# Agenda (Day 1)

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| 9:30-11:15 am | **Panel 1**  
MAKING SENSE OF PUTIN 2.0  
Panelists: Kimberly Marten, Nikolay Petrov, James Richter, Brian Taylor  
Chair: Henry E. Hale | **City View Room**                     |
| 11:15-11:30 am| Coffee Break                                                         |                                    |
| 11:30-1:00 pm | **Panel 2**  
RUSSIAN PROTESTS: MOTIVATIONS AND MECHANISMS  
Panelists: Mikhail Alexseev, Theodore Gerber, Mark Kramer  
Chair: Oxana Shevel | **City View Room**                     |
| 1:00-1:45 pm  | Lunch Break                                                          |                                    |
| 1:45-3:30 pm  | **Panel 3A**  
RUSSIAN OFFICIALDOM FROM BELOW  
Panelists: Elise Giuliano, Serghei Golunov, Paul Goode  
Chair: Nikolay Petrov | **City View Room**                     |
|               | **Panel 3B**  
CAN RUSSIA BE A SECURITY PARTNER?  
Panelists: Arkady Moshes, Yulia Nikitina, Polina Sinovets, Mikhail Troitskiy  
Chair: Cory Welt | **Lindner Commons**                     |
| 3:30-3:45 pm  | Coffee Break                                                         |                                    |
| 3:45-5:30 pm  | **Panel 4A**  
SOCHI 2014: THE POLITICS OF RUSSIA’S WINTER OLYMPICS  
Panelists: Andrey Makarychev, Sergey Markedonov, Robert W. Orttung, Sufian Zhemukhov  
Chair: Pavel K. Baev | **City View Room**                     |
|               | **Panel 4B**  
BETWEEN THE EU AND RUSSIA: WINDS OF CHANGE?  
Panelists: Volodymyr Dubovyk, Kornely Kakachia, Sergey Minasyan, Oleksandr Sushko  
Chair: Juliet Johnson | **Lindner Commons**                     |

*City View Room: Elliott School 7th Floor  
Lindner Commons: Elliott School 6th Floor*
### Panels (Day 1)

**Panel 1**  **MAKING SENSE OF PUTIN 2.0**

- **Kimberly Marten**  
  *A New Explanation for Russian Foreign Policy: The Power of Informal Patronage Networks*

- **Nikolay Petrov**  
  *From a Normal Country to Normal Authoritarianism: The Transformation of the Political Regime in Russia*

- **James Richter**  
  *Civil Society and the Second Putinshchina*

- **Brian Taylor**  
  *Putin’s Crackdown: Sources, Instruments, and Challenges*

**Panel 2**  **RUSSIAN PROTESTS: MOTIVATIONS AND MECHANISMS**

- **Mikhail Alexseev**  
  *Beyond the Polls: Google Queries and Public Protest Volatility in Russia*

- **Theodore Gerber**  
  *New Media, Political Information, and Opposition Views in Russia: A Cautionary Note Based on Survey Evidence*

- **Mark Kramer**  
  *Political Protest and Regime-Opposition Dynamics in Russia*

**Panel 3A**  **RUSSIAN OFFICIALDOM FROM BELOW**

- **Elise Giuliano**  
  *Assigning Blame After Natural Disasters in Russia*

- **Serghei Golunov**  
  *Quasi-Feudalism in Higher Education? Rectors and Politics in Russia*

- **Paul Goode**  
  *The Unintended Consequences of Russia’s Gubernatorial Elections*

**Panel 3B**  **CAN RUSSIA BE A SECURITY PARTNER?**

- **Arkady Moshes**  
  *Europe’s Disillusionment with Russia*

- **Yulia Nikitina**  
  *How the CSTO Can (and Cannot) Help NATO*

- **Polina Sinovets**  
  *Three Russian Myths About Iran*

- **Mikhail Troitskiy**  
  *The China Factor in U.S.-Russia Relations*

**Panel 4A**  **SOCHI 2014: THE POLITICS OF RUSSIA’S WINTER OLYMPICS**

- **Andrey Makarychev**  
  *The Politics of Sports Mega-Events in Russia: Kazan, Sochi, and Beyond*

- **Sergei Markedonov**  
  *Security and Geopolitics at the Sochi Olympics*

- **Robert W. Orttung**  
  *Sochi 2014: The Political Economy of Russia’s Mega-Projects*

- **Sufian Zhemukhov**  
  *On the Verge of an Olympics Boycott: How the Kremlin Deals with International Pressure*

**Panel 4B**  **BETWEEN THE EU AND RUSSIA: WINDS OF CHANGE?**

- **Volodymyr Dubovyk**  
  *Obstacles in the Way of Facilitating Viable Black Sea Regional Security Cooperation*

- **Kornely Kakachia**  
  *NATO-Georgia Relations: Will 2014 Bring Anything New?*

- **Sergey Minasyan**  
  *Armenia and Georgia: A New Pivotal Relationship in the South Caucasus?*

- **Oleksandr Sushko**  
  *Limits of Compatibility: Association vs. Customs Union for Ukraine and the Rest of the EU-Russia Neighborhood*
PONARS Eurasia Policy Conference
Day 2 - Tuesday, September 24, 2013

Agenda (Day 2)

9am    Registration  1957 E St. NW, 6th Floor

9:30-11:00 am RUSSIA: ENERGY SUPERPOWER NO MORE?

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Pavel K. Baev, Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO)
How Russia’s Energy “Weapon” Turned into an Oil Pillow and Gas Rattle

Andrew Barnes, Kent State University
How Much Would It Hurt? Exploring Russia’s Vulnerability to a Drop in Energy Prices

Adam Stulberg, Sam Nunn School of International Affairs, Georgia Institute of Technology
Russia and the Geopolitics of Natural Gas: Leveraging or Succumbing to Revolution?

Chair: Samuel Charap, International Institute of Strategic Studies

11:00-11:15 am Coffee Break

11:15-1:15 pm CENTRAL ASIA AFTER 2014: A NEW AGENDA

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Dmitry Gorenburg, CNA
External Support for Central Asian Military and Security Forces

Marlene Laruelle, The George Washington University
Revisiting Islamism: A Factor for Democratization in Central Asia?

Eric McGlinchey, George Mason University
Retreat or Repress: State Responses to Protest in Tajikistan and Uzbekistan

Sebastien Peyrouse, The George Washington University
Food Security in Central Asia: A Public Policy Challenge

Scott Radnitz, University of Washington
Spinning the Spillover: Why NATO Withdrawal from Afghanistan Does Not Pose a Threat to Central Asia

Chair: Shairbek Juraev, OSCE Academy in Bishkek