



The Politics of Plunder East and West: what is to be done?

The Civil Society and Human Security Research Unit (CSHS) at the Department of International Development at the London School of Economics is organising the above named conference to be held on June 8th, 2016.

The conference will bring together members of the European left as well as civil society activists, scholars and progressive politicians from Russia and Ukraine in order to initiate a dialogue about issues that are of interest to all involved parties: corruption, social justice policies, kleptocratic regimes and their interconnection with Western neo-liberal elites. Our aim is to build pan-European links with Russian and Ukrainian civil society and to help construct a common platform and set of policies for opposing both corruption and austerity.

An agenda is attached below. If you are interested in attending please contact Dominika Spyratou at i.spyratou@lse.ac.uk. Please note this is an invitation only event.

The conference will be followed by a public lecture open to all.

Conference agenda

Wednesday 8th June 2016

Wolfson Theatre, New Academic Building (NAB), LSE

Twitter Hashtag: #politicsofplunder

09:15-9:45 Registration and coffee

9:45-11:15 **Session 1**

Title: *Offshore, authoritarianism and corruption*

Speakers: Misha Glenny, journalist
 Luke Harding, the Guardian
 Serhiy Leshchenko, journalist and MP
 Karen Saunders, American University

Chair: Andrew Wilson, European Council on Foreign Relations

11:15-11:30 Break



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11:30-13:00 **Session 2**

Title: [Neoliberal conditionality and social justice](#)

Speakers: Ilya Matveev, Openleft.ru
Marina Prentoulis, University of East Anglia and Syriza London
James Schneider, Momentum
Yuliya Yurchenko, University of Greenwich
Chair: Hilary Wainwright, Transnational Institute

13:00-14:15 Lunch break

14:15-15:45 **Session 3**

Title: [Addressing the conflict in Crimea and East Ukraine](#)

Speakers: Natalya Belitser, Pylip Orlyk Institute for Democracy
Marko Bojcun, Ukraine Solidarity Campaign
Christopher Ford, Ukraine Solidarity Campaign
Dmitri Makarov, Youth Human Rights Movement
Anton Shekhovtsov, Institute for Human Sciences
Chair: Armine Ishkanian, LSE

15:45-16:00 Break

16:00-17:00 **Workshops (3) on above topics**

17:00-17:30 Conclusions

18:30-20:00 Public lecture ([audio podcast](#))

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Speakers: Roman Borisovich and Ben Judah
Chair: Mary Kaldor, LSE