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Elections and Authoritarianism in Putin's Russia

with

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Contemporary Russia is a classic example of electoral authoritarian regime—a non-democratic regime that holds multi-party elections. This talk will discuss what recent academic research on electoral authoritarianism can teach us about regime stability in Russia. Particular emphasis will be placed on the regime's electoral strategy, the role of United Russia, political appointments, and the loyalty of elites to the regime. Over the course of the 2000s, the regime built institutions that helped stabilize its rule, but, recently, it has taken a number of decisions that could undermine its ability to fend off threats.

Thursday, April 20, 2017

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

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