United Russia’s “Primaries” and the 2016 Duma Election
Implications for the Future

with

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Dr. Petrov will preview the upcoming September 2016 elections to Russia’s lower house of parliament, the State Duma. These elections can be understood as part of a “reactive modernization” process that is already (to at least some extent) bringing public politics and political competition back in Russia. Recent primary elections in both the dominant United Russia Party and the opposition Democratic Coalition will be examined as the first stage of this campaign. Dr. Petrov will discuss what might follow after the Duma elections, including whether regime change is possible.

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