

15 Years and Counting: Inside Lukashenka's Belarus



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Panelists:

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former Chairman, Belarusian Popular Front

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Belarusian President Alyaksandr Lukashenka remains in power after fifteen years as the head of what has been called “the last dictatorship in Europe”. Despite severe economic pressures brought on by the worldwide economic crisis, his government continues to steer a course between Russia and the West. Two senior leaders of Belarus’ democratic opposition and the head of RFE/RL’s Belarusian- language broadcast service will discuss the current political and economic situation in the country as well as the prospects for democratic change.

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