

38th Annual Outreach Conference

**Putin III: The Aftermath of the Russian  
Presidential Elections**

Saturday, April 28, 2012  
Toll Room, Alumni House  
UC Berkeley Campus  
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

9:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Breakfast and Registration

Introductory Remarks: YURI SLEZKINE, Jane K. Sather Professor of History and Director of ISEEEES, UC Berkeley

Chair, Morning Session: EDWARD WALKER, Executive Director of the Berkeley Program in Eurasian and East European Studies

10:10 a.m.-10:50 a.m. MARIA LIPMAN, Editor of the Pro et Contra Journal, published by Carnegie-Mellon Center

10:50 a.m.-11:30 a.m. ALEXEI YURCHAK, Associate Professor of Anthropology, UC Berkeley

11:30 a.m.-12:10 p.m. BARRY ICKES, Professor of Economics, Pennsylvania State University

12:10 p.m.-1:30 p.m. Lunch Break

Chair, Afternoon Session: YURI SLEZKINE

1:30 p.m.-2:10 p.m. STEPHEN HOLMES, Walter E. Meyer Professor of Law, New York University School of Law

2:10 p.m.-2:50 p.m. M. STEVEN FISH, Professor of Political Science, UC Berkeley

2:50 p.m.-3:15 p.m. Coffee Break

3:15 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Roundtable Discussion, moderated by YURI SLEZKINE

4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Reception

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