## Conference: The End of the Region: The Future of Spatial Constructs in the Populist Era

### Programme

#### 8:00 - 8:30 Registration and Welcome: Vsevolod Samokhvalov

#### 8:30-09:45 Session 1. Theoretical Aspects of Regional Construction
Chair: Sebastian Santander (University of Liege)

- **Luk Van Langenhove**, Institute of European Studies (VUB): The fate of regions in a hyper-connected world
- **Anna Ohanyan** (Harvard/Stonehill College): Lenin's revenge: regional fracture in post-communist Eurasia
- **Maria Lagatina** (St Petersburg State University): The region in the era of the global regionalization
- **Valeriy Korabl dov** (Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv): European (dis)order: new cleavages and ideological transgressions

#### 09:45-11:00 Session 2. Central Asia in Eurasian Transformations
Chair: Richard Griffiths (University of Leiden)

- **Akram Umurov** (Uzbekistan University of World Economy and Diplomacy): Central Asia: construction of the new regional security complex
- **Sangar Kaneshko** (University College of London): Post-soviet Central Asian republics: between regionalism and regionalization
- **Diana Kudailberganov** (University of Lund): In the heart of lost Eurasia: failed regionalism in Central Asia from a critical perspective

#### 11:00-11:20 Coffee break

#### 11:20-12:50 Session 3. Euro-Asian Fractures: The Case of Ukraine?
Chair: Rory Finnis (University of Cambridge)

- **Iryna Shuvalova** (University of Cambridge): A tale of two regions: deconstructing the myth of divided Ukraine through war songs
- **Olena Lypchenko** (University of York): European nationalism?: The case of contemporary Ukraine
- **Ivonna Machtițe** (International Black Sea University): Pan-slavism and popular culture: the case of Ukraine's breakaway regions
- **Tetiana Mallarenko** (Law Academy of Odessa): Evolving dynamics and conflict potential in Eastern Ukraine

#### 12:50-13:40 Lunch

#### 13:40-15:10 Session 4. Central Europe
Chair: Panagiotis Manoli (University of Aegae)

- **Gosia Jajkina** (University of Sheffield): China’s belt and road initiative and the European fragmentation: The securitisation/soft power dynamics in the sub-regionalisation process in Central-Eastern Europe
- **Fabienna Bossart** (University of Ghent), Central and Eastern European Perceptions of Eurasian Economic Union: Between Economic Opportunities and Fear of renewed Russian hegemony
- **Roman Balduk** (College of Europe): Kresy Wschodnie’ or the partner in the Eastern Neighborhood: modern Polish popular perception of Ukraine
- **Aleks Veltra** (CIPC/University of Minsk): Never waste a crisis: redefining the region as a new cooperation space between the East and the West in the aftermath of the Ukraine conflict

#### 15:10-16:40 Session 5. Eurasia – Beyond Post-Soviet Studies
Chair: Anna Ohanyan (Harvard/Stonehill College)

- **Richard Griffiths** (University of Leiden): Whose ‘Silk Road’ is it? Rhetoric and reality in Central Asia and the Caucasus
- **Noemí Rocca** (University of Combray): From connectivity and security to regional integration? Iran’s and China’s role in Central Asia
- **Bahktiyar Mustafaiev** (Uzbekistan Institute of Strategic and Regional Studies): New regional dynamics in Central Asia: historical aspects and new approaches
- **Cindy Reigner** (University of Liege): The CSTO reinforcement of the ‘self’ through the categorization of NATO as the ‘other’

#### 16:40-17:00 Coffee break

#### 17:00-18:15 Session 6. Black Sea Region in Eurasian perspective
Chair: Vsevolod Samokhvalov (University of Liege)

- **Panagiotis Manoli** (University of Aegae): Shaped by crises? Regionalism in the Eastern European Neighbourhood
- **Valentin Naumescu** (Babeș-Bolyai University Cluj-Napoca): Stability, ambiguity and change in NATO allies’ discourses in the Black Sea region: the cases of Romania, Bulgaria and Turkey
- **Olga Zveleleva** (University of Cambridge): Media Regimes and Journalism in Contemporary Crimea

#### 18:15-18:30 Concluding Remarks: Vsevolod Samokhvalov

*Attendance is free, but registration is necessary via the link [https://goo.gl/rmn2AQ](https://goo.gl/rmn2AQ)*

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