

STATEHOOD AND ITS DISCONTENTS: RUSSIA, EASTERN EUROPE, AND EURASIA

A Joint Miami University Havighurst Center for Russian and Post-Soviet Studies and Vilnius University Institute of International Relations and Political Science Conference

June 15–18, 2016
Institute of International Relations and Political Science, Vilnius University
Vokieciu str. 10, conference hall 402
Vilnius, Lithuania

WEDNESDAY, June 15

17.00 Registration

17.30–17.40 Opening of the Conference: Karen Dawisha, Miami University, and Ramūnas Vilpišauskas, Vilnius University

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17.40–18.40 Keynote Lecture

Artemyi Troitsky, freelance journalist and academic: *The Trajectories of UDO: Unidentified Drowning Object*

THURSDAY, June 16

10.00–11.30 Panel 1: The Baltics

Chair: Marijuš Antonovič, Vilnius University

- A. Lorraine Weekes, Stanford University: *Continuity in the Cloud: Sovereignty and the Nation in Estonian Cyberspace*
- Diana Mincytė, The City University of New York-NYC College of Technology, and Aistė Bartkienė, Independent scholar: *Struggles over Energy Sovereignty: Rethinking Nationalism and Community in Globalizing Lithuania*
- Nerija Putinaitė, Vilnius University: *Three paths of Lithuanian national “return to Europe”: what Europe, which nation?*

Discussant: Stephen Norris, Miami University

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12.00–13.00 Keynote Lecture

Karen Dawisha, Miami University, *Putin’s Winter of Discontent*

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Lunch (13.00–14.30)

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14.30–16.00 Panel 2: Ukraine

Chair: Scott Kenworthy, Miami University

- Irina Kuznetsova, University of Birmingham, UK: *Fractured Eastern Ukraine: Art, Resilience and Politics*
- Ted Holland, Miami University: *The Novelty of Hybrid War: The Conflict in Eastern Ukraine*
- Laurynas Kasčiūnas, Vilnius University: *The Fusion Between Business and Politics and Its Impact on Geopolitical Orientation in Ukraine*

Discussant: Margarita Šešelgytė, Vilnius University

Coffee break (16.00–16.30)

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16.30–18.00 Panel 3: Russia

Chair: Benjamin Sutcliffe, Miami University

- Darya Malyutina, Independent scholar: *Russian Journalists in Ukraine: Caught in Limbo?*
- Laurynas Jonavičius, Vilnius University: *State vs. Dominant Coalition. The Case of Russia*
- Daniel Course, Ariel Research Center for Defense and Communication (Ariel University, Israel): *The Phenomenon of 'Foreign Policy of Chechnya' as an Indication of Decentralization Tendencies in Russia*

Discussant: Tomas Janeliūnas, Vilnius University

FRIDAY, June 17

10.00–11.30 Panel 4: EU/Eurasian Union

Chair: Linas Kojala, Vilnius University

- Caress Schenk, Nazarbaev University, Kazakhstan: *Labor Movement in the Eurasian Union: a Continued Struggle for State Control*
- Beibit Yunis, Independent researcher: *The Customs Union: Had this Political Supranational Organization Been Granted a Delegation of the Member Nations' Sovereign Rights?*
- Vytautas Radžvilas, Vilnius University: *EU Federalization or Return of the Nation States? Some Lessons from the Central and Eastern Europe*

Discussant: Mindaugas Jurkynas, Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania

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12.00–13.00 Keynote Lecture

Ramūnas Vilpišauskas, Vilnius University: *Revolt Against Internationalism and the State of the Nation-State*

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Lunch (13.00–14.30)

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14.30–16.00 Panel 5: Caucasus

Chair: Karen Dawisha, Miami University

- Dovilė Jakniūnaitė, Vilnius University: *Adapting to Living Without Part of the Territory*
- Gulia Prelz Oltramonti, Université libre de Bruxelles: *Overlapping and Non-overlapping Cleavages in the South Caucasus*
- Urban Jakska, University of York, UK: *Geopolitical Role of De Facto States in South Caucasus: Affirmation or Erosion of Sovereignty?*
- Gediminas Vitkus, Vilnius University: *The Challenge of State Non-Recognition Issue in Foreign Policy of the Baltic States: Nagorno-Karabakh Case*

Discussant: Konstantinas Andrijauskas, Vilnius University

SATURDAY, June 18

8.30–9.45 Panel 6: The State and Sovereign Subjects

Chair: Neringa Klumbytė, Miami University

- Ashlynn Galligher, Miami University: *Crimean Tatars: Persecution from the Crimean War to the Crimean Annexation*
- Anna Melberg, Miami University: *Religion and Revolution: Religious Pluralism, Institutional Unity and Spirituality of Coexistence in Euromaidan*
- Ieva Juska, Miami University: *Bribing Fate: A Patient's and a Doctor's Material Relationships in Lithuania's Health Care*

Discussant: Scott Kenworthy, Miami University

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10.00–11.30 Panel 7: The Politics of the Past

Chair: Vilius Mačkinis, Vilnius University

- Ben Sutcliffe, Miami University: *Cake, Cabbage, Consumption: Remembering and Forgetting in Iurii Trifonov's "Dom Na Naberezhnoi"*
- Natalija Arlauskaitė, Vilnius University: *Taming the Contingent: Documentary Footage in the Siege Narrative Production, 1942–1966*
- Elena Trubina, Ural Federal University: *Recalling the Urban Boom in the Midst of Entropy: How the Possible Future Became the Past?*

Discussant: Inga Vinogradnaitė, Vilnius University

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Coffee break (11.30–12.00)

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12.00–13.30 Closing Roundtable: Statehood and Its Discontents: Reflections and Futures

Chair: Kęstutis Girnius, Vilnius University

Participants: Karen Dawisha (Miami University), Venelin Ganey (Miami University), Scott Kenworthy (Miami University), Neringa Klumbytė (Miami University), Ramūnas Vilpišauskas (Vilnius University)

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