**CONFERECE PROGRAMME**

**Friday, 6 April**
* during the first day, all the events will take place at the Oxford Hall of Hotel London (Tartu)

09.30
Registration (Lobby - Ground floor)

09.45-10.00 Welcome remarks
Mihkel Solvak (Acting Director of the Johan Skytte Institute of Political Studies)
Stefano Braghiroli and Andrey Makarychev (Conveners)
Representative of Konrad Adenauer Stiftung

10.15-12.00
Panel 1
*From Baltic to Caucasus: An Emerging "Illiberal Belt" and its Security Dimensions*
Tatiana Golova (Zentrum für Osteuropa- und Internationale Studien – ZoiS, Germany), *Post-Soviet migrants in Germany and transnational illiberalism of social media*
Sonja Katharina Schiffers (Freie Universität Berlin, Germany), *Illiberal Regional Powers: Challengers to Liberal Transformations in their Neighborhoods? Insights from the Russian and Turkish Engagement with Bosnia and Georgia*
Milosz J. Zielinski (Independent researcher), *The Troublesome Legacy: Kremlin’s Changing Policy towards the Pre-War and Post-War Past of Kaliningrad Oblast*
Vassilis Petsinis (University of Tartu, Estonia), *Hijacking the left? The populist and radical right in two post-Communist polities*

11.40-12.00
Coffee break (Lobby - Ground floor)

12.00 -13.30
Roundtable: *After the Normative Power: Imagining Europe's Futures*
Opening reflections by H.E. Christoph Eichhorn (Ambassador of Germany to Estonia)
Susan Stewart (Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik - SWP, Germany)
Juulia Barthel (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Auswärtige Politik e.V., Germany)
Emmet Tuohy (Estonian Center of Eastern Partnership, Estonia)

Moderator: Stefano Braghiroli (University of Tartu, Estonia)

13.30-14.45
**Lunch break**

14.45-16.15
**Book presentation session: "Boris Nemtsov and Russian Politics: Power and Resistance"**
Co-editor: Andrey Makarychev (University of Tartu, Estonia)
Contributor: Katerina Smagliy (former director, Kennan Institute - Kyiv office, Ukraine)
Discussants: Susan Stewart (Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik - SWP, Germany), Alexandr Morozov (Boris Nemtsov Academic Center for the Study of Russia, Charles University of Prague, Czech Republic)

Moderator: Piret Ehin (University of Tartu)

16.30 – 18.00
**Panel 2**

**100 Years of Estonian Independence: What Challenges Ahead?**
Zdzislaw Sliwa (Baltic Defence College, Estonia / University of Lower Silesia, Poland), *Security Challenges of the Baltic Region*
Sandra Dias Fernandes (University of Minho, Portugal), *Estonia and Portugal: Escaping Marginality in Europe*
Andrey Makarychev and Vladimir Sazonov (University of Tartu, Estonia), *Popular Geopolitics in Estonia: Discourses and Imageries*
Jaak Erik Laja (University of Leuven, Belgium), *E-governance and normative neo-medievalism – Estonia’s policy approaches in and for the EU*

18.30-21.00
**Reception/Dinner (location to be decided)**

**Saturday, 7 April**
**Friday, 6 April**
* during the second day, all the events will take place in the facilities of the Johan Skytte Institute of Political Studies

10.00-11.25
**Panel 3a (room 305)**

**Russia’s Friends: Betting on the Wrong Horse?**
Dmitry Foryy (University of Siegen, Germany), *Russian Germans’ impact on the results of the far right Alternative for Germany party (AfD)*
Fedor Basov (Primakov Institute of World Economy and International Relations of Russian Academy of Sciences, Russian Federation), *Reasons behind Kremlin’s support for Euroscepticism*
Dragomir Stoyanov (Independent Researcher), *Between EU and Russia: Bulgarian National Populism and Its Foreign Policy Priorities*

Csaba Mate Sarnyai (Karoli Gaspar University of Hungarian Reformed Church, Hungary), *Orthodoxy and soft/smart power: Russian geo-economic activities in the West-Balkans*

**Panel 3b (room 307)**

*Borderlands and Peripheries: Multi-level Perspectives*

Anna Kuznetsova (University of Tartu, Estonia), *Finno-Ugric population in Russia: challenges and threats*

Heidi Erbsen (University of Tartu, Estonia), *Orientalizing the Other from Within: Representing Narva*

Merja Kuoppala (University of Eastern Finland), *Shadow war – Shady peace, the hybridized information war in Crimea 2014*

Alexandra Sitenko (University of Leipzig, Germany), *Trust is a must. Geopolitical (dis)trust in Russia’s relations with the EU and Latin America*

**11.35 – 13.00**

**Panel 4a (room 305)**

*Neighbourhoods and Regions: Europe’s Eastern Margins*

Tamila Shabashvili (Parliament of Georgia), *The Role of Caucasus in EU Russian Energy Security Policy*

Amanda Kate Henson (University of Bamberg, Germany), *The US, the EU, Ukraine and Russia: When all are between “a rock and a hard place”*

Krzysztof Mrozek (University of Warsaw/Batory Foundation, Poland), *From Warsaw, with love – why Polish populist government pushes for “reset” with Belarus?*

Frederiks Ozols (University of Latvia), *Russian Orthodox Church in the Service of the Soviet and Russian Cultural Diplomacy during and after the Cold War. The Case of the Russian Orthodox Ecclesiastical Mission in Jerusalem*

**Panel 4b (room 214)**

*Nationalisms and Populisms in Europe*

Marja Lõhmus (University of Tartu, Estonia), *Populist public sphere? Public texts in Estonia, Russia and Finland*

Christian Pipal (University of Klaipeda, Lithuania), *Private Censorship in European Illiberal Democracies: A Field Experiment in Hungary and Poland*

Louis Wierenga (University of Tartu, Estonia), *Bauska’s chairmen: Party leadership in the Baltic far-right*

Spencer Terry (University of Tartu, Estonia), *The Dual Character of Online Media: The Counterhegemonic Success of the Italian Far Right*

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*Lunch*

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**Young voices**
Chun Sing Ng (University of Tartu, Estonia), *Re-thinking Ukraine—an experimental approach to its contested regions*
Filippo Bichi (University of Bologna, Italy), *Conflicting memories and Russian propaganda in the Baltics*

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