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Vladimir Tismaneanu, University of Maryland

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Introduction of Speaker: Karen Dawisha, Director of the Havighurst Center
Harrison Hall 304, 5:30pm

Reception in the Havighurst Center, Harrison Hall 116
7:00pm

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Miami Inn, A/B Room

9:00-11:00 **Saints, Workers and Philosophers**

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Clementa Antonova, Oxford University, *The Reception of Florensky's Works in Russian and Soviet Scholarship*
Serguei Oushakine, Columbia/Princeton Universities, *From Russian Tragedy to Vital Forces: Theorizing Post-Soviet Ethnicity*

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Aurelian Craiutu, Indiana University, *Democracy and Philosophy in Eastern Europe: A Tocquevillian Perspective*

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