

**Workshop on Regional Integration and External Governance in the Post-Soviet Region**  
**Research Centre for East European Studies at the University of Bremen (Germany)**  
**11 – 12 July 2014**

**Part 1: Regional integration: the EU, Russia and the shared neighborhood**

**Thursday, 10 July 2014**

Arrival

18:00 –22:00 Dinner (Atlantic Hotel Universum)

**Friday, 11 July 2014**

Room W0100 (BIGSSS) / Tea break Room W0060 (BIGSSS)

**9:00 -12:00 Panel 1: Domestic debates in the EaP countries on integration options**

Welcome

Chair: Heiko Pleines (The Research Centre for East European Studies at the University of Bremen)

Presentation of papers

1. Kataryna Wolczuk and Rilka Dragneva-Lewers (NA – not attending), (University of Birmingham)  
*Blind date a la Eurasiene? The Eurasian option in the common neighbourhood*
2. Bettina Bruns and Dorit Happ, (Leibniz Institute for Regional Geography, Leipzig)  
*Support or interference –EU's extra-territorial engagement in its Eastern neighbourhood*

10:00 – 10:30 Tea break

1. Yana Zabanova, (European Stability Initiative, ESI )  
*Between East and West: Analysing Moldova's domestic debates on integration offers from Russia and the EU*
2. Oleksandra Gnyp, (Ivan Franko National University of Lviv/ The Research Centre for East European Studies, University of Bremen)  
*The change of elites in Ukraine and their impact on Ukraine's foreign policy*
3. Alla Leukavets, (University of Bremen)  
*The bumpy road towards EU-Ukraine Association Agreement: the politics of two-level games*

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12:00 – 13:30 Lunch break (Mensa - university canteen)

**13:30 – 15:00 Panel 2: EU as a norm exporter in the EaP countries**

Chair: David Lane (University of Cambridge)

*Presentation of papers*

1. Lusine Badalyan, (University of Bremen)  
*The double standards of the EU: How to measure and how to explain?*
2. Chiara Loda, (Dublin City University)  
*The European Union as a Normative Power: the case of Armenia*
3. Michèle Knodt (NA) and Sigita Urdze (TU Darmstadt)  
*Triangular cooperation for external democracy promotion – Georgia and Kazakhstan between Russia and the European Union*

15:00 – 15:30 Tea break

**15:30 – 17:00 Panel 3: Russian role in integration games in the Eastern neighbourhood**

Chair: Vsevolod Samokhalov (University of Cambridge)

*Presentation of papers*

1. Aliaksei Kazharski, (Comenius University in Bratislava)  
*Eurasian economic integration and Russian identity discourses*
2. Yauheni Preiherman, (Analytical Society Liberal Club in Minsk)  
*Pursuing Strategic Reconciliation of the 'Competing Rationalities' of Regional Integration: The Case of Belarus*
3. Vadim Romashov and Alena Vysotskaya G. Vieira (NA), (TAPRI, University of Tampere Tampere)  
*Changing Facets of the Russia's 'smart power': an adequate answer to the EU-ization of Russia's Near Abroad?*

18:00 Dinner (Atlantic Hotel Universum)

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**Saturday, 12 July 2014**

*Room W0100 (BIGSSS) / Tea break Room W0060 (BIGSSS)*

**9:00 -10:00 Panel 4: Rivalry over integration in the EaP region**

*Chair: Heiko Pleines (The Research Centre for East European Studies at the University of Bremen)*

*Presentation of papers*

1. Aron Buzogany, (Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich)  
*"(Can't) Have It Both Ways?" Overlapping regional integration projects and public opinion in the post-soviet region.*
2. Levan Kakhishvili, (Center for Post-Soviet Studies, Tbilisi)  
*Reintegration efforts in the FSU: case of Georgia – elite perceptions and the base for Russian soft power*

*10:00 – 10:30 Tea break*

<b>Part 2: Transparency Initiatives in the post-Soviet region</b>
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**10:30 - 11:30 Panel 1: External governance in the field of transparency and anti-corruption initiatives**

*Chair: Max Bader (University of Leiden)*

*Presentation of papers*

1. Margarita M. Balmaceda, (Harvard University)  
*Value-added links as an alternative explanation of energy relationships and integration in the former Soviet area.*
2. Heiko Pleines and Ronja Wösthleinrich, (University of Bremen, University of Warwick)  
*Anti-corruption policies between international regimes and national politics. A case study of the Caspian oil and gas states.*

*11:30 – 11:45 Tea break*

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**11:45 – 13:15 Panel 2: The Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) in the post-Soviet space**

*Chair:* David Lane (University of Cambridge)

*Presentation of papers*

1. Luca Anceschi, (University of Glasgow)  
*Kazakhstan, EITI and the image-making implications of international reporting*
2. Hannes Meissner, (University of Applied Science BFI Vienna)  
*External Governance and Local Responses: The Case of the EITI in Azerbaijan*
3. Saipira Furstenberg, (University of Bremen)  
*The dark side of transparency: lessons from the implementation of EITI in Kazakhstan*

*13:15 -14:00 Snacks and Sandwiches*

*14:00 Departure*

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