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Physical Violence and State Legitimacy in Late Socialism An International Research Network

Public Lecture

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“Murder and Mayhem in the Post-Stalinist Soviet Union: A Thaw?”

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This paper seeks to analyze the shifting policies of the post-Stalinist governments with respect to the organization of violence both physical and symbolic. It focuses on specific problems of defining crime and punishment as well as the evolution of coercive institutions. In addition it explores the relationship between popular violence and state policies.

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