

The second Ghent Russia colloquium

"Russia's Political Economy Since 1992: Back to the Future?"

11-12 December 2018

Venue: Het Pand, Onderbergen 1, 9000 Gent

Tuesday 11 December 2018

11.45h – 12.15h: Registration

12.00h – 12.45h: Lunch (Uttenhove)

Plenary session (Oude Infirmerie)

12.45h – 12.50h: Welcome by Prof. Guido Van Huylenbroeck, Academic Director Internationalisation

12.50h – 13.00h: Introduction by Prof. Koen Schoors, Director of the UGent Russia Platform

13.00h – 14.00h: Key note address by Yuval Weber, Associate Professor at Daniel Morgan Graduate School, Kennan Institute: *"Running in Place: Geopolitical Competition and Patterns in Russian Economic Reform"*

14.00h – 15.30h: Parallel sessions 1:

Panel 1: Banking and Financial Markets (Dormitorium)

Chair: Laura Solanko, BOFIT

- Olga Khon (Higher School of Economics): *"Collateral Determinants in Bank Loans: The Driver of Systemic Risks in Russia"*
- Zuzana Fungacova (BOFIT, Finland): *"Political Cycles of State-owned Bank Lending in Russia"*
- Christopher A. Hartwell (Bournemouth University): *"Rational Response or Irrational Fear? Financial Markets and Terrorism in Tsarist Russia."*

Panel 2: Long lasting Effects of Transition (Oude Infirmerie)

Chair: Koen Schoors, Ghent University



- William Pyle (Middlebury College): *"Russians Impressionable Years: Values, Beliefs and Transition's Legacy"*
- Kazushige Kobayashi (Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva): *"Gorbachevs Illiberalism: Autocratic Legacies of Perestroika Reforms and the Origin of Russia's Hierarchical Socio-Economic Order"*
- Tom Eeckhout (Ghent University): *"Persistence of Economic and Political Elites in Times of Transition"*

15.30h – 16.00h: Coffee break (Uttenhove)

16.00h – 17.30h: Parallel sessions 2

Panel 3: Energy (Oude Infirmerie)

Chair: Thijs Van de Graaf, Ghent University

- Marco Giuli (European Policy Centre): *"How is Russia adapting its gas export strategy to the structural changes in global and regional gas markets?"*
- Inna Chuvychkina (independent): *"A Qualitative Comparative Analysis of Institutional Adaptation in Energy-exporting Countries: the Case of Russia"*
- Niels Smeets (KU Leuven): *"Preserving Regime Stability during a Global Energy Transition: Neopatrimonial Explanations of Russia's Renewable Energy Practices"*

Panel 4: Public Procurement in Russia (Dormitorium)

Chair: Yuval Weber, Daniel Morgan Graduate School

- Sumeyra Atmaca (Ghent University): *"Application Period in Reverse Auctions"*
- Elena Podkolzina (Higher School of Economics): *"Experience and Efficiency in Public Procurement: Russian Evidence"*
- Riccardo Camboni (University of Padua): *"Reserve Price Underpricing as a Corruption Strategy in Public Procurement: Evidence from Russia"*

Wednesday 12 December 2018

9.00h – 10.30h: Parallel sessions 3

Panel 5: Institutions and Firms (Oude Infirmerie)

Chair: Leonid Polishchuk, Uppsala University

- Carsten Sprenger (New Economic School): *"CEO Characteristics, Political Connections and Company Performance"*
- Irina Levina (Higher School of Economics): *"Decentralization of Firms in a Country with Weak Institutions: Evidence from Russia"*



- David Szakonyi (George Washington University): *"Indecent Disclosures: Anti-Corruption Campaigns and Political Selection"*

Panel 6: Institutional Development in Russia (zaal Vermeyleylen)

Chair: Sergei Guriev, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

- Georgiy Syunyaev (Columbia University, Higher School of Economics): *"Discouraging Collective Action in Homeowners' Associations: Evidence from Russia"*
- Aleksandra Peeva (Humboldt University of Berlin): *"Did Sanctions help Putin?"*
- Nikita Zakharov (Freiburg University): *"State Induced Preference Falsification: Evidence from a Natural Experiment"*

10.30h – 11.00h: Coffee Break (Kloostergang)

11.00h – 12.30h: Parallel sessions 4

Panel 7: Redistribution and Inequality (zaal Vermeyleylen)

Chair: Gerry Christopher, University of Oxford

- Ekaterina Paustyan (Central European University Budapest): *"The Politics of Redistribution in Putin's Russia"*
- Gerry Christopher (University of Oxford): *"The impact of supplemental private health insurance on health-related behaviours and outcomes: new evidence from Russia"*
- Ekaterina Borisova (Higher School of Economics): *"Who to Help? Trust and Preferences over Redistribution in Russia"*

Panel 8: Institutions and the Public/Private Boundary (Oude Infirmerie)

Chair: Bruno Merlevede, Ghent University

- Bram De Lange (Ghent University): *"State-Owned Enterprises across Europe"*
- Polina Petruscha (ITMO University): *"Innovations in Russian Higher Education as Baseline to Modernization of Russian Economy"*
- Natalia Vasilenok (Higher School of Economics): *"What Drives the Private Provision of Security: Evidence from Russian Regions"*

12.30h – 13.30h: Lunch (Kloostergang)

Key note (Oude Infirmerie)

13.30h – 14.30h: Key note address by Sergei Guriev, Chief Economist at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Professor at Sciences Po: *"Work in Transition: Demographics, Automation, Skills and Migration in Transition Countries"*

