



LECTURE

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US Support for Post-Soviet NGOs: A Sociological Analysis

October 28, 7:20-10:00 pm

Student Union Building I, Room A/B

Since 1992, the US government and private American foundations have spent more than four billion dollars on promoting democracy and civil society in the 12 post-Soviet states of Eurasia. In her talk, Dr. Aksartova will present a sociological analysis of US assistance targeting post-Soviet nongovernmental organizations (NGOs). How do US donors and local NGOs interact? What does a post-Soviet NGO look like? She will discuss how US civil society assistance operates on the ground, focusing in particular on (i) the material and symbolic resources that US donors have deployed to diffuse the institutional form of the professional NGO in host societies and (ii) the implications of her analysis for the ongoing debate about the impact of US democracy promotion in Russia and the rest of post-Soviet Eurasia.