The Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies (IERES) is pleased to invite you to:

The Fourth James Millar Lecture

with

Peter Rutland
Professor of Government, Wesleyan University

Russian Economic Development and Prospects

Reception to follow

Professor Rutland will give a broad overview of the economic and political situation in Russia on the eve of the 2011/2012 parliamentary and presidential election cycle. His talk will examine the oil curse, the role of state corporations, the fraying social contract, and President Dmitry Medvedev's modernization plans.

Peter Rutland has taught at Wesleyan since 1989. His research interests focus on all things Russian and places "where the Russian boot has trod" (Nicholas II) in the former Soviet Union and the former East Europe. He has written two books, The Politics of Economic Stagnation in the Soviet Union (Cambridge University Press, 1992) and The Myth of the Plan: Lessons of Soviet Planning Experience (Hutchinson, 1985); and edited a third, Business and the State in Contemporary Russia (Westview Press, 2000). Recent articles cover topics such as the rise of President Putin, the Russian oil and gas industry; the reform of the Russian electricity monopoly; and Russia as an Asian power.

The James Millar Lecture on the Economics or Economic History of the USSR/Russia is held annually at IERES to commemorate the life and work of economist and longtime IERES director James Millar (1936-2008). Supported by the Millar Family Fund, the first three lectures were delivered by Paul Gregory (University of Houston), Clifford Gaddy (Brookings Institution), and Susan Linz (Michigan State University).

Monday, April 25, 2011
5:00-6:30 p.m.
The State Room, 1957 E Street, NW, 7th floor
Please RSVP to ieresgwu@gwu.edu.

This event is on the record.