

## Schedule of panel sessions

# Sixth Annual Tartu Conference on Russian and East European Studies

12–14 June 2022

*All sessions take place in the Faculty of Social Sciences building, Lossi 36*

## Monday, 13 June

9:00am - 10:45am

### MA1: Ukrainian civil society and the consequences of the war

Location: **214**

Session Chair: **Bojidar Angelov Kolov**, University of Oslo

Discussant: **Vasil Navumau**, Ruhr-University Bochum

#### **Urban Activism, Police Brutality and Everyday-Resistance - How Kyiv's Cultural Sector is Reclaiming the City**

**Alexandra Wishart**

University of Ottawa

#### **Civilizational discourse in the post-Maidan Ukrainian cinema in the context of the Russian-Ukrainian conflict**

**Elzbieta Olzacka**

Jagiellonian University

#### **Contradicting Discursive Borders: Remaking Vocabularies of Belonging among Ukrainian Refugees in Russia**

**Qianrui Hu**

University College London

#### **Why Ukrainian displaced people chose Latvia during the 2022 war in Ukraine**

**Kata Fredheim**<sup>1,2</sup>, **Zane Varpina**<sup>1,2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Stockholm School of Economics in Riga; <sup>2</sup>Baltic International Centre for Economic Policy Studies

9:00am - 10:45am

### MA2: Memory and politics

Location: **306**

Session Chair: **Siobhan Kattago**, University of Tartu

Discussant: **Siobhan Kattago**, University of Tartu

#### **Memory Institutionalized: Shifting the Politics of History and Remembrance in Poland**

**Nathan Wolf Alan-Lee**

University College London

#### **'Monuments of Gratitude' to the Red Army in Russia's Foreign Policy toward Poland**

**Igor Gretskiy**

International Centre for Defence and Security, Tallinn

#### **Whom does Crimea really belong to? The role of myths in justification of Russia's annexation of the peninsula**

**Olena Podolian**

Södertörn University

#### **The Aesthetics of Conflict: How Russian Ministry of Defense Promotes Patriotism to Millennials and Zoomers**

**Maria Engqvist**

Swedish Defence Research Agency

9:00am - 10:45am

**MA3: Geopolitical upheavals in Central and Eastern Europe: Russia's influence, security dilemma and national identity**

Location: **307**

Session Chair: **Tomasz Stepniewski**, Institute of Central Europe

Chair: **Aleksandra Kuczyńska-Zonik**, The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin / Institute of Central Europe

**NATO's Eastern Flank, Russo-Ukraine Conflict and East-Central Europe's Security Dilemma**

**Tomasz Stepniewski**

The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin / Institute of Central Europe

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**Political immigration and national identity in the Baltic states**

**Aleksandra Kuczyńska-Zonik**

The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin / Institute of Central Europe

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**Targeting Poland: History as a tool of Russian disinformation**

**Agnieszka Legucka**

Polish Institute of International Affairs (PISM) / Faculty of Business and International Relations, Vistula University

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**Cognitive warfare in Ukraine as a challenge for global journalism standards modernization**

**Yuriy Zaliznyak**

Ivan Franko National University of Lviv

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9:00am - 10:45am

**MA4: Marketisation, public sector reform and the (im)morality of informality**

Location: **305**

Session Chair: **Abel Polese**, Tallinn University

Discussant: **Arnis Sauka**, Stockholm School of Economics in Riga

**What is informality? (mapping) "the art of bypassing the state" in Eurasian spaces - and beyond**

**Abel Polese**

Dublin City University

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**The Role of Informal Competition in Driving Innovation in the Kazakh Economy**

**Tommaso Aguzzi**<sup>1</sup>, **Rodica Ianole-Calin**<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Tallinn University of Technology; <sup>2</sup>University of Bucharest

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**Migrant Entrepreneurship and Future of Diaspora: The Case of Central Asian Migrants in Russia**

**Ekaterina Vorobeva**

The Research Centre for East European Studies, University of Bremen

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**Consumer Tax ethics: A case study of Kazakhstani consumers**

**Talshyn Tokyzhanova**

Tallinn University of Technology

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**The Effect of Informal Institutions on Prosperity in the Context of Post-Communist Countries**

