Russia today represents a major example of "electoral authoritarianism," a regime type which adopts the trappings of democratic institutions (such as elections, political parties, and a legislature) but enlists them in the service of the country's rulers. Why and how has the electoral authoritarian regime been consolidated in Russia? What are the mechanisms of its maintenance, and what is its likely future? To answer these questions, Vladimir Gel'man examines regime change in Russia from the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991 to the present day, presenting theoretical and comparative perspectives on key factors that have influenced the authoritarian drift of the country.

One of the "Six must-read books on Russia from the last 25 years" - Business New Europe

**Tuesday, September 22, 2015**
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm
Voesar Conference Room
1957 E St. NW, Suite 412
Please RSVP at:
go.gwu.edu/0922ar