

# Youth Mobilisation and Political Change

## Participation, Values, and Policies Between East and West

► Centre for East European and International Studies (ZOiS)

► Youth often plays a key role in bringing about political and social change. This is especially true in moments of crisis, where youth can provide a highly contested imaginary of a country's experiences and expectations. This workshop wishes to explore the role of youth in these two interrelated dimensions, youth as actor and object. Papers address questions of the political participation of young people in the form of protest as well as in state-controlled organisations, the social and political values of young people, and the policies aimed at shaping the outlook of the young generation. These topics are addressed from a comparative angle. We will look closely at what young people do and what is done with them in moments of regime crisis across various political contexts.

## Programme

**27 November 2019**

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**6.30 pm**

**Book Launch: Youth in Regime Crisis**

Félix Krawatzek (ZOiS)

Jussi Lassila (Finnish Institute of International Affairs, Helsinki)

Anne Muxel (Sciences Po Center for Political Research, Paris)

Hilary Pilkington (University of Manchester)

Chair: Gwendolyn Sasse (ZOiS)

**28 November 2019**

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**8.30 am**

**Opening Remarks**

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**9.00–10.30 am**

**Education Politics and the Creation of the Ideal Youth**

Jussi Lassila (Finnish Institute of International Affairs, Helsinki): **An Unattainable Ideal: Youth and Patriotism in Russia**

Anna Zadora (University of Strasbourg): **Youth Policy in Belarus: Between Globalization and Authoritarian Confinement, Between Europe and Russia**

Maryia Rohava (University of Oslo): **Youth Policy Strategies in Belarus: From Ideology to Co-Optation?**

Discussant: Silvia von Steinsdorff (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)

Chair: Félix Krawatzek (ZOiS)

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**10.30–11.00 am**    Coffee Break

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**11.00 am–1.00 pm**

**Social and Political Values of Young People**

Anne Muxel (Sciences Po Center for Political Research, Paris): **Generational Renewal: Democratic Deconsolidation or Restructuring?**

Botagoz Rakisheva (Public Opinion Research Institute, Astana): **Social and Political Values of Youth of Central Asia (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan)**

Dmitry Rudenkin (Ural Federal University, Yekaterinburg): **The Dynamics of Youth Values in the Conditions of Social Instability: Case of Contemporary Russia**

Félix Krawatzek & Gwendolyn Sasse (ZOiS): **Transnationalism and Political Attitudes: Comparative Perspectives on Eastern Europe**

Discussant: James Hughes (London School of Economics)

Chair: Luca Anceschi (University of Glasgow)

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**1.00–2.00 pm**    Lunch

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**2.00–3.30 pm**

**Youthful *Eigensinn*? Young People Reacting to Youth Policies**

Tom Chevalier (University of Oxford): **Young People’s Support for the Universal Basic Income: A Renewed Support for a New Welfare State?**

Paulina Pospieszna (Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznan): **Towards Youth Empowerment? Shaping the Values of Engaged Citizens through Micro-Level Democracy Promotion Programs**

Valeria Kasamara & Anna Sorokina (Higher School of Economics, Moscow): **Putin Generation: Who Are They and What Do They Want?**

Discussant: Gwendolyn Sasse (ZOiS)

Chair: Piotr Goldstein (ZOiS)

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**3.30–4.15 pm**      Coffee Break

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**4.15–5.45 pm**

**Official Youth Organizations and Cadres**

Jovana Papović (École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris): **Building the New Yugoslav Man: The Sokol Movement and Youth in Interwar Yugoslavia**

Konstantinos Tsimonis (King’s College London): **‘Juniority’ and the Chinese Communist Youth League’s Failed “Keep Youth Satisfied” Mandate**

Farah Ramzy (Université Paris Nanterre): **The Egyptian President and the Making of Egypt’s Good Youth**

Discussant: Anna Schwenck (Oldenburg University)

Chair: Regina Elsner (ZOiS)

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**6.30 pm**      Dinner (for speakers only) at *Augustiner am Gendarmenmarkt*,  
*Charlottenstraße 56, 10117 Berlin*

**29 November 2019**

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**9.00–11.00 am**

**The Many Faces of Youth Activism: From Grievances to the Street**

Hilary Pilkington (University of Manchester): **Not Entitled to Talk: (Mis)Recognition, Inequality and Social Activism of Young Muslims**

Félix Krawatzek (ZOiS): **Who Protests, Why, and What Do Young People Make of It? Evidence from Russia**

Nadine Sika (American University, Cairo): **Youth Socio-Economic Grievances: Bringing the “Political” Back into Understanding Contestation in the Mena**

Alissa Bellotti (University of Haifa): **Of Mollis and Evil Uncles: The Meanings of Violence in the West German Youth Revolt of the 1980s**

Discussant: Sabine Kropp (Freie Universität Berlin), Chair: Nadja Douglas (ZOiS)

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**11.00–11.30 am**    Coffee Break

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**11.30 am–1.00 pm**

**Perceptions, Narratives and Youth Activism**

Olena Nikolayenko (Fordham University, New York): **Anti-Corruption Protests in Russian Cities: The Role of University Students**

Valentina Holecz (University of Geneva): **“What Political Means to You?” A Conceptualization of Young People’s Engagement**

Anna Lavizzari & Stefania Voli (Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa/Florence): **Pathways of Youth Participation in Bologna: Comparing across Political Organizational Domains**

Discussant: Priska Daphi (Bielefeld University), Chair: Gwendolyn Sasse (ZOiS)

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**1.00–2.00 pm**    Lunch

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**2.00–4.00 pm**

**State-Controlled Youth Mobilization**

Jérôme Doyon (University of Oxford): **Undogmatic Commitment: Youth Organizations and Elite Renewal in post-Mao China**

Kristiina Silvan (University of Helsinki): **Looking Inside the Box of Pro-Government and Parastatal Youth Activism**

Ivana Dobrivojević Tomić (Institute of Contemporary History, Belgrade): **(In)voluntary Builders of Socialism. Mobilization of Youth Workers in Socialist Yugoslavia (1945–1965)**

Discussant: Timm Beichelt (European University Viadrina), Chair: Nina Friess (ZOiS)