**Ivan Pidorenko**

Corvinus University of Budapest

9:00am - 10:45am

**MA5: The Future as Past. New Forms of Utopianism in the post-Soviet Culture: From Palingenesis to Cyberpunk**

Location: **205**

Session Chair: **Sanna Turoma**, Tampere University

Chair: **Mark Lipovetsky**, Columbia University

Discussant: **Sanna Turoma**, Tampere University

**From subversion to cynical consensus: Transformations of the Soviet trickster in Putin's Russia**

**Mark Lipovetsky**

Columbia University

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**The Palingenetic Utopia in Russia Today**

**Leonid Heller**

University of Lausanne

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**A Disconcerting Past**

**Alexander Dmitriev**

Central European University

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**Future as Past. The Metro Dystopia in Russian Contemporary Literature**

**Anastasia de La Fortelle**

University of Lausanne

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9:00am - 10:45am

**MA6: Challenges to authoritarian stability in Russia**

Location: **215**

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

Discussant: **Theodore Paul Gerber**, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Putin's Legitimation Strategies under Pressure**

**Bo Petersson**

Malmö University

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**The Concept of Democracy in the Soviet Union: a Historical Legal Analysis**

**Sevanna Poghosyan**

University of Tartu

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**'We will Conquer the Motherland': How the Russian Nationalists in Exile Legitimize their Fight against Putin's Regime**

**Martin Laryš**

Institute of International Relations Prague

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**Poverty, confidence and class in Russia**

**Simo Mannila**

Simo Mannila Consulting

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**Presidential popularity rates and international crises: A quantitative assessment of the Rally-Round-the-Flag-Effect in Russia**

**Margit Bussmann, Natalia Iost, Igor Okunev**

University of Greifswald

11:15am - 1:00pm

**MB1: Security and society in contemporary Ukraine**

Location: **307**

Session Chair: **Dmytro Khutkyy**, University of Tartu

Discussant: **Dmytro Khutkyy**, University of Tartu

**Defence reforms in Ukraine since 2014: the potential and limits of international cooperation**

**Bettina Renz**

University of Nottingham

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**NATO models, Ukrainian realities: The Politics of Reforming Civil-Military Relations**

**Sarah Whitmore**

Oxford Brookes University

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**Interpretation of Europe in its borderlands: what "Europe" and "European" means in the "Donbas"**

**Kataryna Zarembo**

National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy / New Europe Center

11:15am - 1:00pm

**MB2: Social transformations through the prism of gender, education and art**

Location: **205**

Session Chair: **Saara Ratilainen**, Tampere University

Discussant: **Saara Ratilainen**, Tampere University

**Women in academia before 1945: academic career opportunities for women at the University of Tartu**

**Janet Laidla**

University of Tartu

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**Being a Female Scholar in mid-1980s–mid-2000s: Transition to Post-Soviet and Academic Mobility**

**Alexandra Koroleva**

Central European University

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**Between Tradition and Progress: Female Politicians and Businesswomen as Represented in Contemporary Polish Cinema**

**Patrycja Monika Chudzicka-Dudzik**

University of Lodz

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**Gender Aspects of the Rehabilitation and Reintegration Programs for Returnees from Syria and Iraq (the Case of Central Asian Countries)**

**Irina Chernykh**

Kazakh-German University

11:15am - 1:00pm

**MB3: Roundtable**

Location: **306**

**Methodological innovation in former Soviet spaces: new approaches to data collection in the post-socialist region from the invisible to the everyday**

*Chair(s):* **Abel Polese** (Tallinn University), **Donnacha OBeachain** (Dublin City University)

*Presenter(s):* **Margherita Gobbat** (Center for Social Sciences), **Giulio Benedetti** (SSE Riga), **Talshyn Tokyzhanova** (Tallinn University of Technology), **Olga Temina** (Maastricht University), **Arnis Sauka** (SSE Riga)

11:15am - 1:00pm

**MB4: Restoration of Lithuanian independence revisited**

Location: **206**

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

**A Journey with No Clear Destination? Postsocialist Transformation as a Time Period in Collective Memory of Citizens of Lithuania**

**Valda Budreckaite**

Vilnius University

**“It was the matter of right choice”: individual and social memories of national reform movement *Sąjūdis* in Lithuania in the 1980s-1990s (the perspectives of national minorities)**

