What role do firms play in Russian political life? While there is considerable debate about the connections between economics and politics, few researchers have examined these linkages in detail. Timothy Frye’s lecture will draw on recent research conducted with a team of exciting young scholars based in Moscow to provide some answers. Frye will explore how firms behaved as political actors during the most recent round of elections and protest and offer insights into how relations between firms and the state might evolve in the future.

Timothy Frye is professor of political science at Columbia University and the director of the Harriman Institute (on leave from the directorship for the 2012-13 academic year). Thanks to a generous three-year grant from the Russian government, he is also the director of the Center for the Study of Institutions and Development (CSID) at the Higher Economics School in Moscow.

Monday, March 4, 2013
5:00-6:00; reception to follow
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