

Panel on “EU-Eastern Europe/Eurasia relations”

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Panelists



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Erik Herron is the Eberly Family Professor of Political Science at West Virginia University. Previously, he was on faculty at the University of Kansas (2001-14) and a Program Director at the National Science Foundation (2011-14).

At KU, Professor Herron also served as Director of the Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies (2004-07). He has traveled extensively in Eastern Europe and Eurasia, including a term as a Fulbright scholar at Ivan Franko National University in L’viv, Ukraine and thirteen election observation missions.

Professor Herron has published research about political institutions, governance, and elections in the American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, Governance, World Politics, Comparative Political Studies, Electoral Studies, and other journals, and two books: *Mixed Electoral Systems: Contamination and its Consequences* (with Federico Ferrara and Misa Nishikawa) and *Elections and Democracy after Communism*. Most of his work focuses on Ukraine, and he has served as an expert commentator on political developments for the international and US media.



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His research explores the design and the implementation of transitional justice with a focus on conflict resolution mechanisms. His research examines transitional justice and human rights issues in diverse regions including East Europe and the former Soviet Union, Africa, the Middle East and Southeast Asia. He has held grants from the American Council of Learned Societies, the International Research & Exchanges Board, the Social Science Research Council and was a Fulbright Scholar and Fulbright Senior Specialist. Dr. Roper has served as a consultant to the US Agency for International Development, US Department of State and the World Bank. He is the author of four books and over fifty articles and book chapters. Dr. Roper is Editor-in-Chief of *Human Rights Review*.

Moderator



Dr. Tatiana Kostadinova
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Professor Kostadinova received her Ph.D. from the Florida State University in 2000. Her research and teaching interests include political institutions with a special emphasis on electoral systems and reform, East European democratic transition, and comparative public policy. She has been the recipient of several grants, among which the American Political Science Small Research Grant (2002) and a Fellowship Program Award from the German Marshall Fund of the United States (2003-2004). Professor Kostadinova's first book, *Bulgaria 1879-1946: The Challenge of Choice* (Columbia University Press), explores Bulgarian parliamentary elections, party strategies, and voter behavior. Her 2012 book, *Political Corruption in Eastern Europe: Politics After Communism* (Lynne Rienner) analyzes the emergence of corruption as a major obstacle to successful democratic transition. Other publications include book chapters and journal articles in *American Journal of Political Science*, *Electoral Studies*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *European Journal of Political Research*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Party Politics*, and *Europe-Asia Studies*.

Professor Kostadinova's primary teaching area is comparative politics. At the undergraduate level, she teaches courses in Russian and Eastern European politics, electoral behavior, and research methods. Her graduate level courses include seminars on institutional choice, democratic transitions, political parties, and advanced research.