



## **Platformization of Politics in Non-Democracies: Belarus in the 2020s in Comparative Perspective**

DAAD GoEast Summer School at the European Humanities University  
Vilnius, August 7-18, 2023

**Venue:** European Humanities University, Saviciaus street 17

### **SUMMER SCHOOL SCHEDULE:**

#### **7.8, Monday**

9.30-10.00 Coffee

10.00-10.30 Welcome and introductions

10.30-12.00 **Siarhei Liubimau:** *Platforms and Infrastructures of Political Power in Belarus in the 2020s*

12.00-12.15 Break

12.15-13.00 Guide to the European Humanities University with **Vilius Alesius**, Head of the EHU  
Communications and Marketing Unit

13.00-15.00 Lunch break

15.00-16.45 **Vasil Navumau** and **Olga Matveieva:** *Telegram Revolution: Technical and Conceptual Innovations of the 2020 Belarusian Protest*

16.45-17.00 Break

17.00-17.45 Reflections on the day, discussion of the Summer School program

18.00 Joint dinner



## 8.8, Tuesday

10.00-11.30 **Olga Matveieva** and **Vasil Navumau**: *Gender Perspectives of Civic Activism in Belarus and Ukraine (Case Studies of the 2020 Protest and the Russian War in Ukraine)*

11.30-11.40 Break

11.40-13.00 **Vasil Navumau** and **Olga Matveieva**: *The Needs of Belarusian Diaspora (Academic Community and Civil Society)*

13.00-15.00 Lunch break

15.00-16.30 Meeting with **Natallia Satsunkevich** (Human Rights Center "Viasna"): Presentation and discussion on human rights situation in Belarus in 2020-2023

16.30-16.45 Break

16:45-17:30 Consultations with Human Rights Center "Viasna" lawyers **Natallia Satsunkevich** and **Viktoryia Rudzenkova**

## 9.8, Wednesday

10.00-11.20 **Olga Matveieva** and **Vasil Navumau**: *Strategic Narratives in Telegram Channels during the Russian War (Through the Case of Azovstal Siege in Mariupol)*

11.20-11.30 Break

11.30-13.30 Simulation game: *Framing the Future of Belarus after the War: Communicative Perspective*

13.30-15.30 Lunch break

15.30-17.30 **Andrei Kazakevich**: *Politics of Repressions: Political System in Belarus in 2020-2023*

## 10.8, Thursday

10.00-11.30 **Siarhei Liubimau**: *Use of AI Powered Analytical Platforms in Social Media Research (Workshop)*

11.30-11.45 Break

11.45-13.00 Discussion of participants' final projects ideas

13.00-15.00 Lunch break



15.00-16.30 **Aliaksei Lastouski**: *When History Returns: The Use of Historical Symbols During Political Protests in Belarus in 2020*

16.30-16.45 Break

16.45-17.30 Reflections on the Summer School process

### **11.8, Friday**

10.00-11.20 **Tsimafei Malakhouski** (<https://honest-people.by/>): *Belarusian Digital Civil Society Platforms: The Case of “Honest People”*

11.30-13.00 **Pavel Kirpikau** (<https://radioplato.by/>): *“Radio Plato” and the Resurgence of Community Broadcasting in the 2020s*

13.00-15.00 Lunch break

15:00-16:30 **Andrei Kallaur** (<https://robimgood.org/>): *How To Develop A Connective Platform for Urban Activism In a Not Free Country? The Case of the ‘Robim Good’ Project*

### **12.8, Saturday**

10.00-20.00 Trip to Kaunas

### **13.8, Sunday**

Free day

### **14.8, Monday**

10.00-11.20 Reflection on the Summer School process and discussion of the formats of final group/individual projects

11.30-13.00 Readings based seminar: *Putting Belarus in Comparative Perspective*

13.00-15.00 Lunch break

15.00-16.30 Individual/group work on final projects

16.30-17.30 Presentations of individual/group final projects ideas



## **15.8, Tuesday**

10.00-13.00 “Solidarity Postcard Workshop”: making postcards for political prisoners

13.00-15.00 Lunch break

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## **16.8, Wednesday**

10.00-13.00 Fieldwork / work on final projects

13.00-15.00 Lunch break

15.00-17.00 Presentations of individual / group final projects in progress

## **17.8, Thursday**

10.00-13.00 Fieldwork / work on final projects

13.00-15.00 Lunch break

15.00-17.00 Work on final projects

## **18.8, Friday**

10.00-12.00 Work on final projects

12.00-13.00 Presentations of final projects

13.00-15.00 Lunch break

15.00-18.00 Presentations of final projects

18.00 Joint dinner