Workshop on Politics in Russian Regions

December 15, 2011
Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia
Myasnitskaya, 20. Room 311

Session 1 (10:00 – 11:00) Elections and Inequality
Chair: Mark Urnov (HSE)
Thomas F. Remington (Emory U) "Russian Regional Inequality in Comparative Perspective"
Discussant: Denis Stoukal (HSE)
Alexei Titkov (HSE/ANE) "Electoral Engineering of 2007-2011: Regional Legislatures"
Discussant: Mark Urnov (HSE)

Session 2 (11:00 – 12:00) Russian Governors: Logic of Appointment
Chair: Mark Urnov (HSE)
John Reuter (Miami U/HSE) "Sub-national Appointments in Authoritarian Regimes: Evidence from Russian Gubernatorial Appointments"
Discussant: Mark Urnov (HSE)
Irina Soboleva (HSE) "Governors’ Dilemmas: Economic and Social Policy Trade-offs in Russian regions"
Discussant: Rostislav Turovsky (HSE)

Coffee-break

Session 3 (12:15 – 13:15) Forest Fires and Politics in Russian Regions
Chair: Mark Urnov (HSE)
David Szakonyi (Columbia U/HSE) "We Didn't Start the Fires: Measuring the Effect of the 2010 Russian Fires on Support for United Russia"
Discussant: Alexei Zakharov (HSE)
Anton Sobolev (HSE) "Trial by Fire: The Impact of Natural Disaster on Political Preferences in the Rural Russia"
Discussant: Regina Smyth (Indiana U)