Invitation to a book discussion:

The Politics of Protest in Hybrid Regimes: Managing Dissent in Post-Communist Russia

Featuring

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Commentary by

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Please join us for a book discussion of the newly-published The Politics of Protest in Hybrid Regimes with presentation by Graeme Robertson and commentary by Nadia Diuk. This new study builds on previously unpublished data and extensive fieldwork to show how mass politics operate in 21st century hybrid regimes, countries like Russia that combine elements of democracy and autocracy. Exposing as a myth the notion that Russians are generally passive in the face of hardship, Robertson explains how and why they mobilize at some times but not others, and spells out implications for regime stability, popular protest, and the possibility of long-run democratization, both in Russia as well as other countries with similar hybrid regimes.

Graeme B. Robertson is Assistant Professor of Political Science at University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. A specialist in Russian politics, Dr. Robertson’s work focuses on labor, contentious politics, and hybrid and authoritarian regimes. He has contributed articles to the American Political Science Review, the American Journal of Political Science, Comparative Politics, the Journal of Democracy, Slavic Review, Communist and Post-Communist Studies and Pro et Contra. He is currently working on projects in a number of areas including looking at labor and protest in the developing world, at the interaction of structural factors and politics in political change in the post-Cold War period, and at governance in contemporary authoritarian regimes.

Nadia Diuk serves as Vice President, Programs for Europe and Eurasia, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean at the National Endowment for Democracy. For over twenty years prior to her appointment as Vice President, she supervised NED programs in Eastern Europe and Eurasia. Her publications include two co-authored books The Hidden Nations: The People Challenge the Soviet Union (1990) and New Nations Rising: The Fall of the Soviets and the Challenge of Independence (1993) and articles in the Washington Post, the Washington Times, Journal of Democracy, Orbis, and the Russian Journal of Public Opinion.

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