Waves and Troughs of Post Communist Transitions: What Role for External vs. Domestic Variables?

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CISAC Central Conference Room, Encina Hall 616 Serra Street, 2nd floor

DAY 1:
Friday April 28

Panel 1: The first wave of transition (1989 and 1991)

10:00 am-10:30 am

Introduction: (Mike McFaul, Valerie Bunce)
-what explains paths to transition?
-what explains consolidation or not?
-what role for social mobilization, versus international or regional influences?

10:30 am – 12:30 pm

Valerie Bunce, Cornell University  “The Diffusion Effect on Post-Communist Transitions”

Michael McFaul  “The Missing Variable: The “International System” as the Link between Third and Fourth Wave Models of Democratization”

Discussants  Kathryn Stoner-Weiss (CDDRL, Stanford), Terry Karl (CDDRL, Stanford)

12:30-2:00 pm LUNCH (Encina Hall)
Panel II: The second wave and the EU affect
2:00 pm – 4:30 pm

- Is the value of social mobilization as important in explaining success or failure in democratic transition? Is the international variable preeminent in these cases (that is, how decisive were the EU incentives)?

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<td>“Democratization in Postcommunist Europe: Illiberal Regimes and the Leverage of the European Union”</td>
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<td>Alina Mungui- Pippidi (Romanian National School of Government and Administration)</td>
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<td>Tsveta Petrova (Cornell University)</td>
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Discussants: Amichai Magen (CDDRL and Stanford Law), Marketa Trimble (Stanford Law)
Day 2: Saturday, April 29
(Continental Breakfast Available in Encina Hall, 2nd Floor staring at 8:30 am)

Panel III: The Third Wave: Electoral Breakthroughs (or not) 1998-2005, 9:30am - 12:00 pm

Sharon Wolchik (George Washington University and Valerie Bunce)

"Defining and Domesticating the Electoral Model of Democratization: A Comparison of Slovakia and Serbia."

Cory Welt (CSIS)

"Regime Strength and Color Revolutions in the Caucasus"

Mike McFaul "The Orange Revolution: External versus Internal Dimensions"

Eric McGlinchey, (George Mason University, in absentia)

"Regeneration or Degeneration: Youth Mobilization and the Future of Uzbek Politics"

Discussant: Gail Lapidus (CDDRL, Stanford)

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Lunch (Encina Hall)

Panel IV: Troughs of Reform: Russia, Belarus and Authoritarian Resilience

1:00 pm -3:00 pm

Kathryn Stoner-Weiss "When the Wave Hits a Shoal: Russia’s Back Slide Away from Democracy"

Vitali Silitski (CDDRL and Belarus)

"Another Contagion: Preemptive Authoritarianism in the Former Soviet Union Following the Colored Revolutions"


Discussants: Andrei Kunov (Stanford, Political Science) Christophe Zuercher (CDDRL and Frie University, Berlin)

3:15 -4:15 Moving forward with this project (McFaul, Bunce and Stoner-Weiss)