

# **Schedule of Events**

**Wisconsin Russia Project**

**Virtual Young Scholars Conference 2021**

**January 28-29, 2021**

**University of Wisconsin-Madison**



**Center for Russia, East Europe,  
and Central Asia**

**UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON**

***All times are in Central Time (UTC/GMT -06:00)***

**DAY 1: THURSDAY, JANUARY 28**

*8:00-8:15 am*

**Welcome and Introduction**

[Room A](#)

*8:15 – 10:00 am Plenary Session*

**Migration, Ethnicity, Nationalism**

[Room A](#)

Discussant: Sergei Ryazantsev

*RAN Institute for Demographic Research, Moscow*

Chair: Paul Dower

*University of Wisconsin-Madison*

**Nargiza Abdrakhman kyzy**

*American University of Central Asia*

The Impact of Labour Migration to Russia on the Status of Women in Rural Kyrgyzstan

**Zuzanna Brunarska**

*University of Warsaw, Centre of Migration Research*

With Time We Learn to Trust Others? Long-standing vs Recent Ethnic Diversity and Outgroup Trust in Russia

**Ksenia Tenisheva**

*National Research University Higher School of Economics – St Petersburg*

Migrant Children in Russian Schools: Accumulation or Compensation of Inequality

**Marharyta Fabrykant**

*National Research University Higher School of Economics*

National Pride and Social Trust in Russia in Cross-National Comparative Perspective

*10:00 am – 10:15 am*

**Break**

10:15 am – 12:00 pm Parallel Sessions

**Subnational Government Institutions**

Room A

Discussant: Henry Hale  
*George Washington University*  
Chair: Yoshiko Herrera  
*University of Wisconsin-Madison*

**Guzel Garifullina**

*University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*

Private-Public Partnership in Russian Municipalities: Which Mayors Risk More?

**Olga Gasparyan**

*University of Rochester*

Devolution in Non-Democratic Regimes: Local Efficiency and Resource Allocation in Russian Cities

**Nikita Zakharov**

*Freiburg University*

Encouraged to Cheat? How Federal Incentives and Career Concerns Trigger Under-Reporting of COVID-19 Mortality

**Social Attitudes and Practices**

Room B

Discussant: Cynthia Buckley  
*University of Illinois*  
Chair: Theodore Gerber  
*University of Wisconsin-Madison*

**Tamara Kusimova**

*Central European University*

Buying Soviet or Buying Russian? Towards the Political Economy of Nostalgia

**Anton Shirikov**

*University of Wisconsin-Madison*

Who Trusts Fake News in Autocracies: Evidence from Russia

**Laura Eras**

*University of Munich*

The Openness of Russian Society Since the Late Soviet Period. Assortative Mating on Social Origin in Russia, 1969-2011

**Abigail Karas**

*University of Oxford*

Roofing in Russia

12:00 pm – 12:15pm

**Break**

*12:15 pm –2:00 pm Parallel Sessions*

**Case Studies from Russia's Regions**  
[Room A](#)

Discussant: Vladimir Gelman  
*European University of St. Petersburg*  
Chair: Kathryn Hendley  
*University of Wisconsin-Madison*

**Alina Maiboroda**

*National Research University Higher School of Economics*  
Understanding Gender Regimes on Contemporary Anime Scene in a Muslim Region of Russia

**Kamil Wielecki**

*University of Warsaw*  
Filling in the Urban Space: The “Port-Petrovsk” Fishery and Elemental Urbanization in Makhachkala

**Ekaterina Mikhailova**

*University of Geneva*  
Cross-Border Tourism in Cities on the Russia-China Border in 2014-2020

**Alexandra Kuznetsova**

*University of Manitoba*  
Russia's Complex Civil Society: Its Role in Political Transformation and Governance in Tatarstan

**Activism and Mobilization**

[Room B](#)

Discussant: Samuel Greene  
*King's College, London*  
Chair: Theodore Gerber  
*University of Wisconsin-Madison*

**Elena Onegina**

*National Research University Higher School of Economics*  
“I Go Out to be Seen”: Balancing Between Burnout and Effectiveness in the Youth LGBTQ Scene in Russia

**Natalia Savelyeva**

*Indiana University*  
The Performative Power of Ambiguity of Myth: The Role of Ideology in anti-Kiev Mobilization in Donbas War

