



*The University of St. Gallen Russia and Its Neighborhood Discussion Series:*

## **Geopolitics and Soft Power in Contemporary Eastern Europe**

**24 June 2019**

University of St. Gallen (Müller-Friedberg-Strasse 6/8, room 52-7024, 7<sup>th</sup> floor)

### **Program**

#### **10.00 Panel 1: Hybrid War and Media Propaganda**

**Dmytro Horyevoy** (Religious Security Center, Ukraine)  
"Agents of Soft Power? Religious Propaganda in Russian-Ukrainian War"

**Koba Liklikadze** (Radio Free Europe, Prague)  
"Propaganda in Times of Hybrid War"

Chair: **Dr. Anastasia Grynko (Aarau)**

#### **14.00 Panel 2: Geopolitics and Christianity**

**Prof. Cyril Hovorun** (Huffington Ecumenical Institute, Loyola Marymount University, USA)  
"Political Orthodoxies: The Unorthodoxies of the Church Coerced"

**Prof. Lucian Leustean** (Aston University, UK)  
"Eastern Orthodoxy, Geopolitics and the Refugee Crisis"

Chair: **Dr. Tornike Metreveli (University of St. Gallen)**

#### **17.00 Keynote: Cultural Conservatism and Soft Power**

**Prof. Pål Kolstø** (University of Oslo)  
"Saving Europe from Europe: Putin's Crusade of "Traditional Values"

Chair: **Prof. Ulrich Schmid (University of St. Gallen)**