

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: **Andrei Semenov**; **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

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

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

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

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 Kudebayeva**; **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 Crombrugghe (Narxoz University). Do antibiotic prices matter for antimicrobial resistance? The case of Kazakhstan

Alma Kudebayeva (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: **Denis Ivanov**; **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

Denis Ivanov (Shenzhen MSU-BIT University). The WW2 Axis Occupation Legacy and Right-Wing Voting: Evidence from Slovenia

13.00-14.30 – Lunch

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

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

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

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

Marina Vyrskaia (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:** Denis Ivanov, Jing Vivian Zhan

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

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