

**4th Conference "New Advances in the Political Economy of Development in Eurasia"**  
**Venue: Almaty Management University, 227 Rozybakiyev Street, Almaty, Kazakhstan**

**June 4**

**9.00 – 09.30 Registration and coffee**

**09.30 – 10.00 Conference Opening**

**10.00-11.30 Panel 1. "Governance, Law and Institutions"**

Chair: **Valeria Umanets**; **Discussants:** Alma Kudebayeva, Denis Pascal de Crombrughe

**Alisher Juzgenbayev** (Northwestern University). Administrative Courts and the Politics of Legal Reform in Kazakhstan

**Anna Stavniychuk, Olga Markova** (RANEPA, Lomonosov Moscow State University). Does antitrust enforcement promote new firm entry?

**Dmitriy Vorobyev** (European Research University). Who Is to Blame (or Praise)? Perceived Service Quality and Responsibility in Multilevel Government

**Valeria Umanets** (Tulane University). When the State Fixes the Pipes: Public Goods and Perceived Responsibility in Kazakhstan

**11.30-12.00 – Coffee-break**

**12.00-13.30 Panel 2. "Autocracy and Public Opinion"**

Chair: **Ora John Reuter**; **Discussants:** Noah Buckley, Andrei Semenov

**Kyle Lohse Marquardt** (University of Bergen). Sensitive questions and mode of survey administration in autocracies: Evidence from Russia

**Guzel Garifullina** (University of Richmond). Can we change this country? Political self-efficacy in democracies and autocracies

**Quintin Beazer** (Florida State University). Public Support for Patriotic Education under Authoritarianism: Evidence from Russia

**Ora John Reuter** (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee). Ideology and Political Engagement under Autocracy

**13.30-15.00 – Lunch**

**15.00-16.30 Panel 3. "Media, Censorship and Information"**

Chair: **Jacek Lewkowicz**; **Discussants:** Elena Sirotkina, Guzel Garifullina

**Valeriya Koncha** (HSE University). They are to blame: the transformation of collective identities of Black Lives Matter protest participants in the presence of counter-protest All Lives Matter

**Ekaterina Rebinskaya** (University of Oxford). The Indirect Effects of Identity Propaganda

**Daniil Romanov** (University of Oxford). Fighting Censorship Circumvention with Propaganda: Evidence from Autocracy

**Jacek Lewkowicz** (University of Warsaw). Tracking Populism in Parliamentary Discourse: A Text Mining Analysis of Speeches from the Polish Parliament

**16.30-17.00 – Coffee-break**

**17.00-18.30 Panel 4. "State, Identity and Nation-Building"**

Chair: **Noah Buckley**; **Discussants:** Daniil Romanov, Dmitriy Vorobyev

**Alice Grainger** (University of Oxford). Writing the Nation at War: Graffiti, Ethnicity and Everyday Nationalism Among Russian Troops in Occupied Ukraine

**Xiaoyu Zhang** (The Chinese University of Hong Kong). Institutional Boundaries Across Land Resources in Central Asia and Western China

**Amir Saimassay** (Nazarbayev University). Social Media and Family Formation Decisions

**Noah Buckley** (Trinity College Dublin). Breaking Points: Disasters and the Fragility of Authoritarian Regime Support

**18.30-19.00 – Coffee-break**

**19.00 – 20.00 Keynote: David Szakonyi** (George Washington University)

## June 5

### 9.00 – 09.30 Registration and coffee

#### 9.30-11.00 Panel 5. "Economics and Development of Kazakhstan"

Chair: **Alma Kudabayeva**; **Discussants:** Vladimir Kozlov, Olga Markova

**Akbobek Akhmedyarova** (National Analytical Center, Nazarbayev University). Exchange rate pass-through and price regulation: evidence from the Kazakhstani pharmaceutical market

**Adilkhan Ospanov** (Economic Research Institute). Gender Wage Gap Across the Income Distribution: Evidence from Kazakhstan

**Denis Pascal de Crombrughe** (Narxoz University). Do antibiotic prices matter for antimicrobial resistance? The case of Kazakhstan

**Alma Kudabayeva** (KIMEP University). Multidimensional Poverty and Subjective Wellbeing in Kazakhstan: Exploring the Missing Link

### 11.00-11.30 – Coffee-break

#### 11.30-13.00 Panel 6. "Historical Legacies and Persistence"

Chair:; **Discussants:** Gerhard Toews, Kyle Lohse Marquardt

**Felix Beilin** (Princeton University). A Tale of Two Villages: Historical Infrastructure and Post-Transition Rural Inequality

