

Russia and the 'de facto' states in the former Soviet space: explorations in patron-client relationships

Where: Norwegian University Centre in St Petersburg, Kaluzskii pereulok 3, St Petersburg
When: 6-7 April 2017

Programme 6 April

09.00-9.15 Words of welcome

Pål Kolstø, University of Oslo
Heidi Olufsen, Royal Norwegian Consulate General, St Petersburg
Tamara Lønngren, Norwegian University Centre in St Petersburg

09.15-10.00 Key note address:

De facto states and external dependence: reasons and implications
Nina Caspersen, University of York

10.00-10.15 Coffee break

10.15-12.15 Panel 1: De facto states and patron-client relationships – developing a research agenda

Chair: Pål Kolstø, University of Oslo

External-internal relations in Eurasian de facto states: the dynamics of state-building in post-war uncertainties

Kristin Bakke, University College London/Peace Research Institute Oslo

The post-Soviet de facto entities: particularities of the state building

Sergei Markedonov, Russian State University for the Humanities

The de facto state factor in Russian foreign and security policy

Jakub Godzimirski, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs

Dynamics of de facto state patron-client relations

Helge Blakkisrud, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs

12.15-13.00 Lunch at the Norwegian University Centre

13.00-14.30 Panel 2: Russia and Transnistria: how much leeway?

Chair: Helge Blakkisrud, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs

Applying the international patron-client relationship model: the case of Transnistria

Andrey Devyatkov, Institute of Economics, Russian Academy of Sciences

Romania and Ukraine in the Transnistrian settlement: policy and interests

Tatiana Rostovetskaia, St Petersburg State University

The next Crimea? Getting Russia's Transnistria policy right
Adrian Rogstad, London School of Economics

14.30-15.00 Coffee break

15.00-16.30 Panel 3: De facto statehood and patronage in the South Caucasus

Chair: Sergei Markedonov, Russian State University for the Humanities

Abkhazia: Russia's obstreperous client state
Pål Kolstø, University of Oslo

Фактор России и внутривполитическая ситуация в Абхазии и в Южной Осетии в 2015-2016 гг
Aleksandr Skakov, Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences

Церковный вопрос в современной Абхазии
Vadim Mukhanov, Centre on Caucasus and regional security, MGIMO

18.00 Dinner at Restaurant Tsentral'nyi, pr. Suvorovskii 62

Programme 7 April

10.00-12.00 Panel 4: The Ukraine crisis and emergent de facto states of Donetsk and Lugansk

Chair: Jakub Godzimirski, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs

Internal logics of the Donbass conflict and the L/DPR state-building: not only Russia
Alexey Tokarev, Institute of International Research, MGIMO

Украинский кризис - внутривполитическое и внешнеполитическое измерение и перспективы урегулирования
Aleksandr Gushchin, Russian State University for the Humanities

De-facto states and protracted conflicts issues in the post-Soviet space in the context of European security: internationalization and securitization
Sergey Rastoltsev, IMEMO, Russian Academy of Sciences

The relationship between Russia and the West in light of the Ukrainian crisis
Daria Mironova, Institute of Scientific Information on Social Sciences, Russian Academy of Sciences

12.00-12.15 Closing remarks

Pål Kolstø, University of Oslo and Helge Blakkisrud, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs

12.15-13.00 Light lunch at the Norwegian University Centre