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Four leading experts will discuss the rule of law in Russia, with a focus on the legal reforms currently underway and how they impact U.S.-Russian relations, Russia's democratic development and future economic prosperity. This is a timely issue because twenty years after the fall of the Soviet Union, Russia continues to struggle with the implementation of the rule of law and President Dmitry Medvedev has made this his signature initiative, using it as a means to distinguish his presidency from that of his immediate predecessor, Vladimir Putin.

**Monday, May 2**

**12:00-1:15 p.m.**

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## Russia's Rule of Law Challenge: Implications for U.S. Policy

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## Speaker Biographies

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### ANTON BURKOV, MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS INTERNATIONAL, MOSCOW

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Anton Burkov is Chair of the European and Comparative Law Department, University of Humanities, and Deputy Director of the "I've Got Rights" program, Management Systems International, Moscow. Burkov has extensive professional experience in the human rights area. From 1998 to 2010, he worked at the well-known human rights NGO Sutyajnik, first as a lawyer and then project coordinator, deputy director and director of the press service. During his work at Sutyajnik, Burkov provided free legal assistance and litigated cases in Russian courts, including the Supreme and Constitutional courts, and currently serves as a legal representative in a number of cases before the European Court of Human Rights. He is an expert at a number of international and foreign organizations, including the Danish Institute for Human Rights, the Council of Europe and the EU-Russia Center. Burkov graduated from the Urals State Law Academy. He holds a master's degree in International Human Rights Law, which he earned at the University of Essex (UK), as well as a Candidate of Science in Law from Tyumen State University (Russian) and a Ph.D from Cambridge University (UK).

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### LARA IGLITZIN, HENRY M. JACKSON FOUNDATION

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Lara Iglitzin has been Executive Director of the Henry M. Jackson Foundation since 1995. Arriving at the Foundation in 1992 as a Program Officer, she developed the Foundation's human rights program in Russia. Iglitzin did her undergraduate work at the University of Washington in Russian and East European studies, and received master's degrees in Russian history and Russian studies, from the University of Pennsylvania and Georgetown University respectively. She specialized in U.S.-Soviet relations and early 20th century political history. Her master's thesis was dedicated to the impact of the Jackson-Vanik Amendment on Soviet foreign policy. Prior to her work at the Foundation, Iglitzin managed the Congressional Roundtable on U.S.-Soviet Relations in Washington, D.C. Active in the national grantmaking community, she helped to establish the group Philanthropy for Active Civic Engagement and served as board president for three years. She was also integral to the creation of the International Human Rights Funders Group. Iglitzin has published a dozen articles in national and regional publications on Russian politics and human rights.

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### TANYA LOKSHINA, HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH, MOSCOW

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Tanya Lokshina is Deputy Director of Human Rights Watch's Moscow office. Prior to joining Human Rights Watch, Lokshina ran a prominent Moscow-based human rights think-tank, Center "Demos," which implemented research and advocacy projects in such areas as human rights abuses in armed conflict zones; arbitrariness and violence in the activities of state agencies; effective implementation of international human rights standards; human rights education; and human rights mainstreaming. Since 2003, Lokshina's work has largely focused on Chechnya and other North Caucasus republics. Her books include Chechnya Inside Out and Imposition of a Fake Political Settlement in the Northern Caucasus, which both received praise in Russia and Europe. Her articles have appeared in newspapers including Novaya Gazeta, The Washington Post, and the The Guardian. Lokshina has co-drafted numerous human rights reports, including reports addressed to the UN treaty bodies. Lokshina runs a column on Russian current affairs website Polit.Ru. She is recipient of the 2006 Andrei Sakharov Award for Journalism as Civic Accomplishment

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### WILLIAM POMERANZ, KENNAN INSTITUTE, WOODROW WILSON INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR SCHOLARS

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William Pomeranz is the Deputy Director of the Kennan Institute, a part of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars located in Washington, D.C. In addition, he teaches Russian law at the Center for Eurasian, Russian, and East European Studies (CERES), Georgetown University. Prior to joining the Kennan Institute, he practiced international law in the United States and Moscow, Russia. He also served as Program Officer for Russia, Ukraine, and Belarus at the National Endowment for Democracy from 1992-1999. Pomeranz holds a B.A. from Haverford College, a M.Sc. from the University of Edinburgh, a J.D. cum laude from American University, and a Ph.D. in Russian history from the School of Slavonic and East European Studies, University of London. His research interests include Russian legal history as well as current Russian commercial and constitutional law.

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### RICHARD SAKWA, UNIVERSITY OF KENT

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Richard Sakwa is currently Professor of Russian and European politics at the University of Kent. From 2001 to 2007 he was also the head of the University's Politics and International Relations department. He has published extensively on Soviet, Russian and post-communist affairs, and has written and edited several books and articles on the subject. Professor Sakwa is one of the UK's leading scholars of Russian politics. His current research interests include: democratic development in Russia, nature of postcommunism and global challenges facing the former communist countries. Prof. Sakwa is also an Associate Fellow of the Russia and Eurasia Programme at the Royal Institute of International Affairs, a member of the Advisory Boards of the Institute of Law and Public Policy in Moscow, a member of the Eurasian Political Studies Network and a member of Academy of Learned Societies for the Social Sciences.