

Online Winter School of the Faculty of Political Science, Lomonosov Moscow  
State University and the Center for Crisis Society Studies  
**“Sustainability of Political Systems in Eurasia”**  
14-18 December 2020

**The inspiration for the Winter 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 center), **Serbia** (Belgrade University) and **Bulgaria** (University of Plovdiv Paisii Hilendarski).

**Module One: “Stability and Sustainability of Political Systems” (Monday, December, 14, 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** International governance and public policy in the face of global threats (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, Center for Crisis Society Studies, Russia)

## **Module Two: “The Impact of World Energy Markets Instability on the Stability and Sustainability of Public Systems in Eurasia” (Tuesday, December, 15)**

**10:45-11:00 Introduction to Module 2** Political and economic specificity of post-Soviet transit: energy exporters and energy importers (Maxim Vilisov, Center for Crisis Society Studies, 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, Center for Crisis Society Studies, Russia).

## **Module Three: Digital Transformations and their role in Eurasia (Wednesday, December, 16)**

**10:45-11:00** Introduction to Module 3

**11:00-11:50** Philosophy of Digital Transformation - Michael de Rachewiltz (EURAC, 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 (EURAC, 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, December, 17)**

**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, EURAC

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

#### **Closing session (Thursday, December, 17, 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 (guest speakers)

**15:30-16:00** Free discussion

**16:00-16:15** Closing ceremony

#### **Team work session (Friday, December, 18, 12:00-14:00)**