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2014 Scottish Independence Referendum: Issues, Politics and Outcomes

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Biography:

Dr. Oleg Kodolov is a Comparative Politics Lecturer in the Department of Political Studies and a long-time avid follower of British Politics. He has been doing research on contemporary Scotland and on public policies in the United Kingdom since his Ph.D. dissertation on the 1979-1999 British governments' policies towards Scotland and Wales. He recently instructed European Government and Politics and many other subjects at several universities in Canada and in the USA. His scholarly publications include articles on the 2005 and 2010 British general elections, and he currently does research on economic policies in Scotland and Wales, as well as in Canadian provinces in the period following the 2008 worldwide economic crisis. Dr. Kodolov's talk will review the underpinnings, the politics and the outcome of the September 18, 2014 independence referendum in Scotland, putting the results in the context of contemporary British politics, including ongoing debates on new powers of the Scottish Parliament and other Scotland-based institutions. Specific attention is devoted to the referendum impact on the future of the United Kingdom in Europe, with the argument that the pro-independence campaign has been launched primarily due to different attitudes by the Scottish and English electorate towards European integration and to European Union policies.

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