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Outcasts & Patrons:

Stigmatization, Ideological Shelter & Foreign Policy Change in Small States

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Abstract

Under what conditions do small states change their foreign policy orientation? Existing theories emphasize power, threats and regime survival but understate the role of ideology, particularly for small states that generally prefer nonalignment due to its lower sovereignty costs. This presentation argues that democratic stigmatization of authoritarian regimes creates a normative threat to their ideological legitimacy, driving them to seek support from ideologically aligned great powers — what term the proposed thesis calls “ideological shelter.” Using a multi-case design examining Uzbekistan, Hungary and Turkmenistan, the thesis shows that small states adopt alliance, hedging or nonalignment depending on the intensity of stigmatization and the constraints on foreign policy realignment.

Details

4:30-5:30pm on Friday July 31th

in-person + online (via Zoom)

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