**Kristina Šliavaite**

Institute of Sociology at the Lithuanian Center for Social Sciences

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**The role and involvement of national minorities’ civic organizations in the events and processes of the restoration of Lithuanian statehood in the 1990s**

**Monika Frėjutė-Rakauskienė**

Institute of Sociology at the Lithuanian Centre for Social Sciences

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**Rethinking the Narrative: Constructing Identity of Russian Minority in Russian-language Press of Lithuanian Reform Movement (1988–1991)**

**Andrius Marcinkevičius**

Lithuanian Centre for Social Science

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**Many happy returns: what makes the return migration experience a success, the case of Lithuanian return migrants**

**Kata Fredheim<sup>1,2</sup>, Ruta Dapkunaite<sup>1</sup>, Zane Vaprina<sup>1,2</sup>**

<sup>1</sup>BICEPS, Stockholm School of Economics in Riga; <sup>2</sup>BICEPS, University of Vilnius

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**MB5: Perspectives on economic progress**

Location: **305**

Session Chair: **Juhan Saharov**, University of Tartu

Discussant: **Susanne Oxenstierna**, Swedish Defence Research Agency, FOI

**Economic Dependencies of Central and Eastern Europe: Core-Periphery Relationships from a Geoeconomic Perspective**

**Zoltán Gál<sup>1,2</sup>, Szilárd Rácz<sup>2</sup>**

<sup>1</sup>University of Pécs; <sup>2</sup>Centre for Economic & Regional Studies

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**Industrial and agricultural policies in Belarusian and Estonian Soviet Republic. Reason for differences in transition?**

**Kacper Wańczyk**

Kozminski University

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**How bright was the ‘bright tomorrow’? Soviet progress and its aftermath in the countryside**

**Antanas Terleckas**

Vilnius university

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**Birth of a “Miracle”: The Hungarian Roots of Perestroika-era Estonian Market Thought**

**Kevin Axe**

Free University of Berlin

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**11:15am - 1:00pm**

**MB6: The EU's soft power in the neighbourhood**

Location: **214**

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

Discussant: **Tom Casier**, University of Kent

**EU soft and Russian hard powers in Azerbaijan: The struggle has begun**

**Anar Valiyev**

ADA University

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**Implementation is the hardest word: demystifying the (non-)compliance to European Union acquis in Georgia 2012-2020**

**Michel Vincent Anderlini**

Malmö University

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**Why Georgians support democracy: Value-oriented choice or search for alternative ways of government?**

**Rati Shubladze**

Georgian Institute of Public Affairs (GIPA)

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**Assessing EU perceptions in Central Asian countries: from donor to economic partner**

**Nosirkhon Qodirov**

University of Szeged

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**EU and Russian regulatory power: Prescribing rules and practices in Moldovan and Armenian food safety regimes**

**Isabell Burmester**<sup>1,2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>University of Geneva; <sup>2</sup>University of Tartu

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**11:15am - 1:00pm**

**MB7: New environmental and energy security challenges**

Location: **215**

Session Chair: **Andrei Belyi**, Balesene OÜ

Discussant: **Andrei Belyi**, Balesene OÜ

**Securitization of Climate Change as *threat multiplier* in CEE: Case of Estonia**

**Ramon Loik**<sup>1</sup>, **Evelin Jürgenson**<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>International Centre for Defense and Security ICDS; <sup>2</sup>Estonian University of Life Sciences

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**Rethinking History in the Face of Ecological Destruction: Protecting the Romanian Old Growth Forests**

**Ileana Nachescu**

Rutgers University

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**How has Polarity Affected the Arctic? The Shift From Unipolarity to Multipolarity**

**Joseph D'Aquisto**

Tallinn University

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**The EU plan to break free from Russian energy**

**Anastasiya Shapochkina**, Gabrielle Valli

Eastern Circles

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**2:30pm - 4:15pm**

**MC1: Leaving care in Russia**

Location: **205**

Session Chair: **Elena Bogdanova**, Centre for Independent Social Research

Discussant: **Elena Bogdanova**, Centre for Independent Social Research

**Gendering resilience: masculinities, care leavers and social inclusion in Russia**

**Charlie Walker**

University of Southampton

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**Up the down staircase: ideology of opportunities and limitations of educational choice of care leavers in Russia**

