

# BELARUS AT THE CROSSROADS: THE COMPLEX ROLE OF SANCTIONS IN THE CONTEXT OF TOTALITARIAN BACKSLIDING

## Program



VENUE: ROOM A750  
STOCKHOLM SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS

TUESDAY 23.04.2024

12:30-13:00

REGISTRATION AND LIGHT LUNCH

13:00-13:15

Welcome and introductory remarks by SITE, SCEEUS,  
People's Embassy of Belarus in Sweden

13:15-14:45

**SESSION 1: Western response to the Lukashenka regime:  
Sanctions and their impact on the Belarusian economy**

- ▶ Overview of the economic situation in Belarus by **Lev Lvovskiy**
- ▶ Moderated Panel Discussion with **Jakob Wollenstein, Dzimtry Kruk, Lana Willebrand and Erlend Bollman Bjørtvedt**

Moderator: **Anders Olofsgård**, SITE

14:45-15:00

COFFEE BREAK / INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS



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15:00-16:30

## SESSION 2: Political economy of sanctions for the Lukashenka regime

- ▶ Overview of economic integration within the Union State with **Victoria Leukavets**
- ▶ Moderated Panel Discussion with **Sierż Naūrodski, Anastasia Luzgina, Kanstantin Staradubets**

Moderator: **Jesper Roine**, SITE

16:30-16:45

## CONCLUSIONS

## MORE INFO

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The Forum for Research on Eastern Europe and Emerging Economies (FREE Network) is a joint initiative by SITE (Stockholm), BEROE (Minsk), BICEPS (Riga), CEFIR at NES (Moscow), CenEA (Szczecin), ISET-PI (Tbilisi) and KSE Institute (Kiev). Together, these research institutes form an extensive network of leading academic experts on economic issues in Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.

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- ▶ Lev Lvovskiy, Academic Director, BEROC.
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- ▶ Dzmitry Kruk, researcher, BEROC.
- ▶ Lana Willebrand, Operations Development Officer at Union to Union.
- ▶ Erlend Bollman Bjørtvedt, founder of Corisk.
- ▶ Anders Olofsgård, Deputy Director, SITE.
- ▶ Victoria Leukavets, researcher, Stockholm Centre for Eastern Europeans Studies.
- ▶ Sierż Naūrodski, Senior Economist at CASE, Belarus. Vice President at ABBA.
- ▶ Anastasia Luzgina, researcher, BEROC.
- ▶ Kanstantin Staradubets, spokesperson, Viasna Human Rights Center.
- ▶ Jesper Roine, Deputy Director, SITE.

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