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**Comparative Perspectives  
on the Political Economy of Development**

**and**

**EACES-HSE workshop**

**Topics in Political Economy of Development**

**Moscow, 2020**

# Conference program

## June 9, 2020 (Tuesday)

### 16:00 – 18:00 – Session 1. Economics and Politics I

*Chair: Timothy Frye*

**Laura Solanko** (*Bank of Finland (BOFIT)*), **Zuzana Fungacova** (*BOFIT*), **Alexei Karas** (*University College Roosevelt*), **Laurent Weill** (*University of Strasbourg*)

The Politics of Bank Failures in Russia

**Alfredo Hernandez Sanchez** (*Central European University*)

Between good faith and defiance: narratives of finance in un speeches

**Alexey Makarin** (*Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance (EIEF) and CEPR*), **Vasily Korovkin** (*Charles University, Czech Academy of Sciences*)

Production Networks and War: Evidence from Ukrainian Railway Shipments

**Natalia Lamberova** (*University of California*)

The puzzling politics of R&D: growing "lemons" in the market for technology

*Discussants: Andrei Yakovlev, Alexander Libman*

### 18:00 – 18:15 Break

### 18:15-19:45 – Session 2. Policy and Media

*Chair: Alexander Libman*

**Georgiy Syunyaev** (*Columbia University*)

Public attribution of responsibility in autocracies: Evidence from Russia

**Boris Ginzburg** (*Universidad Carlos III de Madrid*), **Philipp Denter** (*Universidad Carlos III de Madrid*), **Martin Dumav** (*Universidad Carlos III de Madrid*)

Social Connectivity, Media Bias, and Correlation Neglect

**Scott Radnitz** (*University of Washington*)

From the Margins to the Mainstream: Conspiracy Claims in Russia

*Discussants: John Reuter, Kyle Marquardt*

### 19:45-20:00 Break

### 20:00-21:30 – Session 3. Policy Means and Incentives

*Chair: David Szakony*

**Thomas Remington** (*HSE, Emory University, Harvard University*)

Performance Incentives for Regional Officials: Russia and China since 2012

**Arduino Tomasi** (*London School of Economics and Political Science*)

Machiavellian Fair Play: Programmatic Transfers and the Political Control of Information Effects

**Jevgenijs Steinbuks** (*Development Research Group, the World Bank*), **Gulnaz Sharafutdinova** (*Kings Russia Institute, Kings College London*) and **Nisan Gorgulu** (*George Washington University*)

Digital Means of Authoritarian Legitimation: Evidence from Moscow Pothole Management

*Discussants: Noah Buckley, Georgiy Syunyaev*

### June 10, 2020 (Wednesday)

#### 16:00 – 18:00 - Session 4. Historical Legacies and Culture

*Chair: Michael Rochlitz*

**Olga Vasilyeva** (*School of Economics and Management, Far Eastern Federal University*),  
**Alexander Libman** (*LMU*)

Can Communist Modernization Strengthen Democracy? Legacy of the Baikal-Amur Mainline

**Kyle Marquardt** (*HSE*)

Modeling language change in the former Soviet Union

**Krzysztof Krakowski** (*Collegio Carlo Alberto*), **Anselm Hager** (*Berlin Social Science Center*)  
Does State Repression Spark Protest? Evidence from Communist Poland

**Adam Lorenz** (*Researcher, Economic Development*)

Patrimonial Legacies and Social Organization: The Constraining Effect of Embedded Norms on Institutional and Economic Development in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

*Discussants: Denis Ivanov, Irina Levina*

#### 18:00 – 18:15 Break

#### 18:15-19:45 – Session 5. Housing Policy

*Chair: Noah Buckley*

**Amanda Zadorian** (*HSE*), **Vera Smirnova** (*HSE*), **Daniela Zupan** (*HSE*)

Governing through stolichnaya praktika: Housing Renovation and center-periphery relations in Russia

**Jeffrey Bilik** (*University of Michigan*)

Dormitory and Apartment: Citizenship and Social Rights in Late Soviet Moscow

*Israel Marques (HSE), Ekaterina Borisova (HSE), Alexei Zakharov (HSE), Regina Smyth (Indiana University)*

The Popular Logic of Authoritarian Policymaking: Evidence from the Moscow Housing Reforms

*Discussants: Michael Rochlitz, Sarah Sokhey*

**19:45-20:00 Break**

**20:00-21:30 – Session 6. Government Institutions and Interregional Relations**

*Chair: Andrei Yakovlev*

*Kuznetsova Daria (European University in St. Petersburg)*

Proof of Burden: Did Russian Regulatory Reform Reduce: The Number of Inspections?

*Sultan Mehmood (University of Paris-Dauphine)*

Judicial Independence and Development: Evidence from Pakistan

*Aidan Klein (Indiana University, Bloomington)*

Horizontal relations between the Federation's regions

*Discussants: Alexei Zakharov, Anton Kazun*

**June 11, 2020 (Thursday)**

**16:00-18:00 – Session 7. Economics and Politics II**

*Chair: Israel Marques*

*Milos Resimic (Central European University)*

Varieties of renationalization in post-communist countries: Political-business networks, embeddedness and renationalization in Serbia and Hungary

*Tian He (University of Canterbury)*

Explaining China's Continued Developmentalism: Elite Adaption and the Resilient Chinese Developmental State

*Denis Ivanov (HSE)*

Trade Sanctions and Voting in Democratic Context: Evidence from Moldovan Wine Embargo

*Pavel Pronin (HSE), Andrey Tkachenko (HSE), Andrei Yakovlev (HSE)*

Political power and entry barriers at public procurement markets

*Discussants: Thomas Remington, David Szakony*

**18:00 – 18:15 Break**

**18:15-19:45 – Session 8. Elections and Electoral Preferences**

*Chair: John Reuter*

**Noah Buckley** (*HSE, Trinity College*)

Evaluating Measures of Vote Fraud using Public Opinion Surveys

**Katharina Friz** (*University of Bremen*), **Maria Kristalova** (*University of Jena*)

Who supports Putin? – An empirical investigation

**Katelyn Hess** (*Florida State University*), **Anastasia Vlasenko** (*Florida State University*)

A marriage between church and state: The electoral influence of the Russian Orthodox Church

*Discussants: Amanda Zadorian, Timothy Frye*

**19:45-20:00 Break**

**20:00-21:30 - Session 9. Public Goods**

*Chair: Kyle Marquardt*

**Caress Schenk** (*Nazarbayev University*)

Immigration Control as a Public Good. Parsing coercive and distributive state capacity in Russia

**Anna Abalkina** (*Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich (LMU)*), **Alexander Libman** (*LMU*)

The Real Costs of Plagiarism: Russian Governors, Plagiarised PhD Theses, and Infrastructure in Russian Regions

**Sarah Wilson Sokhey** (*University of Colorado (Boulder)*), **Jeffrey Nonnemacher** (*University of Colorado (Boulder)*)

State-Owned Media and Policy Justifications in Russia & China

*Discussants: Israel Marques, Ekaterina Borisova*