

## Comparing protest actions in Soviet and post-Soviet spaces. Part 2: Social protests

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In the second part of the research project on protest actions in Russia, Ukraine, and the Soviet Union, the project teams plan to examine social protests. These differ from political protests - the object of investigation in the first part - in several regards. First, since social protests are concerned with the distribution of resources, welfare measures, labour conditions, and wages, authoritarian and hybrid regimes like the ones under study have more leeway in making concessions to protestors, since they do not necessarily challenge the incumbents' hold on power. Second, social protests often display different patterns in their organizational structure, their participant base, and in the repertoire of contention. For these reasons, an understanding of dynamics of societal contention in the studied cases is incomplete without a thorough investigation of social protests. Moreover, an explicit comparison with political protests regarding A) key individuals, B) the diffusion of strategies, C) discourses and popular perceptions, and D) elites' reactions, offers insights into the logics of regime functioning more generally, which promises to advance theoretical debates beyond the geographical limits of the post-Soviet space. Building on the productive connections that were established between the partners in the first part of the project, the project teams draw on expertise from an interdisciplinary team of historians, political scientists and sociologists.

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