



An Illiberal Transnational?

Exploring crossborder linkages in antiliberal movements

Elliott School of International Affairs Room 602

illiberalism
Studies Program

Thursday, October 24, 2024

12:45 Opening Remarks

Marlene Laruelle, *The George Washington University*

13:00 – 14:00

Keynote: Zack Beauchamp, Vox, Senior Correspondent. Author of *The Reactionary Spirit: How America's Most Insidious Political Tradition Swept the World*

14:00 – 15:30

Panel 1. Solidarity among Illiberal States

Chair: Gulnaz Sibgatullina, *University of Amsterdam*

All Bark No Bite? A Systematic Analysis of Illiberal Behavior in the International Arena

Hadas Aron, *The George Washington University*

Emily Holland, *US Naval War College*

Varieties of Illiberalism: The Divergence across the West and the East

Maria Snegovaya, *Center for Strategic and International Studies, Georgetown University*

Julian Waller, *The George Washington University*

The Impact of Transnational Illiberal Networks on Domestic Politics

Petra Guasti, *Charles University*

Lenka Bustikova, *University of Florida*

Another World is Possible: Eastern European States as Illiberal Exemplar Regimes

Julian Waller, *The George Washington University*

15:30 – 16:00

Coffee break

16:00 – 17:30

Panel 2. Central Europe as Laboratory of Illiberal Connections

Chair: Julian Waller, *The George Washington University*

How the 'West' Ignites: Lessons from Croatia and Serbia in the Illiberal International Arena

Lorena Drakula, *Freie Universitat Berlin, Cluster of Excellence "Contestations of the Liberal Script" (SCRIPTS)*

Illiberal Repurposing of International Cooperation: Explaining the Founding and Demise of the Polish-Hungarian Opportunistic Alliance

Aleksandra Dziegielewska, *Max Planck Institute for Social Law and Social Policy and University of Warsaw*

Illiberal Dynamics in EU Enlargement: The Role of Orban's Hungary in Sustaining the Georgian Dream's Rule

Anastasia Mgaloblishvili, *Freie Universitat Berlin, Cluster of Excellence "Contestations of the Liberal Script" (SCRIPTS)*

In Competition for Illiberal Legitimacy: Russian, European, and American Ties of the Serbian Illiberal Right

Marko Žilović, *University of Belgrade*

Friday, October 25, 2024

9:00 – 10:30

Panel 3. Illiberal Soft Power and Russia as Pole of Attraction

Chair: Marlene Laruelle, *The George Washington University*

Challenging international liberal order: authoritarian states and the geopolitics of religious soft power

Gulnaz Sibgatullina, *University of Amsterdam*

Illiberal Postcolonialism: The Multipolarity Forum

Arsenio Cuenca, *École pratique des hautes études*

Reactionary Podcasting and Russian Narratives

John Chrobak, *The George Washington University*

Unveiling Conspiracy Influencers through the Biolab Narrative: Key Amplifiers with Independent Agency in Spreading pro-Kremlin Disinformation

Dusan Bozalka, *Université Paris-Panthéon-Assas*

10:30 – 11:00

Coffee break

11:00 – 12:15

Panel 4. Mirror Games Across the Atlantic

Chair: Marlene Laruelle, *The George Washington University*

The East and the Rest? The Ambitions and Limits of “Intellectual Conservatism”

Valentin Behr, *CNRS*

Eve Gianoncelli, *Maison Française d’Oxford*

Viktor Orbán’s European and Transatlantic Strategy: Using Soft Power to Create a Sonderweg

H. David Baer, *Texas Lutheran University*

CPAC’s Importance to the International Far Right

Grant Silverman, *The George Washington University*

12:15 – 13:15

Lunch

13:15 – 15:00

Panel 5. The Circulation of Illiberal Ideas: Think Thanks and Thinkers

Chair: Amélie-Jacqueline Apke, *Salzburg Centre of European Union Studies*

Neoliberalism in Translation: Ideological Diversity Across Right-Wing Think Tanks in Latin America

Tomás Gold, *Brown University*

Illiberal Opposition? Elites, Networks and Transnational Linkages

Maryhen Jiménez, *University of Oxford*

Antulio Rosales, *York University*

Polish Think Tank and its Illiberal Networks, Anti-Gender Diplomacy and Local Political Leverage

Natasza Quelvennec, *CNRS, CESSP*

Intellectuals Between Conservative Liberalism and Liberal Conservatism. The Cases of the Center for European Renewal and of the Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty

Anemona Constantin, *Fellow CEVIPOL/Université libre de Bruxelles*

Cultural and Social Capital as a Tool for Illiberal Promotion. How Jean Raspail and Michel Houellebecq Disseminate Illiberal Ideas through Novels

Périne Schir, *Rouen University, France, and George Washington University*

15:00 – 15:30

Coffee break

15:30 – 16:45

Panel 6. Cross-National Comparison and Transnational Actors

Chair: Maryhen Jiménez, *University of Oxford*

Illiberalism sans frontières: A Cross-National Comparison of Ideological Illiberal Components

Francesco Melito, *University of Trieste*

Israeli Trumpism? The Transnational Diffusion of Illiberal Rhetoric

Avital Sicron, *Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

Back to the Trenches: Russia's Invasion of Ukraine and the Militant Far Right

Daniel Trombly, *The George Washington University*