**Larisa Shpakovskaya**

University of Helsinki

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**Planning for the future: future orientation, agency and self-efficacy of young adults leaving care in the Russian Arctic**

**Meri Kulmala**

University of Helsinki

2:30pm - 4:15pm

## **MC2: Religion, politics and society**

Location: **206**

Session Chair: **Kseniia Skogstad Larsen**, Prague University of Economics and Business

Discussant: **Pål Kolstø**, University of Oslo

Discussant: **Alar Kilp**, University of Tartu

### **Political Discourse of Values and Identity by Religious Leader: Thematic Analysis of Religious Leaders' Speeches at World Russian People's Council 1993-2019**

**Alar Kilp<sup>1</sup>**, Jerry Pankhurst<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>University of Tartu; <sup>2</sup>Wittenberg University

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### **The idea of transhumanism in contemporary Russian Orthodox discourses**

**Magda Dolinska-Rydzek**

University of Rzeszów

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### **The Moscow Patriarchate and Russia's Invasion of Ukraine: Towards a Critical Explanation**

**Bojidar Angelov Kolov**

University of Oslo

2:30pm - 4:15pm

## **MC3: Discourse and communication between Russia and the West**

Location: **305**

Session Chair: **Gabriela Radulescu**, Technical University of Berlin

Discussant: **Sirke Mäkinen**, University of Helsinki

### **Linguistic factor in deterrence conversation between Russia and the West**

**Liia Vihmand-Veebel**

University of Tartu

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### **Protean power in relations between Russia and the West: understanding the communication over Ukraine**

**Tom Casier**

University of Kent / Brussels School of International Studies

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### **Shedding light on or concealing competing relations? An ontological security approach towards EU-Russia relations in times of crisis**

**Maria Raquel Freire**

CES, FEUC, University of Coimbra

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### **Discursive interaction in EU-Russia relations across time and space**

**Mario Baumann**

University of Kent, Brussels School of International Studies

2:30pm - 4:15pm

## **MC4: De-facto states and international security**

Location: **214**

Session Chair: **Donnacha Ó Beacháin**, Dublin City University

Discussant: **Shpend Kursani**, University of Tartu

### **The autonomy of de facto states in asymmetric relations: patron-client in a relational geopolitical field**

**Magdalena Dembinska**

Université de Montréal

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### **Women, Peace and Security Agenda and/in De Facto States: Challenges and Possibilities**

**Bénédicte Santoire**

University of Ottawa

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**Peacekeeping and Security in Abkhazia and the Caucasus: The Role of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia**

**Nicholas Barker**

University of Birmingham, United Kingdom

2:30pm - 4:15pm

**MC5: Covid-19: cross-regional, cross-disciplinary perspectives**

Location: **307**

Session Chair: **Michael Cole**, University of Tartu

Discussant: **Andrey Makarychev**, University of Tartu

**Pandemic and Biopolitics in Central Asia: Security vs. Disciplinarity**

**Rustam Burnashev**

Kazakh-German University

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**Uncertainty across the “Contact Line”: armed conflict, COVID19, and perceptions of fertility decline in the conflict areas of Eastern Ukraine**

**Brienna Perelli-Harris<sup>1</sup>, Theodore Paul Gerber<sup>2</sup>, Yuliya Hilyevich<sup>3</sup>**

<sup>1</sup>University of Southampton; <sup>2</sup>University of Wisconsin-Madison; <sup>3</sup>University of Groningen

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**POSTEPIDEMIA-2020 project: Russian new utopia models**

**Maria Semionovna Galina**

Independent researcher

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**Failing Expectations, Crumbling Legitimacy: Reactions to the Covid-19 Policy in Belarus and Kazakhstan**

**Shugyla Kilybayeva<sup>1</sup>, Kristiina Silvan<sup>2</sup>**

<sup>1</sup>Al-Farabi Kazakh National University; <sup>2</sup>Finnish Institute of International Affairs

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**Can Religious Authorities Help with Covid-19 Vaccination? Lessons from the Muslims in Tatarstan (Russia)**

