Current Perspectives on the Protests in Belarus

Digital Talks at Leipzig University

Perspectives from Academia on the Current Protests in Belarus Monday, 14th December 2020, 17.00 - 18.00 CET



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For more than three months, people in Belarus have been taking to the streets to raise their voices against Alexander Lukashenko's authoritarian system. More than 25,000 people have been arrested to date, many of them injured by the brutal actions of the police forces, and several people have died. More and more opposition members are leaving the country, and the remaining democracy movement is appealing to the international community for support. Our series of talks follows the call for solidarity of the <u>German Association for East</u> <u>European Studies</u> and invites representatives of the Belarusian civil society to share their perspectives and report on different facets and topics of the protests. You are invited to join the talks and engage in the discussion.

In our second talk, we address the *Perspectives from Academia on the Current Protests in Belarus*. Therefore, we are pleased to welcome Pavel Barkouski and Tsimafei Malakhouski. *Pavel Barkouski*, PhD, is currently fellow at the IWM in Vienna and a former DAAD research fellow. He was lecturer in Social Philosophy and History of Philosophy at the Belarusian State University and organized a protest at the Philosophical Faculty in September. He is the organizer of <u>Pradmova</u>, an intellectual book festival. *Tsimafei Malakhouski* studies Political Science at the European Humanities University, Vilnius. He coordinates the project "Honest University" that assists protesting students and faculty members at Belarusian Universities and opened a helping center for oppressed academics.

Speakers

Pavel Barkouski Activist and Lecturer in Cultural Philosophy

Tsimafei Malakouski Activist and Student at the European Humanities University, Vilnius

Host

Anja Jahn

Co-Spokesperson of the Junge DGO Leipzig Regional Group/GWZO

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