

# Food and the Post-Soviet Space - Global, regional, and local implications

Workshop Programme

University of Geneva

20 & 21 April 2023

**Day 1 – Thursday 20 April**

**Room 3G1 (GSI)**

12:15 – 13:15	<b>Arrival and lunch</b>
13:15 – 13:30	<b>Welcome and aims of the workshop</b>
13:30 – 14:45	<p><b>Panel 1 - Regulating Food</b></p> <p>Aron Buzogany &amp; Laure Delcour <i>New wine in new bottles? Food safety, domestic actors and overlapping regional integration projects in Eastern Europe and the South Caucasus</i></p> <p>Isabell Burmester <i>EU and Russian regulatory power: Prescribing rules and practices in Moldovan and Armenian food safety regimes</i></p> <p>Laura Gelhaus <i>Regulating traditional taste in the Eastern Partnership through the EU and UNESCO</i></p> <p>Chair: Thibaud Deruelle, Discussant: Matis Poussardin</p>
14:45 – 15:00	<b>Break</b>
15:00 – 16:15	<p><b>Panel 2 - Food and Society</b></p> <p>Janetta Azarieva &amp; Yitzhak M. Brudny <i>Bread and Autocracy: Food, Politics and Security in Putin's Russia</i></p> <p>Ivan Zecevic <i>Food as the Basis for a New Class Difference in the Post-Soviet Space</i></p> <p>Vincent Exiga <i>What do we eat to celebrate masculinities and femininities in contemporary Russia? Studies of the recipes shared on 23 February and 8 March</i></p> <p>Chair/Discussant: Isabell Burmester</p>
16:15 – 16:45	<b>Coffee break</b>
16:45 – 17:45	<p><b>Panel 3 - Food and Culture</b></p> <p>Anna Jastrzębiec-Witowska <i>Food Solidarity in Poland After the Russian Aggression on Ukraine</i></p> <p>Anna Scola <i>Brighton Beach Zastol'ye: Complex Sentiments of Belonging at the Russophone Dinner Table</i></p> <p>Chair: Laura Gelhaus, Discussant: Vincent Exiga</p>
17:45 – 18:00	<b>Reflections on the first day of the workshop</b>
19:30	<b>Dinner (for presenters, chairs, and discussants only)</b>

Day 2 – Friday 21 April

Room M4050 (Uni Mail)

09:15 – 10:30	<b>Panel 4 - Food production and disruption</b> Khurshid Zafari <i>Borders and changing food production patterns in the Ferghana valley</i> Mihai Varga <i>War-induced disruption: The 2022 collapse of Ukrainian food production and its global significance</i> Natalia Mamonova <i>Food sovereignty and solidarity initiatives in rural Ukraine during the war</i> Chair: Vincent Exiga, Discussant: Laura Gelhaus
10:30 – 11:00	<b>Coffee break</b>
11:00 – 12:15	<b>Future opportunities: publications, panels, collaborations</b>
12:15 – 13:15	<b>Lunch and departure</b>



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## List of Participants

**Janetta Azarieva.** Forthcoming Oxford University Press 2023: Azarieva, J., Brudny, Y., & Finkel, E. «Bread and Autocracy: Food, Politics and Security in Putin’s Russia.» Research Fellow, The Leonard Davis Institute for International Relations, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Ph.D. dissertation: “Grain and Power in Russia 2001-2011.”

**Isabell Burmester** is a doctoral researcher and assistant at the Global Studies Institute and the Department of Political Science and International Relations of the University of Geneva in Switzerland. Her work explores the nature of European and Russian hegemony in Eastern Europe and the South Caucasus. She is currently finishing up her PhD dissertation “EU and Russian hegemony in the ‘shared neighbourhood’: between coercion, prescription, and co-optation”.

**Aron Buzogány** works as an assistant professor at the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences (BOKU) in Vienna, Austria. He holds a doctorate in political science from the Freie Universität Berlin and has previously held academic or visiting positions at Yale, FU Berlin, the German Public Administration Research Institute, the University of Munich and Johns Hopkins University. His work focuses on impact of European Union policies beyond EU borders, on the role of civil society and social movements as well as on democratic backsliding.

