

Public lecture by

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WHO ARE THE LEGAL NIHILISTS IN RUSSIA?

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The popular media, both Russian and Western, portray legal nihilism as a serious problem for Russia. Using data collected as part of the Russian Longitudinal Monitoring Study in 2004 and 2006, the incidence of legal nihilism will be examined. The analysis will explore who the legal nihilists are in Russia and what characteristics tend to be associated with legal nihilism. The effects of a number of factors, including age, political participation, political attitudes, the role of material and emotional well-being, are analyzed. Prof. Hendley's recent scholarly article on this topic has been published in *Post-Soviet Affairs* (2012, Vol. 28/2).

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