

TOPICS IN POLITICAL ECONOMY OF DEVELOPMENT

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(Paper presenters are indicated in bold)

DAY 1. SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

9:00-9:15 AM

WELCOME

9:15-10:45 AM

PANEL 1. HISTORICAL POLITICAL ECONOMY

Chair: Tim Frye

Georgy Tarasenko, "Religious Roots of Political Preferences:
Evidence from Old-Believers in Late-Imperial Russia."

Vladimir Novikov, "All Power to the Soviets: Industrial
Development and the Spread of the Bolshevik Insurgency."

Maxim Ananyev and **Mikhail Poyker**, "Prisons and
Homophobia."

Discussants: Guzel Garifullina and Ekaterina Borisova

10:45-11:00 AM

BREAK

11:00 AM-12:30 PM

PANEL 2. PROTEST AND ELECTIONS

Chair: Olga Masyutina

Aleksandra Rumyantseva, “Why Do Local Authorities Allow Dissent in Autocracies: The Evidence from the 2017-2018 Navalny Protests in Russia.”

Quintin Beazer, Noah Buckley, and Ora John Reuter, “The Demand for Elections under Autocracy: Regime Approval and the Cancellation of Local Elections in Russia.”

Andrey Tkachenko and Marina Vyrskaya, “Media, Propaganda and Attitudes to War: Evidence from the 2022 Russia-Ukraine Conflict.”

Discussants: Tim Frye and Andrei Yakovlev

12:30-2:00 PM

LUNCH

2:00-4:00 PM

PANEL 3. BUREAUCRACY

Chair: Ora John Reuter

Olga Masyutina, “Local Elite Replacement via Criminal Prosecution in Russia.”

Alexander Kalgin and Andrei Yakovlev, “Factors of Workplace Initiative among Civil Servants in Subnational Government.”

Guzel Garifullina and Andrei Yakovlev, “Embedded Leaders and Meritocratic Bureaucracies: Effects on Local Governance in the Russian Municipalities.”

Ekaterina Paustyan, “Subnational Elite Networks and Turnover in Authoritarian Regimes: The Case of Russian Regions.”

Discussants: Michael Rochlitz and Mikhail Poyker

DAY 2. OCTOBER 1, 2022

9:00-10:30 AM PANEL 4. PUBLIC OPINION AND MEDIA

Chair: Noah Buckley

Ora John Reuter, Noah Buckley, Kyle Marquardt, and Katerina Tertytchnaya, "Endogenous Popularity: How Perceptions of Support Affect the Popularity of Authoritarian Regimes."

Georgiy Syunyaev and Anton Shirikov, "Learning about Bias: An Experiment on News Consumption in Russia."

Elena Sirotkina, "Observability Obstructs Motivated Reasoning in Autocracy."

Discussants: Quintin Beazer and Kira Silvestrovich

10:30-10:45 AM BREAK

10:45 AM-12:15 PM PANEL 5. PUBLIC OPINION: SHOCKS AND FEAR

Chair: Ekaterina Paustyan

Kira Silvestrovich, "How Do Economy-wide and Personal Shocks Affect Mood and Perceptions About the Country?"

Ekaterina Borisova, Timothy Frye, Koen Schoers, and Vladimir Zabolovskiy, "Fear, Trust, and Demand for Regulation: Evidence from the Covid Pandemic in Russia."

Israel Marques, Henry Hale and Kirill Chmel, "Services, Clientelism, and Political Support: Evidence from Russia's Regions."

Discussants: Ora John Reuter and Noah Buckley

12:15-1:45 PM LUNCH

1:45-3:15 PM

PANEL 6. PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONTROL

Chair: Georgiy Syunyaev

Andrei Yakovlev, Alexander Kalgin and Matvei Bakshuk, “Factors of Carrier Promotion for Regional and Local Officials in Russia: Evidence from a Large-Scale List Experiment.”

Michael Rochlitz and David Karpa, “Authoritarian Surveillance and Public Support for Digital Governance Solutions.”

Nikita Khokhlov, “Playing the Sycophant Card: The Logic of Subnational Leaders’ Expression of Loyalty to the Autocrat.”

Discussants: Georgy Tarasenko and Ekaterina Paustyan

3:15-3:30 PM

BREAK

3:30-5:00 PM

PANEL 7. ROUNDTABLE ON STATE OF THE FIELD

Moderator: Tim Frye

How do events on the ground in Russia affect our scholarship? What types of research questions are most important to study now? What can be done to help scholars displaced by the conflict? What logistical solutions have scholars found for continuing to do research on Russia?

GROUP DINNER (Time and Location TBA)