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Corruption in Russian Higher Education: Myths and Realities

ABSTRACT:

Russia is on its way to becoming an academic superpower. This transformation is going well, at least in the context of the BRIC countries. One of the obstacles that Russia still has to face, however, is corruption, which manifests itself in ‘the abuse of entrusted power for private gain’ (Transparency International) and the lack of academic integrity.

Why is corruption so extensively spread at Russian universities, and who benefits from it?
Why are studies on corruption in higher education so important?

This presentation will deal with these issues and discuss the potential export of academic corruption from Russia to European universities.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:

Dr. Elena Denisova-Schmidt, is a lecturer at the University of St. Gallen in Switzerland. She has taught and conducted research at the Humboldt University in Berlin, the Kennan Institute of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, D.C., the German Institute for International and Security Affairs, the UCL School of Slavonic and East European Studies and at the Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics at Harvard University. Before moving into academia, Denisova-Schmidt worked for the VSMPO-AVISMA Corporation in Russia. Her current research interests cover corruption and informal practices in various settings in Russia and Ukraine.

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