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WORKSHOP

“Between Moscow and Brussels: Emerging States, East or West?”

November 5-6, 2009

Forum on Contemporary Europe

Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies

Center for Russian, East European & Eurasian Studies

Stanford University

The workshop is premised on the view that we are entering a new phase in the development of post-Soviet Europe. Clearly, further NATO enlargement and EU expansion are unlikely to take place in the next few years, creating a zone of insecurity and potential instability dividing those countries which succeeded in winning integration into the EU and into NATO in recent years from those countries that have sought membership without any immediate prospects of achieving it. Moreover, even among countries that have been successful in achieving membership in recent years there remains continuing anxiety about the degree to which their new European partners are prepared to support their economic viability and guarantee their security, particularly in light of increased assertiveness from Moscow.

The purpose of this workshop is to analyze the new dynamics emerging within this region, focusing on the external influences exerted by Moscow and Brussels and how they interact with the internal dynamics of the “corridor” countries, and to explore scenarios for future stabilization and development.

This workshop will be held November 5 and 6, 2009 at Stanford. The focus will be the emerging states, consisting of the Baltic and Central European members of the EU and NATO, together with Belarus, Ukraine, Georgia and Moldova. Moscow and Brussels enter as driving outside influences. The participants include analysts and policymakers from the region itself as well as scholars.

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Thursday, November 5, 2009

*Workshop Location: CISAC Conference Room in Encina Hall Central, 2nd floor
(unless otherwise noted)*

9:00-9:30am **Light Breakfast**

9:30-9:50am **Workshop Welcome**

Roland Hsu, Assistant Director, Forum on Contemporary Europe

Gail Lapidus, Senior Fellow Emerita, Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies

10:00-12:00pm Panel I. Moscow, Brussels, and Washington

This panel focuses on the key external influences in the region, to which actors in the emerging states must respond.

Chair: Gail Lapidus, Senior Fellow Emerita, Freeman Spogli Institute

Panelists:

- Fyodor Lukyanov, Editor-in-Chief, Russia in Global Affairs
- Peter Semneby, EU Special Representative for the South Caucasus
- Stefan Hedlund, Professor of East European Studies, Uppsala University

Discussants:

- Norman Naimark, Robert and Florence McDonnell Professor of East European Studies; Professor of History; Senior Fellow, by courtesy, at FSI and the Hoover Institution
- David Holloway, Raymond A. Spruance Professor of International History; Professor of Political Science; CISAC Faculty Member; Senior Fellow at FSI

12:00-1:30pm **Break**

1:45 – 3:00pm Panel II. The Countries at Risk: Georgia, Moldova, Belarus, and Ukraine

This panel focuses on the four countries that lie at the intersection of the tensions between Moscow, Brussels, and the US.

Chairs: John Dunlop, Senior Fellow, Hoover Institution
Kathryn Stoner-Weiss, Deputy Director and Senior Research Scholar,
Center on Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law

Panelists:

- Archil Gegeshidze, Senior Fellow, Georgian Foundation for Strategic and International Studies
- Victor Chirila, Executive Director, Foreign Policy Association of Moldova (APE)
- Vitali Silitski, Director, Belarusian Institute for Strategic Studies
- Steven Pifer, Visiting Fellow, Brookings Institution; Senior Advisor, Center for Strategic and International Studies; former US Ambassador to Ukraine

Discussants:

- Amir Weiner, Associate Professor of History, Stanford University
- Chaim Braun, Consulting Professor, Center on International Security and Cooperation

3:00 – 3:15pm Break

3:15-4:30 pm Continuation of Panel II

4:45 pm Walk from Encina Hall to Arrillaga Alumni Center

5:00 – 6:30pm Keynote Address/Alexander Dallin Lecture
*Cranston/McDowell Room, Fisher Conference Center,
Arrillaga Alumni Center*

Introduction by Robert Crews, Associate Professor of History, Stanford

"Russia, Its Neighbors, and the U.S. since 1991"

Thomas W. Simons, Jr., Visiting Scholar, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies; Lecturer in Government, Harvard University; Consulting Professor in 20th-Century International History, Stanford University

Friday, November 6, 2009

*Workshop Location: CISAC Conference Room in Encina Hall Central, 2nd floor
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9:30 – 10:00am Light Breakfast

10:00 – 12:30pm Panel III. The Baltic Experience

This panel focuses on the Baltic experience in implementing reforms and acceding to Euroatlantic structures, and the relevance of this experience for Ukraine, Moldova, Belarus, and Georgia.

Chair: Lisa Trei, Public Affairs Manager, Center for International Security and Cooperation (CISAC)

Panelists:

- Nils Muiznieks, Director, Advanced Social and Political Research Institute, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Latvia
- Kadri Liik, Director, the International Centre for Defence Studies (ICDS), Tallinn, Estonia
- Gediminas Vitkus, Professor, Head of Political Science Department, Lithuanian Military Academy
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Discussant:

- Li Bennich-Björkman, Johan Skytte Professor of Eloquence and Political Science, Uppsala University

12:30 – 2:00 Break

2:00 – 3:15pm Panel IV. State-Building after the Collapse of the Soviet Union: Preliminary Reflections

The panel investigates the issues associated with the successor states that have arisen out of the former Soviet empire.

Chair: Roland Hsu, Assistant Director, Forum on Contemporary Europe

Panelists:

- Li Bennich-Björkman, Johan Skytte Professor of Eloquence and Political Science, Uppsala University
- Stefan Hedlund, Professor of East European Studies, Uppsala University
- Jonas Linde, Research Fellow, University of Gothenburg; Forum on Contemporary Europe Ann Lindh Fellow.

- 3:15 – 3:30pm** **Break**
- 3:30 – 5:00pm** **Workshop wrap-up (Thomas W. Simons, Jr.)**
Future Collaboration: agenda for further research
- 5:45 pm** Shuttle departs from the steps of Encina Hall Central to restaurant location in downtown Palo Alto.
- 6:00pm** **Dinner (workshop participants and invited guests)**
Location: Il Fornaio, 520 Cowper St., Downtown Palo Alto
- 8:00 pm** **Walk to Cardinal Hotel from**