

Geopolitical Orientations in Central and Eastern Europe: May 16, Södertörn University, MA796 (CBEES)

09.30	Introduction	Joakim Ekman, Kjetil Duvold and Sten Berglund
	15 min presentation + 10 min for questions:	
10.00 – 10.25	Hungary	Péter Balogh
10.30 – 10.55	Belarus	Victoria Leukavets
11.00 – 11.25	Ukraine	Olena Podolian
11.30 – 11.55	Latvia	Emma Rönngren
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13.00 – 13.25	Poland	Ben Stanley
13.30 – 13.55	CEE	Maarika Kujanen and Thomas Sedelius
14.00 – 14.30	Georgia	Sofie Bedford
14.30 – 14.55	Baltics	Kjetil Duvold and Ali Abdelzadeh
15.00	Closing remarks	Joakim Ekman

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Emma Rönngren	(3) Navigating the News: Russophone Youth's Reception of Russia's Strategic Narratives in Latvia
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Sofie Bedford	(10) Promoting Gender Equality and Sexual Rights in a Geopolitical Storm

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