Power and Honor: Rethinking the Paradigms of the Post-Soviet Transition
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This presentation will provide a historical retrospective and rigorous analysis of the Bush Administration's controversial foreign policy towards the Soviet Union and Georgia in the early 1990s. This important historical turning point, which led to the emergence and consolidation of a corrupt political system, is a serious impediment to Georgia's democratic state-building and an obstacle for Western interests in the Caucasus region. The speaker will challenge the conventional paradigms of the post-Soviet transition, which have generated vague assumptions about the democratic transformation of the Newly Independent States. On the example of Georgia, the speaker will provide a comprehensive analysis of the formation and functioning of the corrupt neo-nomenklatura elite, which is a grave threat to democratic governance.

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