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Shaping the Body Politics. Gender, Ideology, and Conflict in Contemporary Poland and Russia

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In the 2010s, Russia has become internationally notorious for its efforts, such as the 2013 federal "anti-gay" law, to oppose LGBTQ human rights and promote "traditional family values." In 2020, in Poland the government introduced restrictions on the abortion rights. The panel will discuss these developments in a historical perspective and also illuminate the forces, meaning, and stakes of gender ideology conflict in contemporary Eastern Europe. The panelists will also analyze the broader implications of these policies, showing how the powerful players in Poland push for the restriction on women's rights and the broader political project of redefining a "woman;" and how political homophobia is only one aspect of the Russian state's efforts to regulate sexual and gender rights and implement an intimate regime of "traditional family values" which affects people of all genders and sexualities.



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Gender Ideology and "Traditional Family Values" in Russia: Beyond LGBT Human Rights

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