

**Sixth Annual RUCARR Conference, Malmö University (Sweden),  
November 10-11, 2021**

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	<b>November 10</b>	
9.00-9.15	<i>Opening of the Conference</i> Prof Rebecka Lettevall, Dean of the Faculty of Culture and Society. Bo Petersson and Karina Vamling, Co-Directors of RUCARR	
9.15-10.45	<b>Roundtable – The range of Russian soft power and its implications for the South Caucasus</b> Panelists: <i>Nino Tabeshadze, Malkhaz Kakabadze, Bizina Lebanidze, George Mchedlishvili</i> Moderator: <i>Kamal Makili-Aliyev</i>	
11.00-12.00	Chair: Karina Vamling <i>Nino Kukhianidze, Maria Curie Sklodowska University in Lublin: Conflict, Education and Russia’s Soft Power in Georgia</i> <i>Miriam Schenk: Georgia and the European Union – NGO narratives on EU politics on Internally Displaced People in Georgia</i>	
Lunch		
13.30-14.30	<b>Keynote address</b> <i>Dr. Elizaveta Gaufman, University of Groningen: Conservatism for export: Russia in the global ideological competition</i>  Chair: Prof Bo Petersson <i>Seminar room 9<sup>th</sup> floor (Niagara) and Zoom</i>	
Break		
15.00-16.30	Chair: Christopher Berglund <i>Alina Nychnyk, University of Manchester: Ukraine’s interactions with the EU and Russia during the annexation of Crimea</i>  <i>Sveta Lnyavskiy, Lund University: I will not learn Ukrainian just for you! Language Politics in battles for language rights in Ukrainian segment of Facebook at the time of war</i>  <i>Samina Noor, Pak-Iran Intellectuals Forum: Eventalization of Russian’s Niche Soft power: Reshuffling of Bio-Politics between ‘Conservatism’ and ‘Conservative shift</i>	
Break		
16.40-17.40	Chair: Katrine Gotfredsen <i>Hamed Kazemzadeh, University of Ottawa: “Role of Russian soft power in the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict”</i>  <i>Vinicius Silva Santana, Universidade Federal de Pernambuco: The drivers of pax caucasia: Azerbaijani leadership and Russian regionalism</i>	

	<b>November 11</b>	
10.30-12.00	<p>Chair: Elizaveta Gaufman</p> <p><i>Giorgi Beridze</i>, Tbilisi State University: Europeanization and The Labour Safety in Georgia: A Case of Coal Mining Town of Tkibuli</p> <p><i>Nick Baigent</i>, Malmö University: Hydro development and local resistance in the Republic of Georgia</p> <p><i>Nino Tabeshadze</i>: The development of “Enemy Icon” in speeches of policy-makers. Case: Russian speeches concerning the War of August 2008</p>	
Lunch		
13.30-14.30	<p>Chair: Derek Hutchson</p> <p><i>Paulina Rytkönen</i>, Södertörn University: “And Noah descended from the ark and planted a vine on the slopes of Mount Ararat” Story telling in the emergent Armenian wine industry.</p> <p><i>Muhammad Asim</i>: Turkic-Origin Inhabitants of North Caucasus; An Obstacle for Sustaining Russian Image as a Soft Power in the Region?</p>	
Break		
15.00-17.00	<p>Panel: <b>Soft Power, the Pandemic and International Relations in Central Asia</b></p> <p>Panelists: <i>Alexander Cooley</i>, Harriman Institute, Columbia University, <i>Fabienne Bossuyt</i>, Ghent University, <i>Sebastien Peyrouse</i>, IERES, George Washington University, <i>Parviz Mulojonov</i>, EHESS Paris, Edward Lemon, Texas A&amp;M University <i>Oleg Antonov</i>, CBEES, Södertörn University</p> <p>Chair: <i>Edward Lemon</i>, Texas A&amp;M University</p>	