**Valeria Babayan** (Trinity College Dublin). Multiple Imperial Legacies and Authoritarian Preferences: Evidence from Eastern Europe

**Nygmetszhan Kuzenbayev** (Maqsut Narikbayev University). Traditional Practices and Support for Suicide Bombing in Muslim Societies

### 13.00-14.30 – Lunch

#### 14.30-16.00 Panel 7. "War, Conflict and Political Economy"

Chair: **Michael Rochlitz**; **Discussants:** Ora John Reuter,

**Andrey Tkachenko** (Nazarbayev University). Attitude to the War and Economic Distress

**Elena Sirotkina** (Center for Data Science, New York University). Sounds About Right: Exploring the Audio Dramaturgy of Political Propaganda

**Marina Vyrskaiia** (University of Helsinki). Friends, Employers, and the Church: Who Mobilizes Support for the Army?

**Michael Rochlitz** (University of Oxford). Sorry, None of Our Business: Economic Grievance, Zero-Sum Thinking, and Support for Defending Ukraine

### 16.00-16.30 – Coffee-break

#### 16.30-18.00 Panel 8. "Norms, Cooperation and Behavior"

Chair: **Alexis Belianin**; **Discussants:**, Jing Vivian Zhan

**Andrei Semenov** (Nazarbayev University). How Do the Legislators Discuss Women's Rights? Quantitative Analysis of Kazakhstani Majlis

**Sofya du Boulay** (University of Sussex), **Gulzat Botoeva** (Swansea University). Clean, Grey, Dirty: Moral Boundaries and Regulatory Ambiguities in Kazakhstan's Crypto Economy

**Anke Helbig** (University of Bremen). Decision-Making without Decisions? Administrative Risk and Bureaucratic Incentives in China's State-Business Relations

**Alexis Belianin** (Almaty Management University). Individual rationalities and social cooperation in the lab: an experimental study

## June 6

**9.00 – 09.30 Registration and coffee**

**9.30-11.00 Panel 9. "International Relations and Geopolitics"**

Chair: **Sandra F. Joireman**; **Discussants:** Michael Rochlitz, Xiaoyu Zhang

**Qin Li, Jing Vivian Zhan** (The Chinese University of Hong Kong). Disrupting Clientelism? Political Turnover and Mining Taxation in China

**Gerhard Toews** (New Economic School, University of Stavanger). The Geoeconomics of Contract Enforcement

**Jessica Neafie, Kanat Kenzhetayev, Adiya Akhmer** (Nazarbayev University). The Energy Security Nexus in a Multipolar World: The Competition for Energy Influence and Dominance in Central Asia

**Sandra F. Joireman** (University of Richmond). In the shadow of the dragon: Chinese soft power in Central Asia

**11.00-11.30 – Coffee-break**

**11.30 – 12.30 Keynote: Moses Shayo** (King's College London)

**12.30-14.00 – Lunch**

**14.00-15.30 Panel 10. "Migration, Demography and Social Change"**

Chair: **Vladimir Kozlov**; **Discussants:** Denis Pascal de Crombrughe, Valeriya Koncha

**Arina Rodina** (New Economic School). Pragmatism or Emotions: How Narratives Shape Perceptions of and Attitudes toward Immigration

**Daniyar Medetov, Aliya Bayakhmetova** (Almaty Management University). Migration intention in Kazakhstan after 2022: age, inequality and the dual role of a semi-peripheral state

**Dana Bazarkulova** (Nazarbayev University). The Mediated Effects of Return Migration on Gender Norms in Kazakhstan

**Vladimir Kozlov** (Nazarbayev University). Migration under Shock Conditions: Insecurity, Institutions, and Fertility Intentions

**15.30-16.00 – Coffee-break**

**16.00-17.15 Panel 11. "Education, Digitalization and Civic Life"**

Chair: **Matthew Courtney**; **Discussants:** Quintin Beazer, Akbobek Akhmedyarova

**Simeon Nanovsky** (Nazarbayev University). Economic impact of COVID-19 and digitalization using a Macroeconometric Model of Kazakhstan

**Nikita Ivanenko** (HSE University). Do Voters Punish Candidates Who (Mis-)Use Artificial Intelligence?

**Matthew Courtney** (Nazarbayev University). A School Proximal Economic Development (SPED) Index: Nighttime Light around Schools and its Association with PISA 2022 Academic Performance in Kazakhstan

**17.15 – 18.00 Closing ceremony**