**Natalia Kovyliayeva**

*University of Tartu*  
What Has Been Left to Feminist and Women's Protest in Putin's Russia? Exploration of Opportunities and Threats as Grounds for Grassroots Mobilization in 2000-2016

**Anastasiia Faikina**

*University of California, San Diego*  
Watching the State: Can New Technologies Promote (a Sense of) Democracy

**DAY 2: FRIDAY, JANUARY 29**

*8:00 – 9:45 am Parallel Session*

**Institutional and Social Aspects of Education**

Room A

Discussant: Shlomo Weber  
*Russian Economic School (NES), Moscow*  
Chair: Theodore Gerber  
*University of Wisconsin-Madison*

**Zhanna Koshkina**

*Novosibirsk State University of Economics and Management*  
Development of Continuing Education in Russia

**Aleksei Egorov**

*National Research University Higher School of Economics - Moscow*  
Do Merger Policies Increase Universities' Efficiency? Evidence from a Fuzzy Regression Discontinuity

**Daria Zinchenko**

*National Research University Higher School of Economics - Moscow*  
College expansion and marriage patterns in Russia

**Political Economy: Incentives and Connections**

Room B

Discussant: Konstantin Sonin  
*University of Chicago*  
Chair: Paul Dower  
*University of Wisconsin-Madison*

**Dmitri Trifonov**

*Uppsala University*  
Political Connections of Russian Corporations: Blessing or Curse? A Complex Empirical Study

**Ekaterina Travova**

*The Center for Economic Research and Graduate Education – Economics Institute*  
Under Pressure? Performance Evaluation of Police Officers as an Incentive to Cheat: Evidence from Drug Crimes in Russia

**Viktor Bryzgalin**

*Institute for National Projects, Moscow State University*  
Influence of Bonding Social Capital on Economic Growth

*9:45am – 10:00 am*

**Break**

10:00 – 11:45 am Parallel Session

**Perspectives on Religion in Russia**

Room A

Discussant: Oxana Shevel

*Tufts University*

Chair: Yoshiko Herrera

*University of Wisconsin-Madison*

**Mariia Ukhvatova**

*Saint Petersburg State University*

Religious Rhetoric in Official Speeches: Evidence from 2012-2019 Governor Inaugurations in Russia

**Grigory Grigoryev**

*European University at Saint Petersburg*

Dagestani 'heroes' of the Russian Civil War and the Formation of Social, Political and Religious Identities in the Contemporary Republic of Dagestan

**Liu Peng**

*University of Minnesota, Twin Cities*

God is Not Back: The Long-term Effects of Soviet Secularism

**Victoria Fomina**

*University of Toronto*

“The Things That are Caesar's”: Law and Informality in Orthodox Entrepreneurship

**Law and Society**

Room B

Discussant: Ekaterina Mishina

*Free University, Moscow*

Chair: Stanislav Stanskikh

*University of Wisconsin-Madison*

**Aryna Dzmitryieva**

*University of Eastern Finland / European University at Saint Petersburg*

Who are Law Professors in Russia

**Yulia Khalikova**

*University of Bremen and Jacobs University*

Authoritarian Capture or Strategic Resistance? When Judges Use International Human Rights Law

**Darya Kuznetsova**

*European University at Saint Petersburg*

Two Wrenches of the Russian Regulatory Reform

**Renata Mustafina**

*Yale University*

Assistance to Resistance? Ethnographing Post-Protest Legal Aid in Contemporary Russia

11:45am – 12:00 pm  
**Break**

12:00 pm – 1:45 pm *Plenary Session*

**Roots and Technologies of Authoritarian Governance**

[Room A](#)

Discussant: Celeste Wallander

*US-Russia Foundation*

Chair: Kathryn Hendley

*University of Wisconsin-Madison*

**Natalia Forrat**

*University of Michigan*

Clientelism or Solidarity: The Social Roots of Authoritarian Power in Russia

**Cole Harvey**

*Oklahoma State University*

Who Delivers the Votes? Elected vs Appointed Local Executives and Manufactured Votes in National Elections

**Valeriia Umanets**

*University of Wisconsin-Madison*

Pluralist Autocracies: The Determinants of the Effective Number of political Parties in Electoral and Competitive Authoritarian Regimes

**Dima Kortukov**

*Indiana University*

Governance and Electoral Competition in Authoritarian Regimes: The Case of Gorbachev's Demokratizatsiya

1:45 pm – 2:00 pm

**Closing Remarks**

[Room A](#)

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