**May 29, 2014 (Thursday)**

**EACES -HSE Workshop (Pushkin, St. Petersburg)**

***Political Economy of Development: a Comparative Perspective***

9.30 Keynote Speaker

* **Tomasz Mickiewicz** Professor at Aston Business School, President of EACES

10.30 Session 1. Do Institutions Matter? Long and Short-term Perspectives

*Chair:* ***Michael Rochlitz*** *(Higher School of Economics)*

* **Igor Fedyukin (**Higher School of Economics, Moscow)

*War, Political Competition, and Reform in Early Modern Extra-European Regimes*

* **Elira Karaja (**Institute for New Economic Thinking, NY, University of California, Berkeley and Stanford University)

*The Rule of Karlowitz: Fiscal Change and Institutional Persistence*

* **Dina Balalaeva (**Higher School of Economics, Moscow)

*Democracy and Quality of Governance: What Matters More for Health?*

* **Olga Vasilyeva (**Amur State University, Blagoveshchensk and The Economic Research Institute FEB RAS, Khabarovsk)

*Does Political Monopoly Harm the Development of Resource Rich Countries? Evidence from Russian Regions*

12.00 Coffee break

12.30 Session 2. Labor Institutions Compared: Empirical Evidence from Russia and elsewhere

*Chair:* ***Ora John Reuter*** *(University of Wisconsin and Higher School of Economics)*

* **Vladimir Matveenko** (Higher School of Economics in St. Petersburg and St. Petersburg Institute for Economics and Mathematic)

*Labor Institutions and Vulnerability of Developing Economies under Capital Inflows*

* **Alexander Muravyev (**University Graduate School of Management, St. Petersburg) and Oshchepkov Aleksey (Higher School of Economics, Moscow)

*Minimum Wages, Unemployment and Informality: Evidence from Panel Data on Russian Regions*

* **Aleksandra Bashina** (Higher School of Economics, Moscow), Marcello Signorelli (University of Perugia), Francesco Bartolucci, Giovanni S.F. Bruno, Olga Demidova (Higher School of Economics, Moscow)

*The Determinants of Job Satisfaction in Young Russian Workers*

* **Tatyana Zhuravleva (**Gaidar Institute, Moscow and University Toulouse 1 Capitole)

*Private-Public Wage Differentials: the case of Russian Federation*

14.00 Lunch

15.30 Session 3. Processes of Institutionalization

*Chair:**David Szakonyi (Columbia University & Higher School of Economics)*

* **Quintin Beazer** (Florida State University) and Daniel J. Blake (IE Business School, Madrid)

*Political Institutions & Relative Perceptions of Political Risk in International Investment*

* **Jeremy Wallace** (The Ohio State University)

*Information, Migration Restrictions, and Public Service Provision in Urban China*

* **Xin Zhang** (East China Normal University), Jing Li (Fudan University)

*Making Economists in Transition Economies: The Institutionalization of Economic Profession in Russia and China*

16.30 Coffee break

17.00 Session 4. Investment Climate, Credit, and Enterprise Location: Empirical Evidence from Transition Countries

*Chair: Israel Marques (Columbia University & Higher School of Economics)*

* **Natalia Davidson (**Ural Federal University)

*Factors Determining Enterprise Location Choice in Russia*

* **Zuzana Fungáčová** (Bank of Finland Institute for Economies in Transition)

*Does Money Buy Credit? Firm-Level Evidence on Bribery and Bank Debt*

* **Leonid Polishchuk** (Higher School of Economics, Moscow), Georgiy Syunyaev (Higher School of Economics, Moscow)

*Investment Climate and Government Turnover in Russian Regions*

18.00 Closing

**ICSID Conference, Pushkin, St. Petersburg**

***Regional Heterogeneity and Incentives for Government***

**May 30, 2014 (Friday)**

10.00 Session 1.

*Chair: Michael Rochlitz (Higher School of Economics)*

* **Thomas Remington** (Emory University and Higher School of Economics, Moscow)

*Does Russia Drive a Ford? Administrative Structure and Economic Development in Russia and China*

* **James Kung** (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology)

*Land Revenue Windfalls, Signaling, and Career Incentives of China’s Local Leaders*

* **Masayuki Kudamatsu** (Stockholm University), Ruixue Jia, David Seim

*Political Selection in China: the Complementary Roles of Connections and Performance*

11.30 Coffee break

12.00 Round Table

Moderator: ***Daniel Treisman*** *(University of California, Los Angeles)*

Experts: **James Kung** (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology)

 **Masayuki Kudamatsu** (Stockholm University)

 **Joseph Fan** (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology)

 **Martin Dimitrov** (Tulane University)

 **Pierre Landry** (University of Pittsbourgh)

 **Andrei Yakovlev** (Higher School of Economics, Moscow)

 **Thomas Remington** (Emory University and Higher School of Economics)

 **Leonid Polishchuk** (Higher School of Economics, Moscow)

 **Alexander Libman** (Frankfurt School of Finance & Management)

Topics

* Does it make sense to compare regional policy regimes in Russia and China?
* Where does the comparative study of political economy regimes in both countries stand today?
* Common problems faced by regional state officials in Russia and China
* What is the effect of incentive regimes on economic performance in both countries?
* Do different supervision and monitoring systems have an impact on incentives and outcomes?
* In a comparative perspective, what might be further interesting questions to study?

13.30 Lunch

15.00 Session 2.

*Chair: William Pyle (Middlebury College and Higher School of Economics, Moscow)*

* **Joseph Fan** (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology)

*Relationship Networks and Earnings Informativeness: Evidence from Corruption Cases*

* **Martin Dimitrov** (Tulane University)

*Creating a Norm of Property Rights Protection under Weak Rule of Law: The Rise of Specialized Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Courts in China*

* **Ora John Reuter** (University of Wisconsin and Higher School of Economics), Noah Buckley-Farlee (Columbia University & Higher School of Economics)

*Patrons, Clients, and Technocrats: A Study of the Effects of Regime Type on Bureaucratic Appointment Strategies*

* **Alexander Libman** (Frankfurt School of Finance & Management and Higher School of Economics), Anastasia Obydenkova (UPF Barcelona), Tomila Lankina (Higher School of Economics)

*Legacies of Communist and Pre-Communist Modernization in Russian Regions*

* **Pierre Landry** (University of Pittsbourgh)

*Authoritarian accountability in China*

17.30 Closing

**May 31, 2014 (Saturday)**

10.00 Additional sessions for ICSID presentations (to be scheduled later)