

**A Workshop on the Political Economy of Russia**

**Harriman Institute and International Center for the Study of Institutions and Development- HSE  
International Affairs Building Columbia University  
Address: 420 W.118<sup>th</sup> Street (at Amsterdam Avenue)  
Subway stop at 116<sup>th</sup> street on the #1 line**

**September 18: 1512 International Affairs Building, Columbia University**

8:30 Coffee and Welcome

9:00 “Who demands collective action in an imperfect institutional environment? Case-study of attorneys’ professional community in Russia,” Anton Kazun and Andrei Yakovlev

Discussant: Katharina Pistor, Columbia Law School

10:00 “Trust and Preferences over Redistribution,” Ekaterina Borisova, Andrei Govorun, Denis Ivanov, and Irina Levina

Discussant: Daniel Treisman

11:00 “Why Cancel Mayoral Elections in Russia?” John Reuter, Noah Buckley, Guzel Garifullina, Alexandra Shubenkova

Discussant: Lev Freinkman

Lunch: 12:00-1:00

1:00 “Varieties of skill formation in the Russian regions,” Tom Remington, Brendan McElroy, and Israel Marques

Discussant: Lev Freinkman, World Bank

2:00 “The Impact of Different Regulatory Regimes on the Effectiveness of Public Procurement” Andrei Yakovlev, Andrey Tkachenko, Olga Demidova, and Olga Balaeva

Discussant: Will Pyle

3:00 “What Do Voters in Ukraine Want? A Survey Experiment on Language, Ethnicity, and Policy Orientation.” Timothy Frye

Discussant: Joshua Tucker

Dinner Thursday Night: On your own

**Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup> 1512 IAB**

8:30 Coffee

9:00 “Performance Incentives and Economic Growth: Regional Officials in Russia and China”  
Michael Rochlitz, Vera Kulpina, Thomas Remington, and Andrei Yakovlev

Discussant: Xiaobo Liu

10:00 “Land Rights, Industry, and the Post-Socialist Cityscape” Will Pyle and Paul Dower.

Discussant: Timothy Frye

11:00 “A Rotten Orchard? Societal Tolerance of Police Misbehavior in Moscow” Lauren  
McCarthy, Timothy Frye and Noah Buckley

Discussants: Quintin Beazer and Tom Remington

Lunch: 12:30-2:00

2:00-4:00 Breakout sessions to Brainstorm Research Topics

- 1) 1512 International Affairs Building  
Brainstorming Session on Field Experiments  
Brief presentations by Quintin Beazer and  
Ekaterina Borisova
  
- 2) 1201 International Affairs Building  
Network Analysis and Regional Elites in Russia  
Brief presentation by Israel Marques and Mathijs de Vaan

Dinner Friday at 6:00: Fishtag 222 W. 79<sup>th</sup> street at Broadway and 79<sup>th</sup>.  
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