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Moderator:	Mikhail Golosov, University of Chicago
09:30-10:00	Registration of participants Welcome coffee
10:00-10:20	Conference opening Christina Johannesson, Ambassador of Sweden to Belarus Pavel Daneyko, BEROC
10:20-11:05	Democratic Support for the Bolshevik Revolution: An Empirical Investigation of 1917 Constituent Assembly Elections Andrei Markevich, NES
11:05-11:50	Economic Consequences of the 1933 Soviet Famine Natalya Naumenko, George Mason University
11:50-12:20	Coffee break
12:20-13:05	The Inception of Capitalism through the Lens of Firms Krisztina Orbán, NBER
13:05-13:50	The Determinants of News Content in Autocracy: Evidence from Coal Mines in China Nancy Qian, Northwestern University
13:50-14:50	Lunch
14:50-15:35	Social Media and Xenophobia: Evidence from Russia Maria Petrova, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, IPEG, Barcelona GSE, NES, CEPR
15:35-16:20	Conflict and Inter-Group Trade: Evidence from the Russia-Ukraine Trade Transactions Alexey Makarin, EIEF
16:20-16:40	Coffee break
16:40-17:25	Tax Evasion of Politically Connected Firms Ruben Enikolopov, NES, ICREA-UPF, IPEG
17:25-17:40	Conference closing



Mikhail Golosov

Mikhail Golosov is a professor of economics at the University of Chicago. Dr. Golosov has also held positions at Princeton University, Yale University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is currently co-editor of the American Economic Review. His research covers topics in macroeconomics, public finance and political economy.



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