

► **The notion of space** has become more prominent across the social sciences in recent years. Contestation, by comparison, has always been a central issue. Our specific regional focus on Eastern Europe allows us to link the discussions about space and contestation. What kind of spaces are contested, and by whom? At what particular moments does the contestation of space materialise, and how does it evolve over time?

The annual **ZOIS Conference** presents research on the relationship between state and society shaping contestation, on the public spaces of secular and religious claims, and on mapping and living with contested borders.

► **The conference** will conclude with a keynote by Professor Mark Beissinger (Princeton University) on "The Urban Advantage in Revolution and the Struggle for Control of Public Space".

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Contested Spaces

Centre for East European and
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Mohrenstraße 60, 10117 Berlin

1-2 March 2018

Programme

1 March

5.00–7.00 pm

PechaKucha Night for Graduate Students

2 March

9.00 am

Registration

9.30 am

Welcome

9.45–11.15 am

Panel 1: Contested Spaces between State and Society

Chair: Mihai Varga (Freie Universität Berlin)

Nadja Douglas (ZOiS):

Evolving protest culture and trust in institutions in the Armenian context

Christian Fröhlich (Higher School of Economics, Moscow):

Urban activism and citizenship under post-Soviet conditions: the Muscovites' struggle for public space

Tatiana Golova (ZOiS):

Politics of the practical: Finding common ground and boundary work by activists in Novosibirsk

Discussant: Samuel Greene (King's College London)

11.15–11.45 am Coffee break

11.45 am–1.15 pm

Panel 2: Public Spaces between Secular and Religious Claims

Chair: Regina Elsner (ZOiS)

Alexander Agadjanian (RGGU, Moscow):

Secular/religious borders in Russia: Multiple, questioned, elusive

Tsypylma Darieva (ZOiS):

Religious pluralization: Popular beliefs and informal practices in Azerbaijan

Catherine Wanner (Pennsylvania State University):

Martyrs and the creation of an affective atmosphere of religiosity in Kyiv

1.15–2.00 pm Lunch

2.00–3.30 pm

Parallel Discussion Sessions: Contested Borders

Room 1 Mapping borders: Contested cartographies in the post-Soviet Space

Speakers: Vladimir Kolosov (Russian Academy of Sciences, Institute of Geography, Moscow);

Denis Eckert (CNRS, Centre Marc Bloch Berlin)

Room 2 Violence and “normality” in conflict zones

Speakers: Imke Hansen (Nordost-Institut, Lüneburg); Ketevan Khutsishvili (Javakhishvili State University, Tbilisi)

Room 3 Phantomgrenzen in der Ukraine: Sozialräumliche und literaturwissenschaftliche Perspektiven (in German)

Speakers: Sabine v. Löwis (ZOiS); Ievgeniia Voloshchuk (Europa Universität Viadrina, Frankfurt/Oder)

3.30–4.00 pm Coffee break

4.00–5.00 pm

Panel Discussion: Contestation and the Concepts of Space and Time

Chair: Gwendolyn Sasse (ZOiS)

Participants: Mikhail Minakov (Europa Universität Viadrina, Frankfurt/Oder); Magdalena Nowicka (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin); Jelena Tošić (Universität Wien)

5.30–7.00 pm

Keynote Lecture: The Urban Advantage in Revolution and the Struggle for Control of Public Space

Mark Beissinger (Princeton University)

7.00–9.00 pm Reception