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A CAPRN IN CONVERSATION EVENT

Protest and Crisis Politics in Kazakhstan:

Understanding What Happened? & Considering What May Happen?



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1991 with a prime focus on power struggles among the political and cultural elites in democratic and non-democratic states (Pittsburgh University Press, 2020). And her latest research and forthcoming manuscript builds on contentious politics and protest movements and regime power dynamics in Kazakhstan after the 2019 resignation of the country's long-term autocrat, Nursultan A. Nazarbayev (forthcoming).

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- Are the mechanisms and processes explaining mass mobilization context specific? If so, what is specific to mass protest in competitive authoritarian contexts?
- What are the new ground-breaking methods of studying what motivates and mobilizes ordinary citizens to join in protest event *en masse*?
- What data do we/can we use in competitive authoritarian contexts and what are the methodological limitations of this data?
- And finally: How has the study of mass mobilization in competitive authoritarian contexts changed empirical and theoretical expectations of how ordinary citizens come to join in mass protest?

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