

# Fear Factor: Short-sightedness in Culture, Politics and Economy

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- Different forms of conservatism and liberalism
- Conservatism: Those who are guilty will be punished
- Liberals are more concerned that innocent people will be punished
- Trend: Conservative values are spreading

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- Time in different cultures
- Fast change is uncontrollable -> Fear
- Mediazation: mediated, not experienced.  
Big media houses are able to create happenings and then report about them
- Slow-movement: slow art, slow food, slow parenting, slow media.

# Short-sighted Politics

- Politics: fast, reactive, no participation, no dialogue, party conferences as spectacles
- Instead of character more value to substance and framework. Without a coherent analysis the right interpretation of social life is impossible
- Politicians have to show that they take the problems seriously by offering realistic plans and time-frames to solutions
- More state is needed: structures, people need to know where they belong

# Discussion & Questions

- Conservative modernization in Russia: will the new technology lead to liberalism?
- Is slow-movement possible only for upper classes? It can be something else than expensive organic food. A challenge to politicians.
- How realistic is a greater state? State doesn't have to be a top-down system, more dimensions, not just management, provides spaces for civil society advocates
- Is only face to face communication real? What are the possibilities of dialogue in social media (blogs, Facebook etc.)? The important thing is that there are understandings behind the images.

- Does liberalism create short-sightedness? If so, does that mean that growing conservatism is promoting the slow-movement?
- Is short-sightedness only a problem of the left? Neo-liberal process was pulled off, populist movements are grasping the support of the people, the greens are in our homes when we turn the lights off after leaving the room.