4th 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 Imagery
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 (Uqiversity 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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