

TRANSNATIONAL ACTORS, TRANSATLANTIC RELATIONS, and EUROPEAN INTEGRATION

*Theorizing Relations Between Europe,
North America and Russia*

WORKSHOP

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While the post-Cold War decade is depicted as a honeymoon, tensions between the United States, the European Union and Russia appeared in 1999. Russia joined the coalition against terrorism and agreed to the formation of the NATO-Russia Council after 9/11, but the Kosovo War (1999), the expansion of NATO to former Soviet satellites in 1999-2004, the US missile defence plan (2007-09), the Georgian conflict of 2008, the energy crisis of 2009, the civil war in Ukraine and the annexation of Crimea have soured relations. Although relations between the West and Russia look bad in general, areas of cooperation remain, such as the facilitating of visas, the management of Kaliningrad or the environment in the Baltic Sea. Can we analyze and theorize EU/US-Russia relations by focusing on zones of contact between these geopolitical blocs? The aim of the workshop is to contextualize and nuance macro-level relations by looking at cases of countries and societies at the border, such as the Baltic countries, Kaliningrad or Moldova. On the one hand, we want to pay specific attention to transnational actors and social fields of interaction. On the other, we are interested in discussing theoretical approaches to analyze cooperation and conflict at the meso-level.

REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY.

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PROGRAM

8:30-9:00	Coffee 3744 Jean-Brillant St., Michel-Fortmann room (530-1-1)
9:00-9:30	Welcoming remarks Juliet Johnson co-director of the Jean Monnet Centre Montréal
	Introductory remarks Magdalena Dembinska and Frédéric Mérand Workshop co-organizers
9:30-11:00	Russia and the West in the Contact Zone Chair: Antoine Rayroux, Concordia University Discussant: Marco Siddi, Finnish Institute of International Affairs <i>Cooperation and Conflict Between Europe and Russia: A Relational Approach</i> Magdalena Dembinska and Frédéric Mérand, Université de Montréal <i>Impact of the Ukraine Crisis on New EU-Russian Border Relations after Enlargement</i> Joan DeBardeleben, Carleton University <i>Russian Power versus the West's Fading Power? The Case of Kaliningrad</i> Anna-Sophie Maas, College of Europe, Natolin Campus, Poland
11:00-11:15	Break

11:15-12:15

Energy Cooperation and Conflit

Chair: Anastasiya Shtaltovna, Université de Montréal
Discussant: Frédéric Mérand, Université de Montréal

To what Extent is Energy Trade a Cooperative Exception in the Crisis-Ridden EU-Russia Relationship?

Marco Siddi, Finnish Institute of International Affairs

Regulatory Environment in the Gas Sector: A Test Case for the EU-Russia Power Renegotiation Process

Yann Breault, UQÀM

12:15-2:00

Break

2:00-3:00

Russia's Soft/Hard Power

Chair: Virginie Lasnier, Université de Montréal
Discussant: Angela Kachuyevski, Arcadia University

La menace russe aux pays baltes : une construction mutuellement avantageuse?

Ekaterina Piskunova, Université de Montréal

Russian Political Election Interference in Latvia

Pierre Jolicoeur, Royal Military College, Kingston

3:00-3:15

Break

3:15-4:15

Identity Formation in the "In-Between"

Chair: Stefan Morar, Université de Montréal
Discussant: Magdalena Dembinska, Université de Montréal

The "Russian World" and the Securitization of Identity Boundaries in Latvia

Angela Kachuyevski, Arcadia University

Aspirational Iconography: Becoming European in Postcommunist States

Juliet Johnson and Benjamin Forest, McGill University

4:15-5:00

Wrap-up discussion

