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WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?

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**Wednesday, December 7**

**I. FOREIGN POLICY** (9-11 a.m. City View Room, 7th floor)
*Chair:* Pavel Baev (Peace Research Institute Oslo, PRIO)
Ted Hopf (Ohio State University)
Eric McGlinchey (George Mason University)
Evolution of Russia’s Place in the World
Sergey Minasyan (Caucasus Institute, Yerevan)
Domestic Might and International Stage Fright in Central Asia
Yulia Nikitina (Moscow State Institute of International Relations, MGIMO)
Evaluating ‘Multivectorism’ in Post-Soviet Foreign Policies
Robert Orttung (The George Washington University)
Twenty Years of Regional Security Cooperation

**II. POLITICAL ECONOMY** (11:20 a.m.-1 p.m. City View Room, 7th floor)
*Chair:* Nazar Kholod (formerly of Lviv National University)
Andrew Barnes (Kent State University)
Pauline Jones Luong (Brown University)
The Fate of ‘First-Round Winners’ in Post-Soviet Political Economies
Konstantin Sonin (New Economics School, Moscow)
What the Post-Soviet Experience Teaches Us about the Resource Curse
Daniel Treisman (University of California, Los Angeles)
Taking Stock of Russian Economic Development
How Have the Post-Soviet Economies Changed?

**III. ETHNIC POLITICS** (2-3:40 p.m. City View Room, 7th floor)
*Chair:* Cory Welt (The George Washington University)
Elise Giuliano (Columbia University), Dmitry Gorenburg (Harvard University)
Post-Ethnic Russia? The Unexpectedly Underwhelming Fact of Ethnicity in Russian Politics, 1991-2011
Sergey Markedonov (Center for Strategic and International Studies)
The Phenomenon of Unrecognized States
Philip Roeder (University of California, San Diego)
Lessons About Nationalism and Ethnicity
Anar Valiyev (Azerbaijan Diplomatic Academy)
Long-Term Effects of Post-Soviet Ethnic Conflict
IV. CULTURE (4-5:30 p.m. Lindner Commons, 6th floor)
Chair: Marcia Morris (Georgetown University)
Dianne Beal (Galerie Blue Square)
Two Decades of Post-Soviet Russian Art
Douglas Blum (Providence College)
Cultural Globalization in the Post-Soviet "South"
Andrey Makarychev (Freie Universität Berlin, Nizhny Novgorod State University)
(Post-)Political Issues in Russia's Literary Discourses
Peter Rollberg (The George Washington University)
Transformation of U.S. Cultural Studies of Eurasia

Thursday, December 8

V. POLITICS (9-11 a.m. Lindner Commons, 6th floor)
Chair: Stephen Hanson (William and Mary College)
Timothy Colton (Harvard University)
Political Leadership after Communism
Oleksandr Fisun (Kharkiv National University)
Pathways of Post-Soviet Transformations
Henry Hale (The George Washington University)
Big Patterns in Post-Soviet Regime Dynamics
Nikolay Petrov (Carnegie Moscow Center)
The Evolution of Post-Soviet Political Elites
Regina Smyth (Indiana University)
Political Preferences & Party Development in Post-Communist States

VI. HISTORY (11:20 a.m.-1 p.m. Lindner Commons, 6th floor)
Chair: Eric Lohr (American University)
Tarik Cyril Amar (Columbia University)
Having History: Independent Ukraine and its Past
Steven Barnes (George Mason University)
Histories of the Gulag and Soviet Violence—20 Years Later
Mark Kramer (Harvard University)
Archival Openness and Historical Memory in Post-Soviet States
Marlene Laruelle (The George Washington University)
What We Have [Not] Learned about 20th-century Central Asian History

VII. SOCIETY AND THE STATE (2-4 p.m. Lindner Commons, 6th floor)
Chair: Mikhail Alexseev (San Diego State University)
Alexander Cooley (Barnard College, Columbia University)
The Price of Access: Central Asia’s Transnational Corruption Networks
Samuel Greene (New Economics School, Moscow)
Twenty Years Later: Citizenship & Constituency in Post-Soviet Russia
Serhiy Kudelia (The George Washington University)
Society as an Actor in Post-Soviet State-Building Projects
William Pomeranz (Kennan Institute, Woodrow Wilson Center)
Twenty Years of Legal Reform
Joshua Tucker (New York University)
Postcommunist Legacies, Values, & Behavior

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