

Schedule of Events

Wisconsin Russia Project

Virtual Young Scholars Conference 2021

January 28-29, 2021

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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