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DySoC/NIMBioS Interdisciplinary Seminar

with

Dr. Oleg Manaev

on

“Reshaping social structure for legitimation of power in resurgent autocracy: The case of Belarus, Russia, and Ukraine”

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

3:30-5 p.m.

Reception & refreshments at 3 p.m.

Hallam Auditorium, Room 206
1122 Volunteer Boulevard



Dr. Oleg Manaev is a Faculty Member of DySoC, as well as a CPI of the forthcoming research project at the UT Center for Information and Communication Studies. He is also the Founding Director of the Independent Institute of Socio-Economic and Political Studies (Belarus/Lithuania). His research interests include mass, political and comparative international communication, political process and public opinion, media and democracy, think tanks and public policy, methodology of media research. Manaev received his PhD in Sociology from Belarus State University in 1983. He taught at the UT School for Journalism and Electronic Media in 2007-2009, as well as the Department of Political Science, and the School for Communication Studies in 2015-2016.

Abstract: This presentation provides a comparative analysis of reshaping that took place in the social structure of Belarus, Russia and Ukraine (the "Slavic triangle") following the Soviet collapse, with a particular focus on issues of inequality and polarization between the state and society. It argues that while purposeful change of social stratification became an effective mechanism used by the authorities to strengthen their own legitimacy (represented as natural social evolution), it also leads to growing corruption, poor governance, social tensions and conflict. In addition, the talk details both the similarities and significant differences that exist in the nature of inequality and its public perception in these countries.

