Russia in Advance of Its March 4 Elections: Is the Putin Era Coming to an End?
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Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, Russia’s one time and presumptive future president, is poised to return for six, and possibly 12, more years as Russia’s paramount leader. Given growing dissatisfaction in Russian society and recent mass protests, this panel will examine whether an increasingly restive population has outgrown Putinism and what are the prospects for reform in Russia.

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