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Masha Gessen is a journalist and the author of many books, including *Perfect Rigor*, *Blood Matters*, *Ester and Ruzya*, *Words Will Break Cement: The Passion of Pussy Riot*, *The Brothers: The Road to an American Tragedy*, and most recently, *Where the Jews Aren't: The Sad and Absurd Story of Birobidzhan, Russia's Jewish Autonomous Region*. The previously untold story of an area once declared a Jewish homeland, *Where the Jews Aren't* reveals the complex, strange, and heart-wrenching account of the dream of Birobidzhan—and the true history of Jewish people in twentieth-century Russia. Gessen regularly contributes to *The New York Times*, *The New Yorker*, *The Washington Post*, *Harper's*, *The New York Review of Books*, *Vanity Fair*, and *Slate*, among other publications. She lives in New York.

Vancouver Institute Lecture

VLADIMIR PUTIN'S RUSSIA

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As a journalist living in Moscow, Gessen experienced the rise of Vladimir Putin firsthand. In her 2012 bestselling book *The Man Without a Face: The Unlikely Rise of Vladimir Putin*, she gave the chilling account of how a low-level, small-minded KGB operative ascended to the Russian presidency and, in an astonishingly short time, destroyed years of progress and made his country once more a threat to her own people and to the world.