**Laure Delcour** (PhD and habilitation, Sciences-Po Paris) is an Associate Professor in international relations and EU studies, University Sorbonne Nouvelle and a visiting professor at the College of Europe. Her research interests focus on perceptions of EU and Russia’s policies, as well as domestic change in response to the EU and Russia in Armenia, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine.

**Thibaud Deruelle** is post-doctoral researcher on the project “Condominio Europe” led by Professor Lavenex. He works on third countries participation to EU agencies. His other interests include regulation and reputation, especially in the context of EU policymaking; as well as Communicable diseases in the EU, the topic of his PhD thesis (2021, University of Exeter). Before joining SPERI, he was a post-doctoral researcher in Lausanne, he also worked at Université Libre de Bruxelles, Collège of Europe (Bruges), and SciencePo Lille.

**Vincent Exiga** is writing his doctoral thesis at the University of Geneva on the holidays of February 23 and March 8 in contemporary Russia and their role in the reproduction of gender norms, under the supervision of Professors Korine Amacher and Marylène Lieber.

**Laura Gelhaus** is a Teaching Fellow in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE) at the University of Warwick. Her research focuses on the external relations of the European Union with its Eastern neighbourhood, particularly in the area of agriculture and rural development. Specifically, she researches how the EU’s narratives on Geographical Indications shape food and drinks discourses in the Eastern Partnership.

**Natalia Mamonova** is Senior Researcher at RURALIS - Institute for Rural and Regional Research, Norway. Her research focuses on rural politics, agrarian transformation, social movements, food sovereignty and right-wing populism in post-socialist rural Europe. She received her PhD degree from Erasmus University, the Netherlands in 2016. Since then, she was a researcher/lecturer at the University of Oxford, the New Europe College in Bucharest, the University of Helsinki, and the Stockholm Centre for Eastern European Studies. Her current research at RURALIS focuses on the impact of the war in Ukraine on the Ukrainian and global food systems.

**Matis Poussardin** is a PhD student and research assistant at the Faculty of Social Sciences. His doctoral project focuses on European Union agencies and trans-governmental networks in Europe under the supervision of Sandra Lavenex. He holds a Bachelor's degree in International Relations and a Master's degree in European Studies from the University of Geneva.

**Anna Scola** is a writer and artist employing ethnographic methods. Her current research explores food as a socio-cultural practice of belonging, examining the dialectic of politics and place within diasporas and across generations. Anna is completing her degrees in Global Studies, Writing, and Fine Arts at The New School in New York City.

**Mihai Varga** (PhD 2011, University of Amsterdam) is a sociologist (senior scientist) at the Institute for East-European Studies, Freie Universität Berlin. His work is about the political and socio-economic outcomes of market reforms. His latest book is *Poverty as Subsistence. The World Bank and Pro-Poor Land Reform in Eurasia* (Stanford, 2023).

**Anna Witowska** holds a PhD in sociology from Jagiellonian University in Cracow, Poland, and an MA in European Studies from the University of Exeter in England. Her academic interests revolve around food security, alternative food systems, and sustainable food economies. Her professional experience includes working for international NGOs and as a municipal officer. She currently works as the director of the public library in Dąbrowa Tarnowska after obtaining cultural management certification in 2022.

**Khurshid Zafari** is a cross-border peace building practitioner from Uzbekistan. He has a master's degree in International Social and Public Policy from LSE and almost 15 years of professional career. His academic research covers issues in border anthropology, peace and conflict studies, spatial development and politics of institutional change.

**Ivan Zecevic** PhD student, Department of Sociology, Faculty of Philosophy – University of Belgrade. Associate lecturer in the Sociology of Elections course. He initiated the project Collective Scientific Work in the Sociology of Elections seminar, the result of which is a collection of scientific works of three generations of students entitled: *Society with(out) Choice*.