The Disappearing Shadow of Local Democracy in Russia

with

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Please join us for a discussion of the changing nature of local politics in Russia, featuring two leading specialists from St. Petersburg. Prof. Ivan Kurilla will focus on the case of his native city of Volgograd, once labeled "a leader of democratic reforms" in 1990 but now a "leader" in declining public satisfaction, communal services, and economic indicators. He will explain this devolution with reference to local developments and the dynamics of center-regional relations. Prof. Pavel Kononenko will then present the results of research on local self-government reforms that have led to the replacement of directly elected mayors with appointed city managers in most of Russia's regional capitals. His analysis identifies the factors that have helped local democracy survive in some regions longer than in others.

Monday, February 8, 2016
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
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