**Gulnaz Sharafutdinova**

King's College London

2:30pm - 4:15pm

**MC6: Art and politics: comparative perspectives**

Location: **306**

Session Chair: **Sami Siva**, University of Tartu

Discussant: **Shannon Kuta Kelly**, Queen's University Belfast

**Art, Anxiety, and Collective Politics: Strashno in Contemporary Russia and Interwar Germany**

**Jacqueline Dufalla**

Central European University

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**Dissensus in Post-2012 Russian Art: Mapping the Identity Patterns**

**Azniv Tadevosyan**

Independent researcher

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**Not Primitive or Provincial, but Universal: The Anticolonial Poetry of Jean Amrouche and Shamshad Abdullaev**

**Hana Connelly Stankova**

Yale University

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**Islands of russianness preserved**

**Elin Parkman Smirnova**

Uppsala University

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**Speculative fiction themes in contemporary Russian poetry – tendencies and strategies**

**Arkady Moiseevich Shtypei**

Independent researcher

**2:30pm - 4:15pm**

**MC7: Civil society, minorities and the role of the EU**

Location: **215**

Session Chair: **Isabell Burmester**, University of Geneva / University of Tartu

Discussant: **Anar Valiyev**, ADA University

**Populism, nationalism, and kin-state activism in a survey: Measuring the perception of the ethnic Széklers from Romania?**

**Ionut Chiruta**

University of Tartu

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**The Last Generation of Soviet Veterans in Post-Soviet Eastern Europe**

**Bálint Mezei**

Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE)

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**Between Separation and Integration: The case of Moldova's Bulgarian Minority**

**Keith Sean Harrington**

Maynooth University

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**Populists in Power: Civic Culture, Vested Interests and Varieties of Capitalism**

**Denis Ivanov**

Corvinus University of Budapest

## Tuesday, 14 June

9:00am - 10:45am

### TA1: Ten Years of 'Foreign Agent' Legislation in Russia: Becoming A Political Instrument

Location: **306**

Session Chair: **Alexandra Wishart**, University of Ottawa

Discussant: **Sevanna Poghosyan**, University of Tartu

#### Law on Foreign Agents: transformation of legislation and its impact on NGOs and media in Russia

**Violetta Fitsner**

OVD-Info

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#### Being a Foreign Agent: Individual vs organizational dimensions

**Daria Skibo**

Centre for Independent Social Research

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#### The impact of Foreign Agents Law on academic and research collaboration – a few remarks

**Agnieszka Kubal**

SSEES, University College London

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#### Russian 'foreign agents' legislation and related Eastern European laws – similarities, risks and possible outcomes

**Daria Korolenko**

University of Bologna

9:00am - 10:45am

### TA2: Book discussion

Location: **205**

#### Reforming child welfare in post-Soviet space: authoritarianism and institutional change (book discussion)

*Chair(s):* **Anna Tarasenko** (Aleksanteri Institute, University of Helsinki), **Elena Bogdanova** (European University at St. Petersburg)

*Presenter(s):* **Meri Kulmala** (University of Helsinki), **Larisa Shpakovskaya** (University of Helsinki), **Anna Klimova (Pivovarova)** (University of Helsinki), **Anna Tarasenko** (Aleksanteri Institute, University of Helsinki)

9:00am - 10:45am

### TA3: Viewing 'progress' through material legacies and social practices

Location: **214**

Session Chair: **Abel Polese**, Tallinn University

Discussant: **Ileana Nachescu**, Rutgers University

#### Soviet architecture as a medium of communist idea – an analysis of its reception in the former Eastern bloc countries after gaining their independence

**Marta Cyńczyk**

University of Gdansk

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#### Back to the (Cosmic) Future? The Frunze Planetarium and the Unclaimability of the Socialist Past

**David Leupold**

Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient

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#### Lessons from (Extra)Terrestrial Intelligentsia: Progress, National Identity and Directionality in Today's Armenia

**Gabriela Radulescu**

Technical University of Berlin

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#### The Historical Latvian Lands Law: the implications for local and national identities

**Ieva Berzina**<sup>2</sup>, **Gatis Krūmiņš**<sup>1</sup>, **Jānis Šiliņš**<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences; <sup>2</sup>National Defence Academy of Latvia

**Progress and tradition in Fascist ideology: the case of the Romanian Iron Guard**

**Horia-Gabriel Teodorescu**

University of Cambridge

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**TA4: Russia as a Eurasian security actor**

