Eurasia Policy Book Forum

Russia in the 2000s: Prelude to High Putinism?
A discussion of the book:

Russia in the 2000s: A Stereoscopic View

Featuring

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Voesar Conference Room, Suite 412
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Lunch will be served.
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Please join us for a discussion of Russia in the 2000s: A Stereoscopic View (published only in Russian) with authors and co-editors Henry E. Hale and Ivan I. Kurilla. What were the 2000s in Russia? Some see the culmination of a KGB conspiracy to restore a Soviet-style system across one seventh of the world’s land mass, while others portray a heroic feat of state-building that will lay the groundwork for future economic progress and ultimately democratization. This volume challenges both perspectives, applying social science approaches to reveal a Russia pregnant with possibilities and multiple contingent paths of development. What Russia has become is an elaborate hybrid regime with its own “multivector dynamism” that reflects some progress and some serious problems. These are explored by a team of leading scholars from universities in both Russia and the United States in chapters on polity, economy and society at both the national and regional levels.

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Federalism and the State (Cambridge, 2006), winner of the American Political Science Association’s Leon D. Epstein Outstanding Book Award for 2006 and 2007. He is also co-editor of Developments in Russian Politics 7 (Duke, 2010) and author of numerous articles.

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