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**DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS RESEARCH SEMINAR**

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 3:30 PM, LOCATION: N/15 ROOM 101 (QUANTUM ROOM)

## **RUSSIA AND THE WESTERN FAR RIGHT**

**ANTON SHEKHOVTSOV**



The seminar will discuss the growing links between Russian actors and Western far-right activists, publicists, ideologues, and politicians. It will show that the Russian establishment was first interested in using the Western far right to legitimise Moscow's politics and actions both domestically and internationally, but more recently Moscow has begun to support particular far-right political forces to gain leverage on European politics and undermine the liberal-democratic consensus in the West. In their turn, far-right forces use their contacts with Moscow in order to gain domestic legitimacy as representatives of the "alternative mainstream".

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