The Russian Spring: Does It Stand a Chance?
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with

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In December, Russia witnessed some of the largest protests against authorities since Vladimir Putin came to power. In March, the country will elect a new president. While Putin is likely to win, he is now governing in a new country in which people are beginning to demand that their leaders be held accountable. This situation creates new opportunities and dangers for Russia’s independent media. In this talk, Yevgenia Albats will discuss what it is like to publish a journal that offers readers a variety of opinions and investigative reporting on current events in contemporary Russia. She will also discuss the role of the Internet and social media in changing the political landscape, in Moscow, St. Petersburg, and in the regions.

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