



Research Platform

Russia and the Caucasus Regional Research

Fourth Annual RUCARR Conference, Nov 21-22, 2019

PROGRAMME

November 21

09.00 Registration (Niagara, Auditorium B1, 1st floor)

10.00 Opening addresses

Associate Professor Rebecka Lettevall, Dean of Faculty of Culture and Society, Malmö University
RUCARR Co-Directors, Professor Bo Petersson and Professor Karina Vamling

10.30 Keynote 1

Dr. Svetlana S. Bodrunova, Professor of Political Science, Department of Mass Media Management, Saint Petersburg State University (SPBU): *Runet and connective action: The web that failed indeed?*
Q&A

11.30 Coffee

11.45 Keynote 2

Dr. Maia Mikashvidze, Professor of Media and Journalism at the Georgian Institute of Public Affairs, Tbilisi: *Youth mobilization on Facebook: No to politics as usual*
Q&A

13.00 Lunch

14.00 Paper session 1 (Niagara, B0308, 3rd floor)

Chair: Dr. Tobias Denskus (K3, Malmö University)

Tamta Gelashvili (Junior Research Fellow, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs): *The "Right" Side of Facebook: Online Mobilization of the Georgian Extreme Right*

Claudia Palazzo (Director of CSIG, Centro Studi Italo-Georgiani, University Bologna, Italy): *Propaganda before War. Media Environment and Psyops in Georgia before 2008 and Today*

Dr. Lenka Kopeckova (Department of English and American Studies, Faculty of Arts, University of Ostrava, Czechia) and Dr. Vincenc Kopecek (Department of Human Geography and Regional Development, Faculty of Science, University of Ostrava, Czechia): *The image of Pankisi Kists in international media: Terrorists or respectable loyal citizens?*

15.30 Coffee

Papers in Sessions 1-4: 20 minutes + 10 minutes for Q&A
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16.00 **Paper session 2** (Niagara, B0308, 3rd floor)
Chair: Dr. Katrine Gotfredsen (RUCARR, Malmö University)

Associate Professor Kristina Widestedt (Department of Media Studies, Stockholm University): *The digital afterlife of history in RT's multimedia projects #1917LIVE and #Romanovs100*

Dr. Evgenia Zakharova (Peter the Great Museum of Anthropology and Ethnography, Russian Academy of Sciences): *Surname Unions" in Georgia as a Tool for National Construction*

19.00 Conference dinner at *Årstiderna*

November 22

09.30 **Paper session 3** (Niagara, B0308, 3rd floor)
Chair: Dr. Christofer Berglund (RUCARR, Malmö University)

Dr. Ekaterina Kapustina (Head of Department, Museum of Anthropology and Ethnography Russian Academy of Sciences, Department of the Caucasus/Assistant of the Professorship, European University at St. Petersburg, Faculty of Anthropology): *Internet communication and social media in public and private life of labor migrants: translocal aspect of migration from Dagestan in Russian Arctic*

Professor Anna Edin (Media and Communication Studies, University of Gävle): *Contesting and conquering communication on celebrity politicians, politicized celebrities and hyper-mediatization*

Dr. Mia Orange (Lund University, Sweden): *Learning Authoritarianism - Orbán, Nazarbayev, Tokayev and the Media*

11.00 Coffee

11.30 **Paper session 4** (Niagara, B0308, 3rd floor)
Chair: Dr. Lenka Kopeckova (University of Ostrava)

Dr. David Gogishvili (Postdoctoral Researcher, Department of Urban Studies, Malmö University): *Coinciding Practices of Exception in Urban development in Tbilisi, Georgia: Mega-Events and Special Economic Zones*

Erekle Zarandia (Doctoral Student, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, Georgia): *The division of public finances between central and local governance in the process of building strong municipalities in Georgia (Case of Samegrelo and Upper Svaneti region)*

13.00 Lunch