

The International Management Institute of the Department of International Business invites you to a talk by

**Anastassia Obydenkova** (Associate Professor, Uppsala University) on

**“Sustainable Development Agendas of Regional Development Banks:  
The EBRD and the EDB”**

Time: Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> August 2022, 12-13 o'clock

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Anastassia Obydenkova analyzes how the European Bank of Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and the Eurasian Development Bank (EDB) approach sustainable development in their legal documents and social media. Unlike democracies, autocracies are driven by concerns of regime survival, but they often seek legitimacy through expressed commitments to global norms. While the EBRD has a clear and detailed environmental agenda, this is not so for the EDB, which appears unconcerned about legitimizing itself on this issue. Anastassia Obydenkova's study advances our understanding of the likely role of these organizations in sustainable development, identifying areas for further research on global environmental challenges.

Dr. Anastassia Obydenkova holds a PhD in Political and Social Science from the European University Institute in Florence (Italy, 2006). Her research interests include (regional) international organizations, democratization and political regimes, regional environmental governance, environmental global politics, sustainable development, and political and social development in area-studies (Eurasia, the Arctic, Russia, China) (with implications for the European Union). Among her most recent books are *Authoritarian Regionalism in the World of International Organizations: Global Perspective and Eurasian Enigma* by **Oxford University Press (2019)**, *Historical Legacies of Communism: Modern Politics, Society, and Economic Development* (both together with A. Libman) by **Cambridge University Press (2021)**, and *Environmental Regionalism and International Organizations: Implications for Post-Communism* forthcoming with **Routledge: Francis & Taylor Group** (London, 2022). Anastassia Obydenkova is an editor of four special issues: *Global Governance and Interaction between International Institutions: Eurasian International Organizations in the World Politics and Economy* (**Post-Communist Economies (PCE)**, Routledge, 2020); *Environmental Regionalism*

*and International Organizations: Implications for Post-Communism* (**Problems of Post-Communism**, 2021); *Global Environmental Politics and International Organizations: the Eurasian and European Experience* (**PCE**, 2022); *Strategies and Challenges of Sustainable Development in Eurasia* (**PCE**, 2022) and of ongoing special issue *Arctic Environmental Governance: Challenges of Sustainable Development* (accepted to **Climatic Change**). She was awarded a Fung fellowship at Princeton University, Fox Fellowship at Yale University, and she was a senior research scholar at Davis Center for Eurasian Studies at Harvard University. She is currently a co-director of research project sponsored by Global Fung Program at Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies (Princeton University). She is a Field Chief Co-Editor in *Frontiers of Political Science* together with Thania Paffenholtz (Inclusive Peace and Graduate Institute of Geneva) [Frontiers in Political Science](#)

Anastassia welcomes PhD students interested in the studies of global environmental politics and sustainable development.