

### Call for Papers

## **Titel des Papers: *Empires of masculinity: Societal Power and anti - LGBT politics in Russia and Turkey***

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### **Abstract (300 Wörter)**

Both in Turkey and Russia, authoritarian practices have gained traction through the reconceptualisation and reconfiguration of gender regimes and power relations. Policies against LGBT communities in particular emerged as a key terrain, where authoritarian practices move well beyond the state and deep down into society. Hence, the field of LGBT governance, or rather anti-LGBT governance from the 2013 Law banning the promotion of Homosexuality in Russia to the effective banning of Pride Marches in Istanbul since 2015, emerges as a key crucible whereby the workings of authoritarianism can be explored beyond the narrow focus of state policies. This paper is interested in the ways such policies are disseminated from the state level via semi-official vigilante groups and paramilitarities such as 'Nashi' or the 'Alperen Ocaklari' to the level of street politics. Far from being limited to the margins of society, it is in these multi-scalar policies that we can understand the dynamics of the accrual and maintenance of authoritarian power.

### **Keywords**

Russia, Turkey, Authoritarianism, LGBT