing Inclusiveness of the Georgian Domestic Advisory Group

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Trauma or Triumph: Georgia in the early 1990s

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TD2: The crisis of liberal ordering and postcolonial alternatives

Session Chair: **Anna Radiukiewicz**, the Institute of Political Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences

Discussant: **Ayşe Zarakol**, University of Cambridge

When Stigmatisation Fails: Post-socialist Europe and the Crisis of Liberal Ordering

Adrian Rogstad

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The EU's Resilience Discourse in its Relations with Russia from a Postcolonial Perspective

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Otherwise Postcolonialism. East and Central European postcolonial rhetoric in political and intellectual discourse.

Anton Saifullayev

University of Warsaw, Poland

'Anti-communism' as a distinctive element of post-socialist colonization. Understanding today's populism and struggles of the New Left in Poland

Wojciech Ufel

SWPS University, Poland

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Russian 19th century colonization of California in cultural memory of California's citizens

Kacper Krzysztof Dziekan

Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan, Poland

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TD3: World Geopolitical (Dis)order: Sovereignty and Legitimacy of Non-recognized States

Session Chair: **Eiki Berg**, University of Tartu

Chair: **Vladimir Kolosov**, Institute of Geography of Russian Academy of Sciences

Discussant: **Eiki Berg**, University of Tartu

Geopolitical orientations of the de facto states in the post-Soviet space: Results from nationwide surveys in early 2020.

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Everyday life and internal sovereignty of Transnistria and Abkhazia: 30 years of de-facto independence

Vladimir Kolosov, **Maria Zotova**

Institute of Geography, Russian Academy of Sciences

Health Care in Post-Soviet De Facto States: Effects of Non-Recognition

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Monopoly of Force: Gun Policy and Demobilization - Disarmament - Reintegration (DDR) in de facto Nagorno-Karabakh Republic Republic

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Prospects and limitations of economic development of South Ossetia as a Non-Recognized State

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TD4: Regional integration and international factors of regime dynamics

Session Chair: **Akram Umarov**, University of World Economy and Diplomacy

Discussant: **Matthew Light**, University of Toronto

The Role of Regional Organisations in Authoritarian Learning

Stephen Hall

University of Cambridge

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Authoritarian Policy Diffusion: Social Policy and Human Rights Strategies Across Countries

Pavel Bacovsky, Srinivas Parinandi, Sarah Wilson Sokhey

University of Colorado Boulder, United States of America

Quo vadis, Union State? The Russia-Belarus Integration and the Question of Sovereignty

Andras Racz

German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP), Germany

Autocratic Legalism in Hungary During COVID-19 Pandemic: Eroding Rule of Law at Home and at the EU

Alexandra Yao

University of Toronto, Canada

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TD5: Media and political discourses in Russia

Session Chair: **Zenobia Chan**, Princeton University

Discussant: **Ekaterina Chimiris**, Financial University Under the Government of Russian Federation

Reconceptualizing Post-Soviet Press

Igor Klyukanov, Galina Sinekopova

Eastern Washington University, United States of America

Content strategies of local media in Northern European Russia

Bela Lebedeva, Konstantin Petrov, Maria Teplyh

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“Nash Maidan”: The Comparison Between the 2014 Ukraine Revolution and the 1993 Russian Constitutional Crisis in Russian Media

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King's College London, United Kingdom

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#New_media — A New Dimension of Political Conflicts? Securitization of Coercive Economic Sanctions in Russian and American Digital Media after the Ukraine Crisis.

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TD6: Soviet Intelligence Practices and Cold War Culture Legacy in Post-Soviet Russia, Ukraine, and the United States

Session Chair: **Sanshiro Hosaka**, University of Tartu

Old Wine in New Bottles: Soviet and Russian Disinformation Campaigns and Active Measures

Taras Kuzio

National University of Kyiv Mohyla Academy

The Seductive Adversary: The Cultural Legacy of the KGB Anti-American Operations in Soviet and Post-Soviet Ukraine

Sergei Zhuk

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“Gosdep Factor” Meets “Russian Collusion”: Legacy of Cold War Culture in US and Russia Domestic Politics

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The Hollywood “Red Scare” of the American politics of identity in the early Cold War

Dmitriy Riabov

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TD7: Protest movements in Russia and Belarus

Session Chair: **Katrin Uba**, Uppsala University

Discussant: **Igor Gretskiy**, Saint Petersburg State University

An improbable choice: Incentives to join opposition political parties in Russia

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Civic Duty, Voting, and Opposition Weakness in Russia

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Mobilization in Belarus: A profile of the protesters and the protest dynamics

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Subnational State Coercion and Political Opposition in Russia: Analysis of Aleksei Navalny's 2017-18 Presidential Campaign

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