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 Eurasienne? 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

Part 2: Transparency Initiatives in the post-Soviet region

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 Wöstheinrich, (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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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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