Location: **215**

Session Chair: **Radityo Dharmaputra**, University of Tartu

Discussant: **Maria Raquel Freire**, University of Coimbra

**When the “subaltern empire” speaks. On recognition, Eurasian integration, and the Russo-Georgian War**

**Danijela Čanji**<sup>1</sup>, **Aliaksei Kazharski**<sup>1,2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Institute of European Studies and International Relations, Faculty of Social and Economic Sciences, Comenius University; <sup>2</sup>Department of Security Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University in Prague

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**Discursive Delegitimation of the Eurasian Economic Union by the European Union**

**Zhanibek Arynov**

Nazarbayev University

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**Reaching a New Frontier with an Old Grip? An Analysis of Russia's Greater Eurasian Partnership**

**Junseok Lee**

Seoul National University

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**Private military companies' role in contemporary conflicts**

**Zdzisław Sliwa**

Baltic Defence College

9:00am - 10:45am

**TA5: East Central Europe in international relations**

Location: **305**

Session Chair: **Katsiaryna Lozka**, Ghent University

Discussant: **Igor Gretskiy**, International Centre for Defence and Security

**Long Live Visegrad? Regionalisms in the Post-Pandemic World**

**Andrea Schmidt**

University of Pecs

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**Exploring Romania's and Poland's Regional Posture through the Leadership Positioning Approach**

**Ivanna Machitidze**

New Vision University

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**The portrayal of Russia in political debates in the Czech Republic**

**Jonáš Syrovátka**

Masaryk University

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**Affect and Diplomacy: New and old friendships under pressure from conflict in Europe**

**Jacqueline Dufalla**<sup>1</sup>, **Asya Metodieva**<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Central European University; <sup>2</sup>Institute of International Relations Prague

9:00am - 10:45am

**TA6: Identity politics in Estonia**

Location: **206**

Session Chair: **Aleksandra Kuczyńska-Zonik**, The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin / Institute of Central Europe

Discussant: **Epp Annus**, Tallinn University / Ohio State University

**Ethno-Multiculturalism in Estonia: A Visual and Discursive Analysis of Finno-Ugric Identity**

**Andrey Makarychev**<sup>1</sup>, **George Spencer Terry**<sup>1,2</sup>, **Sami Siva**<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>University of Tartu, Estonia; <sup>2</sup>Baltic Defence College

**“We” versus “Others” in Estonia: the question of national identity in contemporary novels of women-writers**

**Elena Pavlova**, Maili Vilson  
University of Tartu

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**Fighting for the (step)motherland? Predictors of defense willingness in Estonia's post-Soviet generation**

**Christofer Berglund**, Kairi Kasearu, Juhan Kivirähk  
Södertörn University

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**A New Element of ‘Quadratic-Nexus’?: Influence of the Ukrainian War on Identities of Russian Speakers in Estonia**

**Yusaku Fukuhara**  
The University of Tokyo

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**TA7: (Dis)information and the media**  
Location: **307**

Session Chair: **Heidi Ann Erbsen**, University of Tartu  
Discussant: **Viktor Denisenko**, General Jonas Žemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania

**“Crimea will forever be Russian”: Dissenting Norwegian media discourses on Russia’s annexation of Crimea**

**Marthe Handå Myhre**, Aadne Aasland, Jørn Holm-Hansen  
Oslo Metropolitan University

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**The Dissemination of Russian Strategic Narratives Among Scholars: Who Are Susceptive?**

**Sanshiro Hosaka**  
University of Tartu

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**Soviet nostalgia in new media as the mean of pro-Russian propaganda in Ukraine**

**Mykola Polovyi**  
Vasyl' Stus Donetsk National University

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11:15am - 1:00pm

**TB1: The politics of protest movements in Eurasia**

Location: **215**  
Session Chair: **Sirke Mäkinen**, University of Helsinki  
Discussant: **Rustam Burnashev**, Kazakh-German University

**Electoral protests in Eurasia: beyond structure and agency**

**Serik Beimenbetov**  
Kazakh-German University

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**Crisis in Kazakhstan 2022: Mass Protests and Riots, Power Transition and Intervention of CSTO Troops**

