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History as a Propaganda Tool in Contemporary Russia

ABSTRACT:

The presentation will focus on the propaganda campaign orchestrated by the Russian authorities with the aim of promoting a version of the country's history for political purposes. This version puts the accent on the exceptionality of Russian historical development, and is geared to endowing the figure of Vladimir Putin – seen as the person who has succeeded in carrying out a number of national projects that have been frequently abandoned throughout Russian history. This presentation also tackles the relationship between the official discourses of “modernization” and “historical memory”.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:

Miguel Vázquez is a Lecturer in Social History of Communication at the Department of Journalism I (University of Seville, Spain) and Head of the “Eurasia Observatory”. Dr. Vázquez has a PhD in Information Science from the Complutense University of Madrid (Department of History of Social Communication). His research areas include Soviet and Post-Soviet Propaganda History (especially War Propaganda) and Russian Media System. Over recent years, his research work has been keyed to the study of the political use of history in Putin's Russia, as well as the analysis of the “campaign” (and the discourse accompanying it) orchestrated with the aim of disseminating the version of history promoted by the Kremlin. Vazquez's English-language publications include “History as a Propaganda Tool in Putin's Russia” (Communist and Post-Communist Studies, 2010) and “Putin's Propaganda Legacy” (Post-Soviet Affairs, 2009).

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