Game Over in Russia?
State “Sovereignty” Trumps Universal Human Rights

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The Russian government’s crackdown on NGOs and activists has encompassed all sectors of civil society work in Russia and has led to restrictions on fundamental human rights and widespread repression of civil liberties. Laws branding NGOs receiving foreign assistance as “foreign agents,” outlawing expression by and about LGBTI people as “propaganda of homosexuality,” and regular round-up of rights activists under the pretext of “mass disorder,” are a few hallmarks of this growing repressive campaign. The panel speakers will share details of the crackdown from their work and offer their views on whether the ongoing crackdown means the game is over for respect for universal human rights in Russia.

Refreshments will be served. Contact schaaf@freedomhouse.org for more information.