“Europe in Iliberal Worlds and Iliberal Worlds in Europe”
PONARS Eurasia Academic Workshop  
Saturday, June 5, 2021, Tartu, Estonia  
Agenda/Programme (Virtual)

Tartu time: EEDT/UTC +3  
Start of Workshop: 5:45 pm Tartu, 10:45 am Washington, 7:45 am Seattle

17:50-18:00 _ Introductory Remarks
Henry Hale and Marlene Laruelle, George Washington University  
Viacheslav Morozov, University of Tartu

18:00-19:15 _ Session 1: Religion, Memory and Politics
Chair: Marlene Laruelle, George Washington University
Aleksandr Fisher, Haverford College, Henry Hale, George Washington University,  
Ridvan Peshkopia, University for Business and Technology, Kosovo
Can Iliberal Nationalist Endorsements Sway Foreign Public Opinion? Evidence from the Balkans
Andrey Scherbak and Maria Ukhvatova, National Research University Higher School of Economics
The Symphony is Over? The Effect of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Russian Orthodox Church-State Relations
Nona Shahnazaryan, National Academy of Sciences of Armenia; Center for Social Research, St. Petersburg
Competition of Victimhoods: Memory Wars and Emerging State Ideologies in Post-Soviet Armenia and Azerbaijan
Oxana Shevel, Tufts University
Unholy Wars: Understanding Intra-Orthodox Conflict in Ukraine Since the Granting of Tomos
Discussant: Peter Rutland, Wesleyan University

19:15-19:30 _ Coffee break

19:30-20:45 _ Session 2: Ethnicity and Migration
Chair: Henry Hale, George Washington University
Julie George, Queens College, CUNY
Identity, Constituency, and Opportunity: Domestic Politics and Stalemated Conflicts in Eurasia’s Hybrid Regimes
Volodymyr Kulyk, Institute of Political and Ethnic Studies, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine
Is Ukraine a Multiethnic Country?
Peter Rutland, Wesleyan University
Managing Ethnicity in the Transition to Democracy
Caress Schenk, Nazarbayev University
Seeing Like a Biopolitical Migration State: Deconstructing Migration Data Production in Russia
Discussant: Oxana Shevel, Tufts University
20:45-21:15  “Lunch/dinner” break

21:15-22:30  Session 3: Authoritarianism and Political Behavior
Chair: Viacheslav Morozov, University of Tartu
Pavel Bacovsky, Srinivas Parinandi, and Sarah Wilson Sokhey, University of Colorado Boulder
Authoritarian Policy Diffusion: Social Policy and Human Rights Strategies Across Countries
Scott Radnitz, University of Washington
Conspiratorial Soft Power? Assessing the Effects of Russian Propaganda in the Near Abroad
Ora John Reuter, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Staying Out of Trouble: Criminal Cases Against Russian Mayors
Andrei Semenov and Elizaveta Popkova, Perm State National Research University
Subnational State Coercion and Political Opposition in Russia: Analysis of Aleksei Navalny’s 2017-18 Presidential Campaign
Discussant: Caress Schenk, Nazarbayev University

GW Box link for shared papers: Tartu Papers June 5 2021
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