



# Ain't misbehavin'?

## Implicit and explicit strategies in Eastern European political discourse

Conference

October 19-20, 2013

University of Zurich

Slavic Department, Room 111

# Conference Abstract

Nearly a quarter of a century after the fall of the socialist system in Eastern Europe, time has come to reassess political discourse in the newly arisen (semi-)democracies from a comparative pragmatic perspective: to what extent do the most salient communicative strategies in different countries diverge today, how deeply are these divergences rooted in pre-socialist cultural traditions and/or different political systems? Do they still share any characteristics that separate them from Central or Western Europe, or has the overwhelming impact of globalisation eliminated the last traces of the socialist past? The conference is related to a research project financed by the Swiss National Science Foundation devoted to the analysis of implicit strategies in contemporary political discourse of Russia, Poland and Czechia. The conference gathers specialists from Russia, Belarus, Poland, Sweden, Norway, Germany, UK, US and Switzerland who will present recent results of their work on the pragmatics of parliamentary, televised and computer-mediated political discourse. The main focus lies on the expression of dissent in parliamentary debates, interviews given by politicians, and televised political debates, but also encompasses other genres, such as blogs and forums dedicated to political topics. Among the principal devices to be explored are irony, rhetoricity, fresh metaphors, intertextual citations, and similar implicit strategies.

## Venue

Room 111  
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## Further information about the project

<http://www.research-projects.uzh.ch/p17097.htm>

# Program

Saturday, October 19, 2013

- 09.00 - 09.15      Welcome Address - Daniel Weiss
- 09.15 - 10.00      Richard Anderson (Los Angeles)  
Negation in the (Co)-Construction of Political Identity by Rival Partisans  
in the Gosduma
- 10.00 - 10.45      Natal'ja Žuravlëva (Minsk)  
Belarusian political discourse from a linguist's point of view
- 10.45 - 11.00      Coffee Break
- 11.00 - 11.45      Aneta Majkowska (Częstochowa)  
Structure and pragmatics of parliamentary debates
- 11.45 - 12.30      Bartholomäus Nowak (Tübingen/Zurich)  
The use of rhetorical questions in the Polish Sejm
- 12.30 - 13.30      Lunch Break
- 13.30 - 14.15      Martina Berrocal (Jena)  
Quotations, intertextual references, models and myths in the presidential  
debate of the Czech Parliament
- 14.15 - 15.00      Daniel Weiss (Zurich)  
Types and functions of intertextual references in the Russian State Duma
- 15.00 - 15.15      Coffee Break
- 15.15 - 16.00      Maria Sivenkova (Berlin)  
Intertextual references in British, German and Russian political interviews  
and politicians' blogs
- 16.00 - 16.45      Jekaterina Mažara (Zurich)  
Implicit strategies in Czech political talk shows during the presidential  
election campaign 2012-13
- 17.00              Walking tour of Zurich
- 19.30              Conference Dinner

## Sunday, October 20, 2013

- 09.00 - 09.45 Lara Ryazanova (Edinburgh)  
Language creating violence: discourses of criminalisation in today's Russia?
- 09.45 - 10.30 Oksana Issers (Omsk)  
In search of political dialogue: the rise of civic society in contemporary Russia
- 10.30 - 10.45 Coffee Break
- 10.45 - 11.30 Nadine Thielemann (Hamburg)  
From *patriotyzm genetyczny* to *Palikotyzacja X-a* - conceptual blends in Polish political discourse
- 11.30 - 12.15 Ingunn Lunden (Bergen)  
Convergence Poetics: Political Humour on Russian Twitter
- 12.15 General discussion, closing remarks
- 13.00 Lunch
- 14.00 Lake Zurich boat trip