5th EASTERN PLATFORM - TARTU SEMINAR

#BerlinWall30 – What future for the post-cold war liberal order?
May 24-25, 2019

CALL FOR PAPERS:
The two-day seminar is organized by the Johan Skytte Institute of Political Studies of the University of Tartu with the support of the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Tallinn.

Academic conveners of the event are Dr. Stefano Braghiroli (University of Tartu) and Prof. Andrey Makarychev (University of Tartu). For further details about the event visit http://skytte.ut.ee/en/about-institute/eastern-platform-seminar.


The seminar constitutes an opportunity for researchers and practitioners from different disciplinary areas to debate and discuss potential future practical and conceptual scenarios that might characterize the region in years to come. Multiple crises and growing uncertainty are not only undermining the post-Cold War security architecture in Europe, but also challenging agreed definitions of “borders” and “neighbourhoods”. The event seeks to shed light on the evolution of the multiple crises affecting Europe and analyze possible short- and mid-term geo-political developments (i.e. escalation, stabilization, normalization, and frozen conflict) and their impact on EU-Russia and West-Russia relations.

This year’s edition of the event, marking the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin wall will devote specific attention to the role played, in this context, by the forces that challenge the post-cold war liberal order both in Europe and in the wider context as well as their transitive connection with Moscow.

The organizers of the seminar welcome contributions on the developments in the relations between EU, Russia, and the post-Soviet space and the respective interactions, from different disciplinary and methodological perspectives including politics, history, economics, anthropology, sociology, geography, semiotics, and media studies. Contributions are expected to address the multidimensionality of the current developments and the future patterns and relevant cleavages in the Eurasian political and cultural space. Comparative analytical perspectives are particularly encouraged.

While the turbulent relations between Russia and the West and Moscow’s role as one of the herald of a counter-hegemonic assault against the post-cold war liberal order will represent key foci of the event, the seminar aims to map the challenges to the instable development of the EU-Russia relations and to understand and conceptually frame these challenges and their expansive potential within the former Soviet space and at the global level.

IMPORTANT DATES:
Paper proposals – which must include a short abstract, applicants’ affiliation, position, and CV – can be submitted by April 5, 2019 via the submission system at http://skytte.ut.ee/en/about-institute/eastern-platform-seminar or by e-mail directly to Dr. Stefano Braghiroli (stefano.braghiroli@ut.ee). Selected paper proposals will be notified by April 8. Should you need more information please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Stefano Braghiroli (stefano.braghiroli@ut.ee).
STRUCTURE OF THE EVENT:
The Tartu Seminar will consist of a limited number of open panels and of graduate sections (open to master and early stage PhD students), addressing different conceptual and functional dimensions. The panels will not overlap in order to maximize the attendance and active participation of the contributors to all the sections.

VENUE:
The seminar will take place at the Johan Skytte Institute of Political Studies, University of Tartu (Lossi 36) [http://goo.gl/maps/h5DAT].

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES:
Participants are responsible for arranging their travel and accommodation. Successful applicants from University of Tartu’s partner universities are eligible to apply for reimbursement of the following costs: accommodation in Tartu (up to 50 EUR per day); transportation within Estonia (bus/train tickets Tallinn-Tartu-Tallinn).

A FEW WORDS ABOUT THE INSTITUTE:
The Johan Skytte Institute of Political Studies at the University of Tartu combines top-level scholarly research with a dynamic, international learning environment at all three levels of higher education. The Institute is located in the heart of Estonia's second largest city marked by consolidated university traditions and academically oriented environment.

The Institute aims to excel in internationally recognized scholarship by carrying out cutting-edge research in a number of individual and larger research projects funded by both Estonian national research grants as well as external funds. They cover a wide range of topics from political philosophy to constructivist approaches in international politics and conflict studies to issues of comparative politics such as representation and electoral studies on the national and supra-national (EU) levels. The Institute hosts the Centre for EU–Russia Studies, a multidisciplinary centre for research and teaching at the University of Tartu, which serves as a contact point for scholars, students and experts who share an interest in the evolving relationship between the European Union and the Russian Federation.

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