

“Europe in Illiberal Worlds and Illiberal Worlds in Europe”

PONARS Eurasia Academic Workshop

Saturday, June 5, 2021, Tartu, Estonia

Agenda/Programme (Virtual)

Tartu time: EEDT/UTC +3

Start of Workshop: 5:45 pm Tartu, 10:45 am Washington, 7:45 am Seattle

17:50-18:00 Introductory Remarks

Henry Hale and **Marlene Laruelle**, George Washington University

Viacheslav Morozov, University of Tartu

18:00-19:15 Session 1: Religion, Memory and Politics

Chair: Marlene Laruelle, George Washington University

Aleksandr Fisher, Haverford College, **Henry Hale**, George Washington University,

Ridvan Peshkopia, University for Business and Technology, Kosovo

Can Illiberal Nationalist Endorsements Sway Foreign Public Opinion? Evidence from the Balkans

Andrey Scherbak and **Maria Ukhvatova**, National Research University Higher School of Economics

The Symphony is Over? The Effect of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Russian Orthodox Church-State Relations

Nona Shahnazaryan, National Academy of Sciences of Armenia; Center for Social Research, St. Petersburg

Competition of Victimhoods: Memory Wars and Emerging State Ideologies in Post-Soviet Armenia and Azerbaijan

Oxana Shevel, Tufts University

Unholy Wars: Understanding Intra-Orthodox Conflict in Ukraine Since the Granting of Tomos

Discussant: Peter Rutland, Wesleyan University

19:15-19:30 Coffee break

19:30-20:45 Session 2: Ethnicity and Migration

Chair: Henry Hale, George Washington University

Julie George, Queens College, CUNY

Identity, Constituency, and Opportunity: Domestic Politics and Stalemated Conflicts in Eurasia's Hybrid Regimes

Volodymyr Kulyk, Institute of Political and Ethnic Studies, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine
Is Ukraine a Multiethnic Country?

Peter Rutland, Wesleyan University

Managing Ethnicity in the Transition to Democracy

Caress Schenk, Nazarbayev University

Seeing Like a Biopolitical Migration State: Deconstructing Migration Data Production in Russia

Discussant: Oxana Shevel, Tufts University

20:45-21:15 “Lunch/dinner” break

21:15-22:30 Session 3: Authoritarianism and Political Behavior

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

Pavel Bacovsky, Srinivas Parinandi, and Sarah Wilson Sokhey, University of Colorado Boulder

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

Scott Radnitz, University of Washington

Conspiratorial Soft Power? Assessing the Effects of Russian Propaganda in the Near Abroad

Ora John Reuter, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Staying Out of Trouble: Criminal Cases Against Russian Mayors

Andrei Semenov and Elizaveta Popkova, Perm State National Research University

Subnational State Coercion and Political Opposition in Russia: Analysis of Aleksei Navalny's

2017-18 Presidential Campaign

Discussant: **Caress Schenk**, Nazarbayev University

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