

Economic Inequality in Eastern Europe and Its Consequences for Social, Political and Economic Development

Biannual Conference of the Economics Section of the German Association for East European Studies (DGO)

Conference schedule

7 October 2020

15:00-17:00 INEQUALITY AND POLITICAL STABILITY IN EASTERN EUROPE

Round Table (in cooperation with the Center for East European and International Studies Berlin)

Christopher Hartwell (Bournemouth University)

Elisabeth Schimpfoessl (Aston University)

Tobias Tunkel (Foreign Office)

Chair: **Julia Langbein** (Center for East European and International Studies Berlin)

8 October 2020

09:30-11:00 PANEL I: INEQUALITY IN RUSSIA

Anastasiya Lisina (Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research and the University of Luxembourg), with **Philippe van Kerm** *The Evolution of Income and Consumption Inequality in Russia, 1994-2015*

Discussant: **Denis Ivanov**

Gordey Yastrebov (University of Cologne)

Educational Inequality in Russia since WWII: an Update and Refinement over Previous Estimates

Discussant: **Philippe van Kerm**

Konstantin Glushchenko (Novosibirsk State University and Institute of Economics and Industrial Engineering of the Siberian Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Novosibirsk)

Regional Inequality in Russia: Anatomy of Convergence

Discussant: **Damir Esenaliev**

Chair: **Alexander Libman** (Free University of Berlin)

11:30-13:00 PANEL II: INEQUALITY IN CENTRAL EASTERN EUROPE

Filip Novokmet (University of Bonn), with **Pawel Bukowski**

Between Communism and Capitalism: Long-Term Inequality in Poland, 1892-2015

Discussant: **Dina Rosenberg**

Michal Brzezinski (University of Warsaw), with **Michal Myck** and **Mateusz Najstubb**
Reevaluating Distributional Consequences of the Transition to Market Economy in Poland: New Results from Combined Household Survey and Tax Return Data
Discussant: **Alexi Gugushvili**

Philipp Poyntner (Vienna University of Economics and Business)
Keeping up with the Novaks? Income Distribution as a Determinant of Household Debt in CESEE
Discussant: **Marko Vladislavlijevic**

Chair: **Janis Kluge** (German Institute for International and Security Affairs Berlin)

14:00-15:30

PANEL III: GENDER, FAMILY AND EDUCATION

Marko Vladislavlijevic (Institute of Economic Studies, Belgrade), with **Lara Lebedinski** and **Cristiano Perugini**
Child Penalty in Russia: Evidence from an Event Study
Discussant: **Anastassiya Lisina**

Dina Rosenberg (National Research University Higher School of Economics, Moscow), with **Anastasia Poretskova** and **Anastasiia Ptichkina**
Echo of Communism: Why it Failed to Achieve Gender Equality
Discussant: **Konstantin Glushchenko**

Philippe van Kerm (University of Luxembourg)
Inequality of Opportunity across European Cohorts (and the Long-Term Impact of Educational Policy)
Discussant: **Filip Novokmet**

Chair: **Olga Popova** (Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies Regensburg)

16:00-17:30

PANEL IV: INEQUALITY IN EASTERN EUROPE AND BEYOND

Denis Ivanov (Corvinus University of Budapest)
Economic Insecurity, Institutional Trust and Populist Voting across Europe: Breeding Ground Reexamined
Discussant: **Philipp Poyntner**

Damir Esenaliev (Leibniz Institute of Vegetable and Ornamental Crops and International Security and Development Center)
Social Cohesion through Community-Driven Development in Kyrgyzstan
Discussant: **Michal Brzezinski**

Alexi Gugushvili (University of Oslo)
Intergenerational Social Mobility and Health in Russia: All in the Mind?
Discussant: **Gordey Yastrebov**

Chair: TBD

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Biographies of the participants**Round table panelists**

Christopher A. Hartwell is Professor of Financial Systems Resilience at Bournemouth University, Professor of International Management at Kozminski University in Poland, Visiting Professor at the Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration (RANEPA), and Fellow and former President of the Center for Social and Economic Research (CASE) in Warsaw. Over his career, Professor Hartwell has advised governments in numerous countries around the world, and has published in journals such as *Global Strategy Journal*, *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, *Explorations in Economic History*, a.o. Dr. Hartwell holds a PhD in Economics from the Warsaw School of Economics, a Master's in Public Policy from Harvard, and a BA in Political Science and Economics from the University of Pennsylvania.

Elisabeth Schimpfoessl is an author of *Rich Russians: From Oligarchs to Bourgeoisie*, published by Oxford University Press in 2018 and reviewed, among other places, in *The Guardian*, *The Financial Times*, *Foreign Affairs* and *Die Frankfurter Allgemeine Sonntagszeitung*. Elisabeth's current research focuses on philanthropy, both in Russia and the United Kingdom. She has also conducted research on media and journalism in Eastern Europe, with a focus on self-censorship. Elisabeth has a doctorate from the University of Manchester and is currently senior lecturer in sociology and policy at Aston University, Birmingham. Prior to pursuing a PhD, she worked in development cooperation under the Austrian Foreign Ministry.

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Presenters

Michał Brzeziński is an Adjunct Professor at the Faculty of Economic Sciences University of Warsaw where he teaches history of economics and political economics. His research interests include, economics of populism and illiberal democracy, modelling income and wealth distribution, measurement of poverty and inequality, happiness economics and economic policy in Poland. His publications are found in journals such as *Economic Systems*, *Empirical Economics*, *Journal of Applied Econometrics*, *Physica A*, *Applied Economics*, *Economics Letters*, *Scientometrics*, *Journal of Happiness Studies* and *Social Indicators Research*.

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Denis Ivanov is a second year PhD student in Economics at Corvinus University of Budapest and an early-stage researcher in the Horizon 2020 project on populism –FATIGUE. His main research area is political economy. He is particularly interested in political consequences of different aspects of socioeconomic inequality, the role of institutions as well as the processes behind economic voting. Currently he is (virtually) visiting at UCL, SSEES in London, UK.

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Organizers

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Alexander Libman is, since October 2020, Professor of East European and Russian Politics at the Free University of Berlin. Between October 2016 and September 2020, he worked as Professor of Social Sciences and East European Studies at the Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich. His research focus includes political economy of authoritarian regimes and Russian sub-national politics. His key publications include *Historical Legacies of Communism* (Cambridge University Press, with Anastassia Obydenkova) and *Authoritarian Regionalism in the World of International Organizations* (Oxford University Press, with Anastassia Obydenkova), as well as articles in *World Politics*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Comparative Politics* and *Journal of Democracy*.

Olga Popova is a Senior Researcher in the Department of Economics at the Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (IOS, Regensburg) and a research associate at CERGE-EI, Prague. She is a co-editor of *Suedosteuropa*. The *Journal of Politics and Society*, published by De Gruyter, and served as a consultant for the World Bank. Her research interests include health and environmental economics, quality of life, individual and regional inequalities, and economic development with a specific focus on emerging and transition economies. Her research has been published in *Journal of Comparative Economics*, *Economic Inquiry*, *Small Business Economics*, *European Journal of Political Economy*, and *Ecological Economics*, among others.