So Close but Yet So Far:
Transatlantic Democracy Promotion and its Outcomes in Eastern Europe and the South Caucasus
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with

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What direction are the EU and U.S. democracy promotion efforts taking, and what are the outcomes of these efforts? While Venus and Mars is the popular analogy for the differences between Europeans and Americans, this comparison no longer holds true, especially in democracy promotion. EU and U.S. democracy promotion is increasingly characterized by converging interests and identities. However, the main question, which applies even beyond democracy promotion, remains to be answered: are shared interests sufficient for transatlantic cooperation? In this talk, Nelli Babayan takes up questions about how democratization efforts in the South Caucasus have proceeded, and the extent to which transatlantic democracy promotion has evolved.

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