

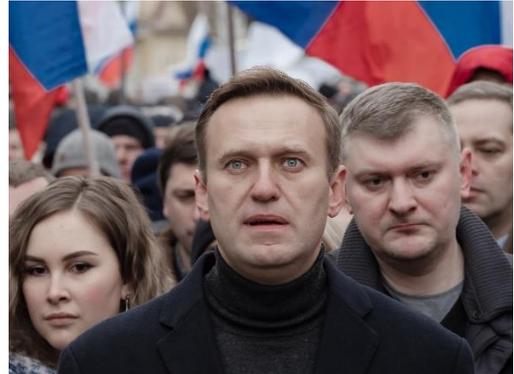


A Conversation with Leonid Volkov, Alexey Navalny's Chief-of-Staff

With Assoc. Prof. William Partlett, Melbourne Law School

Tuesday 28 March: 5pm for 5.30pm – 6.30pm AEDT Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

As the war in Ukraine continues, Vladimir Putin's most prominent political opponent, Alexey Navalny, remains in jail. Despite his imprisonment, Navalny's political movement continues in exile. AIIA Victoria is pleased to host an in-person conversation with one of the key figures in this movement: Leonid Volkov, Alexey Navalny's chief of staff and political director.



Volkov has been a critical player in building Alexey Navalny's political movement, serving as campaign manager for Navalny's mayoral campaign in Moscow in 2013 and his bid to get onto the presidential ballot in 2018. Between 2017 and 2021, Volkov created and led Team Navalny's network of regional offices in 45 Russia's largest cities. He continues this work outside of Russia, mainly in Lithuania.

In conversation with Associate Professor William Partlett, Volkov will discuss questions that are now of central importance to the whole world: What impact is the war having on Russian politics and society? Do the Russian people really support Putin's aggression? Why do we not see large-scale protests? More broadly, he will also discuss the short-term and long-term future of Russia. How is the Navalny movement continuing to work in dismantling the Putin regime? Does the war make political change more or less likely? And how can a robust, democratic, and peaceful Russia be built in a post-Putin Russia?



Leonid Volkov is chief of staff for Alexey Navalny and political director of Navalny's team, and Chairman of the Anti-Corruption Foundation. He was campaign manager for Navalny's mayoral campaign in Moscow in 2013, as well as for his bid to get onto the presidential ballot in 2018. Between 2017 and 2021 Leonid Volkov has created and led Team Navalny's network of regional offices in 45 Russia's largest cities. Currently operating from Lithuania, Leonid oversees the Anti-Corruption Foundation's international and domestic political projects.



Associate Professor William Partlett is an Associate Professor at Melbourne Law School. He has travelled extensively in Russia and the former Soviet Union. His written work on the region includes publications in both academic journals as well as *The Conversation* and *The National Interest*. His insights draw on both his training in Russian politics, language, and history at Oxford University and Princeton University as well as his legal training at Stanford Law School. His latest book is [The Post-Soviet as Post-Colonial](#) (Edward Elgar Publishing, 2022).

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