

Online Summer School of the Faculty of Political Science, Lomonosov Moscow State University and the Center for Crisis Society Studies
“Sustainability of Political Systems in Eurasia”
24-27 August 2020

The inspiration for the Summer School

The ongoing coronavirus pandemic proved to have deep political, economic and social consequences for nation-states. While being a global issue, when applied to the local contexts of World regions and individual states, the crisis, caused by the pandemic creates a demand for a thorough understanding and strong political expertise on all levels of decision-making.

During the course, we will focus on the concept of “political stability” in the former USSR states. Serving as a starting point of our session, the concept of “political stability” will be used to analyze the key political risks, posed by the ongoing pandemic.

The participants will be able to:

- analyze the latest theories of political stability and resilience, developed by the researchers from the Russian Academy of Sciences;
- examine challenges, produced by the instability, caused by the pandemic and apply their findings, while analyzing the current state of energy markets in Russia;
- discover the impact of digital transformations and climate change issues on the development of the Eurasian countries.

The classes will be delivered **by scholars from Russia** (Lomonosov Moscow State University, Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration), **Italy** (Eurac Research), **Serbia** (Belgrade University) and **Bulgaria** (University of Plovdiv Paisii Hilendarski).

Module One: “Stability and Sustainability of Political Systems” (Monday, August, 24, 11:00-15:00 Moscow time)

10:45 Opening procedure. Introduction to Module 1

11:00 – 11:50 Stability and sustainability of political systems: general theoretical framework (Kirill Telin, Lomonosov Moscow State University, Russia);

12:00-12:50 The ongoing crisis as a stress test of the sustainability of political systems (Vladimir Yakunin, Lomonosov Moscow State University, Russia);

13:00-13:50 Features of Russian political culture (Arthur Demchuk, Lomonosov Moscow State University, Russia).

14:00-14:50 Closing discussion. The specific nature of stability and sustainability of post-Soviet countries’ political systems (Maxim Vilisov, Lomonosov Moscow State University, Russia)

Module Two: “The Impact of World Energy Markets Instability on the Stability and Sustainability of Public Systems in Eurasia” (Tuesday, August 25)

10:45-11:00 Introduction to Module 2 Political and economic specificity of post-Soviet transit: energy exporters and energy importers (Maxim Vilisov, Lomonosov Moscow State University, Russia)

11:00-11:50 Fossil fuels market situation and its impact on Russian economy (visiting lecturer: Tatiana Lanshina (Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration);

12:00-12:50 Energy transition: the main content and the implications for energy exporting countries: Tatiana Lanshina (Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration);

13:00-13:50 Closing discussion. Energy transition and its impact on public policy, stability and sustainability of political systems (Maxim Vilisov, Lomonosov Moscow State University, Russia).

Module Three: Digital Transformations and their role in Eurasia (Wednesday, August, 26)

10:45-11:00 Introduction to Module 3

11:00-11:50 Philosophy of Digital Transformation - Michael de Rachewiltz (Center for Advanced Studies at Eurac Research, Italy)

12:00-12:50 Homo Deus: Towards human-technology hybridization? Digital transformation and the advanced biotechnology industry (BCIs, BMIs, BBIs and B/CIs) - Roland Benedikter (Center for Advanced Studies at Eurac Research, Italy)

13:00-13:50 E-government and internet elections. Galina Ilieva and Daniela Pastarmadzheva (University of Plovdiv Paisii Hilendarski, Bulgaria)

14:00-14:50 A New Skill Structure for the Future. Mina Angelova (University of Plovdiv Paisii Hilendarski, Bulgaria)

15:00-15:50 Closing Discussion. Digital Sovereignty and Digital Policy in European Union and Eurasian Economic Union (Daniela Pastarmadzheva and Maxim Vilisov)

Module Four: Climate Change and Green Economy in Eurasia (Thursday, August, 27)

10:45-11:00 Introduction to Module 4

11:00-11:50 Climate change perspectives. Cool locally warm globally - Prof. Darko Nadic (Belgrade University, Serbia)

12:00-12:50 Give power to Hydrogen for a green future! - Dr. Walter Huber (H2O South Tyrol, Italy)

13:00-13:20 A new compulsion to locality: new highlanders and sustainable development in post pandemic European mountains – Dr. Andrea Membretti, (Institute for Regional Development at Eurac Research, Italy)

13:20-13:50 Closing discussion. The Prospects for the Green Economy in Russia – Maxim Vilisov

Closing session (Thursday, August, 27, 14:00-16:00)

Case study: current political instability in Belarus

14:00-14:30 Core features of the Belorussian constitutional model (Marianna Abramova, Lomonosov Moscow State University, Russia)

14:30-15:00 Political Economy of the Belorussian State (Maxim Vilisov, Lomonosov Moscow State University, Russia)

15:00-15:30 Current political instability in Belarus: core features, main drivers and possible prospects (Anna Lagno, Andrei Suzdal'tsev or Dmitry Bolkunets)

15:30-16:00 Free discussion

16:00-16:15 Closing ceremony