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Inside the Eurasian De Facto States: 2010 Comparative Surveys of Public Attitudes in Abkhazia, South Ossetia and Transdniestria

with John O'Loughlin and Gerard Toal

O'Loughlin and Toal conducted large-scale representative public opinion surveys in the three "breakaway states" in 2010 and will highlight some key similarities and differences across the three Russian-supported "de facto states". The presenters will describe measures of internal support for the regimes, support for the continuance of Russian troop presence and possible union with Russia, inter-ethnic relations, and the effects of the legacies of the wars on the possibilities of reconciliation with other domestic groups and with the parent states from which they separated (Georgia and Moldova) for key demographic and political groups.

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