

## 4<sup>th</sup> EASTERN PLATFORM - TARTU SEMINAR

“All Quiet on the Western Front? EU-Russia Relations in the Age of Populisms”

6-7 April 2018 – Tartu, Estonia

### CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

#### **Friday, 6 April**

\*On Friday 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)

H.E. Christoph Eichhorn (Ambassador of Germany to Estonia)

Stefano Braghiroli and Andrey Makarychev (Conveners)

10.15-12.00

#### **Panel 1**

***From Baltic to Caucasus: An Emerging "Illiberal Belt" and its Security Dimensions*** – Moderator:  
**Stefano Braghiroli (University of Tartu, Estonia)**

Tatiana Golova (Zentrum für Osteuropa- und Internationale Studien – ZoiS, Germany), *Post-Soviet Migrants in Germany and Transnational Illiberalism on 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?* – Moderator: Thomas Hoffmann (Tallinn University of Technology, Estonia)**

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*

**Saturday, 7 April**

\* On Saturday 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?* – Moderator: Katerina Smagliy (former director, Kennan Institute - Kyiv office, Ukraine)**

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*

Peter Bozso (Eötvös Loránd University, Hungary), *Orthodoxy and Soft/Smart Power: Russian Geo-Economic Activities in the West-Balkans*

**Panel 3b (room 307)**

***Borderlands and Peripheries: Multi-level Perspectives* – Moderator: Tatiana Golova (Zentrum für Osteuropa- und Internationale Studien – ZoiS, Germany)**

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* – Moderator: Juulia Barthel (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Auswärtige Politik e.V., Germany)**

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* – Moderator: Vassilis Petsinis (University of Tartu, Estonia)**

Maarja Lõhmus (University of Tartu, Estonia), *Populist Public Sphere? Public Texts in Estonia, Russia and Finland*

Christian Pipal (NEOS Lab/University of Vienna, Austria), *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*

13.30-14.45

**Lunch**

**14.45 – 16.00**

**Panel 5 (room 214)**

***Young voices* – Moderator: Frederiks Ozols (University of Latvia)**

Chun Sing Ng (University of Tartu, Estonia), *Re-Thinking Ukraine—an Experimental Approach to its Contested Regions*

Taisiia Shentseva (University of Tartu, Estonia), *Russian Agenda in the European Parliament: Assessing the Impact of the Far-Right Parties*

Filippo Bichi (University of Bologna, Italy), *Conflicting Memories and Russian Propaganda in the Baltics*

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**Directions**

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