

► **The Launch Conference** of the recently founded **Centre for East European and International Studies (ZOiS)** focuses on new research perspectives on Eastern Europe.

ZOiS researchers, guest speakers, and young scholars supported by ZOiS will present their current research.

The talks and discussions are linked to the ZOiS research priorities "Stability and Change of Political Regimes", "The Dynamics of Conflict", and "Migration". There will also be a roundtable discussion on the future of Area Studies.

An exhibition of work by the photographer Mark Neville adds an artistic perspective to the ZOiS research on political identities shaped by the war in Ukraine.

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A New Research Agenda on Eastern Europe

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Mohrenstraße 60, 10117 Berlin

28 March 2017

Programme

8.30 am Registration

9.00–9.15 am

Welcome and Opening Statement by **Gwendolyn Sasse** (Director of ZOIS)

9.15–10.45 am

Panel 1: Conflict Dynamics in the Post-Soviet Region

Gwendolyn Sasse and **Alice Lackner** (ZOIS):
“The Impact of the War on Political Identities in Ukraine”
▶ ZOIS project

Oleg Zhuravlev (Public Sociology Laboratory, St. Petersburg and European University Institute, Florence) and **Natalia Savelyeva** (Public Sociology Laboratory, St. Petersburg):
“Getting Involved: Motives, Identities, and Mobilisation Channels of Donbas Rebels in Eastern Ukraine”

Stefan Wolff (University of Birmingham) and **Nadja Douglas** (ZOIS):
“Big or Small Bridges? Confidence-Building Measures and Conflict Settlement in the Case of Transdnestrria”

10.45–11.15 am Coffee break

11.15–12.45 pm

Panel 2: Politics from Below

Dmitriy Ostapchuk (VoxUkraine), **Pavlo Myronov** (Chesno), **Viktor Pashchenko** (Pridneprovsk International Research and Cooperation Centre) and **Yevgen Popov** (International Renaissance Foundation):
“Democratisation from Below? Local Politics in Ukraine”
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Kerstin Jacobsson (University of Gothenburg):
“Urban Grassroots Movements in Central and Eastern Europe: Lessons for Theory and Research”

Olga Onuch (University of Manchester):
“Post-Protest Polarisation in the Post-Communist Region: Poland, Russia, and Ukraine”

Discussant: **Susann Worschech** (European University Viadrina, Frankfurt/Oder)

12.45–1.45 pm Lunch break

1.45–2.45 pm

Different Perspectives on Migration in/from Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union

Room 1 Sociology
Discussion with **Tatiana Golova** (ZOIS) and **Magdalena Nowicka** (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)

Room 2 Literature and Cultural Studies
Discussion with **Adrian Wanner** (Pennsylvania State University) and **Dirk Uffelmann** (University of Passau)

Room 3 Arts
Discussion with Artists **Elke Steiner**, **Aleksandar Zograf** and **Mark Neville**

2.45–3.15 pm Coffee break

3.15–4.15 pm

The Study of Authoritarian Regimes: Methodological Challenges and Innovations

▶ The presenters are recipients of ZOIS dissertation completion grants 2016-2017

Room 1 Understanding Authoritarian Regimes from Within

Rebecca Fradkin (University of Oxford):
“Strategy and Access in the Field: Kazakhstan and Russia”

Mariya Rohava (University of Oslo):
“Overcoming Research Obstacles in Belarus: Data Availability and Research Strategies”

Room 2 How to Study Economic Policy in Russia?

Ewa Dabrowska (University of Amsterdam):
“Ideas and Interests in Russian Industrial Policy”

Janis Kluge (Witten/Herdecke University and German Institute for International and Security Affairs):
“Sticks or Carrots? Comparing the Effectiveness of Government Shadow Economy Policies in Russia”

4.15–4.30 pm Short break

4.30–6.00 pm

Roundtable: Quo Vadis Area Studies?

Chair: **Gwendolyn Sasse** (ZOIS)

Participants: **Mark Beissinger** (Princeton University) **Katharina Bluhm** (Freie Universität Berlin) **Markku Kivinen** (Aleksanteri Institute, University of Helsinki) **Patrick Köllner** (German Institute of Global and Area Studies, Hamburg) **Sebastian Lentz** (Leibniz Institute for Regional Geography, Leipzig)

6.00–6.15 pm Short break

6.15–7.30 pm

The Displaced Ukrainians: Discussion with Artist Mark Neville

▶ Based on Mark Neville's ZOIS project

Moderation: **Nina Frieß** (ZOIS)
with: **Radka Rubilina** (OSCE Office Yerevan) **Daniel Schulz** (taz)

From 7.30 pm Exhibition opening and reception