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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) Bubbles of Agency: Narratives of Finance in Latin America

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 (Economic Research Institute of Far Eastern Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences), 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 **Regina Smyth** (Indiana University), Ekaterina Borisova (HSE), Alexei Zakharov (HSE) Unexpected Consequences of Policy: Social Capital Accumulation and the Moscow Housing Renovation Program

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 (Aix Marseille School of Economics), Bakhtawar Ali (Center for Economic Research in Pakistan) The Price of Justice: Judicial Corruption through Favor Exchange

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

Citra Hennida (Universitas Airlangga) Indonesia's Responses to Chinese Investment in Indonesia

Denis Ivanov (HSE)

Public Reaction on Trade Sanctions in a 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

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