**Shugyla Kilybayeva**  
Al-Farabi Kazakh National University

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**Choosing the lesser evil: the anti-gender movement in Kazakhstan in the context of coloniality**

**Altynay Kambekova**  
Zentrum für Entwicklung Forschung, University of Bonn

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**Housing and in-fill construction activism within neoliberal urbanisation in Almaty, Kazakhstan**

**Bakhytkul Ubaidakyzy Tokbergenova**  
Deutsch-Kasachische Universität, Kazakhstan

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**TB2: Cultural innovation in the 1980-90s**

Location: **305**

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

Discussant: **David Leupold**, Leibniz-Center Moderner Orient

**The Concept of Progress in Arts in Late Socialist Latvia: Synergies Between the Official and Non-Official Realms**

**Laine Kristberga**

Institute of Literature, Folklore and Art, University of Latvia

**Artists' Perspective: Critique of Capitalism in Post-Socialist Latvia in the early 1990s**

**Lina Birzaka-Priekule**

Latvian Academy of Art, Latvian National Museum of Art

**'The rock of Sisyphus in my pen': Censorship in the poetry of Marin Sorescu & Ciaran Carson during and after the 1980s**

**Shannon Kuta Kelly**

Queen's University Belfast

**Between Darmstadt, Moscow and St. Petersburg: Initiatives to develop new music between 1988 and 1998**

**Joevan de Mattos Caitano**

Hochschule für Technik und Wirtschaft Dresden

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**TB3: Managing diversity in Russia**

Location: **306**

Chair: **Sergei Troitskii**, Estonian Literary Museum

Discussant: **Sergei Troitskii**, Estonian Literary Museum

**Return of the expellees. Unofficial activity of the Buryat lamas in 1953-1991 and contemporary problems of cultural tradition on the Russian – Mongolian borderland**

**Albert Maria Jawłowski**

University of Warsaw

**Russian language legislation and support for the maintenance of linguistic diversity**

**Konstantin Zamvatin**

University of Helsinki

**Russian approaches to urban diversity studies**

**Aadne Aasland<sup>1</sup>**, **Igor Mikheev<sup>2</sup>**

<sup>1</sup>OsloMet – Oslo Metropolitan University; <sup>2</sup>Independent researcher

**Russian Regional Law-Making Process in a Comparative Perspective**

**Pavel Kononenko**, **Tatiana Tkacheva**

Saint-Petersburg, Russian Federation

11:15am - 1:00pm

**TB4: Russia: the economy, trade and the environment**

Location: **205**

Session Chair: **Anna Tarasenko**, University of Helsinki

Discussant: **Simo Mannila**, Simo Mannila Consulting

**The Russian economy: Trends for the future**

**Susanne Oxenstierna**

Swedish Defence Research Agency, FOI

**Geographical Changes in Russian Agricultural Import Following the Food Ban in 2014**

**Kseniia Skogstad Larsen**

Prague University of Economics and Business

**Anti-Colonial Environmentalism in Russian Regions: the Litmus Test for a Failed Federalism**

**Maria Chiara Franceschelli**

Scuola Normale Superiore

11:15am - 1:00pm

**TB5: Democratic politics and digitalisation**

Location: **307**

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

Discussant: **Margarita Zavadskaya**, University of Helsinki

**When Winners Become Losers: Impact of Between-Election Government Switch on the Winner-Loser Gap in Satisfaction with Democracy**

**Miroslav Nemčok**<sup>1</sup>, **Jean-François Daoust**<sup>2</sup>, **Piret Ehin**<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>University of Oslo; <sup>2</sup>University of Edinburgh; <sup>3</sup>University of Tartu

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**The missing link: Scrutiny of appointing online voting in Russia, September 2021**

**Bogdan Romanov**, **Logan Emily Carmichael**

University of Tartu

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**Voting for participatory budgeting projects in Poland and Ukraine: digitalisation and empowerment**

**Dmytro Khutkyy**

University of Tartu

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**Party Communication Traditions in Ukraine and Russia (Comparative Analysis of Online Representations)**

**Nataliia Steblyna**

Vasyl Stus Donetsk National university

11:15am - 1:00pm

**TB6: Roundtable**

Location: **214**

**War at the doorstep: Current and future security challenges in the Baltic Sea Region**

*Chair(s):* **Louis John Wierenga** (University of Tartu)

*Presenter(s):* **Margit Bussmann** (University of Greifswald), **Andres Kasekamp** (University of Toronto), **Asta Maskaliūnaitė** (Baltic Defence College), **Zdzisław Sliwa** (Baltic Defence College)

2:30pm - 4:15pm

**TC1: Estonian Law of the Interwar Era between Tradition and Progress**

Location: **305**

Session Chair: **Hannes Vallikivi**, University of Tartu

Discussant: **Hannes Vallikivi**, University of Tartu

**How to train lawyers for a small country?**

**Lea Leppik**

University of Tartu

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**Estonian State of Defence: Legislation in the Interwar Period between Tradition and Innovation**

**Hesi Siimets-Gross**, **Jaana Lindmets**, **Marju Luts-Sootak**

University of Tartu

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**Tradition and Progress in Family Law: Legal Responsibility to Maintain the Family in Estonia 1918-1940**

**Katrin Kiirend-Pruuli**

University of Tartu

2:30pm - 4:15pm

**TC2: Democratic imitators? De-facto states in Eastern Europe and Eurasia between conflict and legitimization**

Location: **306**

Session Chair: **Armand Goșu**, Bucharest University

Discussant: **Gheorghe Marius Diaconescu**, University of Bucharest

**Yeltsin, Russian leadership and the management of the former Soviet territory.**

**Iulia Mustătea**

Romanian Centre for Russian Studies

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**Democracy, sovereignty and security: Challenging the principles of international liberal order in the post-Soviet space**

**Ana Maria Albulescu**

Romanian Centre for Russian Studies

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**Transnistria: The policy and practice of nation-building**

**Stefan Morar**

University of Montreal, Canada

2:30pm - 4:15pm

**TC3: Activism, protest and gender**

Location: **215**

Session Chair: **Maria Chiara Franceschelli**, Scuola Normale Superiore

Discussant: **Daria Korolenko**, University of Bologna

**Authoritarian hegemonic masculinities and gendered rhetorics of the protest: 2020 Belarus Awakening and the Arab Spring in Egypt**

**Michaela Grančayová, Aliaksei Kazharski**

Comenius University

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**The role of allies in LGBT activism in authoritarian settings: The case of Russia**

**Radzhana Buyantueva**

Université Libre de Bruxelles

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**How Authorities in Russia Use Cameras and Facial Recognition against Protesters**

**Tatiana Uskova**

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**Russian Feminist influencers and anti-war activism**

**Saara Ratilainen**

Tampere University

2:30pm - 4:15pm

**TC4: Politicising reproduction, disability and migration**

Location: **307**

Session Chair: **Anna-Liza Starkova**, University of Tartu

Discussant:

**Traditional values and new technologies: the hybrid reality of surrogate motherhood and its representation in Russian mediascape**

**Natalia A. Chernyaeva**

St. Petersburg, Russian Federation

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**Human rights, disability and paternalism: a discursive analysis of social policies in Russia**

**Michael Rasell**

University of Innsbruck

**Narratives of information warfare against Lithuania and Poland in the context of the migration crisis on the border with Belarus 2021**

**Viktor Denisenko**

General Jonas Žemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania

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**Migration crisis on the Polish-Belarusian border in the light of Poland's eastern policy**

**Wojciech Łysek**

Institute of Political Studies Polish Academy of Sciences

**2:30pm - 4:15pm**

**TC5: Roundtable**

Location: **214**

**The future of Russian Studies**

*Chair(s):* **Viacheslav Morozov** (University of Tartu)

*Presenter(s):* **Ronald Grigor Suny** (University of Michigan), **Sanna Turoma** (Tampere University), **Anna Temkina** (European University at St. Petersburg), **Radityo Dharmaputra** (University of Tartu)

**5:00pm - 6:30pm**

**Plenary roundtable**

Location: **214**

**Ukraine: What has it taught the world and what can we do to secure a better future?**

*Chair(s):* **Dmytro Khutkyy** (University of Tartu)

*Presenter(s):* **Vitaly Chernetsky** (University of Kansas), **Olga Matveieva** (University of Tartu / Dnipro University of Technology), **Elżbieta Olzacka** (Jagiellonian University), **Bettina Renz** (University of Nottingham)