



Conference: “Russia and the West”

Cold Peace? The Next Stage of EU-Russia-Relations

Thursday, 22 April 2021

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This year’s conference will reflect current political and social dynamics in Russia and the post-Soviet space. How should the EU respond to these developments? How should we deal with a regime in Russia that is violating other states’ sovereignty, aims to undermine the EU, takes side with authoritarian rulers near and far, and tries to suppress any dissent at home? How to support civil society and the revived pursuit of democracy in Russia and other post-soviet countries? In addition to these overarching questions, we want to explore two topics shaping the relations between Russia and the West: (1) The Biden administration’s policies towards Russia and the opportunities for a concerted transatlantic strategy; (2) How is climate change and the need for a departure from fossil fuels shaping EU-Russia relations? Is this a new area of conflict, or are there chances for cooperation?

The invitation-only expert conference will be held under Chatham House Rules. A public discussion will follow in the evening.

Languages: English/ Russian (conference), German/Russian/English (public discussion).

Program (as of 19 April)

9:30 – 10:00 CET

Registration. Coffee, Snacks

10:00 – 10:15 CET

Opening / Welcome: **Marieluise Beck & Ralf Fücks**, Center for Liberal Modernity, Berlin

10:15 – 11:30 CET

Session One: The End of Authoritarian Stability? Social dynamics and political conflict in the post-Soviet space. How should the EU respond?

Input:

Jerzy Pomianowski European Endowment for Democracy (EED), Brussels

Susan Stewart German Institute for International and Security Affairs, Berlin

Vladislav Inozemtsev Center for Post-Industrial Society Studies, Moscow

Pavlo Klimkin former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, Ukrainian Institute of the Future, Kyiv

Moderation:

Gwendolyn Sasse Centre for East European and International Studies, Berlin

11:30 – 11:45 CET *Coffee break*

11:45 – 13:00 CET

Session Two: Frozen Politics, Changing Society? A closer look at Russia

Introductory statement:

Mikhail Khodorkovsky Open Russia

Comments:

Irina Sherbakova Memorial Society, Moscow

Lev Gudkov Levada Center, Moscow

Celeste Wallander U.S.-Russia Foundation

Moderation:

Lilia Shevtsova Liberal Mission Foundation, Moscow

13:00 – 14:00 CET *Lunch break*

14:00 – 15:15 CET

Session Three: Russia, the EU and Climate Change: A new area of conflict or a chance for cooperation?

Amb. Markus Ederer Ambassador of the European Union to Russia, Moscow

Yevgeni Gontmakher “European Dialogue” expert group, Moscow

Tatiana Lanshina Center for Economic Modelling of Energy and Environment, Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration, Moscow

Michael Harms German Eastern Business Association, Berlin

Moderation:

Ralf Fücks Center of Liberal Modernity, Berlin

15:15 – 15:30 CET *Coffee break*

15:30 – 17:00 CET

Session Four: The Russia Policy of the Biden Administration – An opportunity for better transatlantic cooperation?

Fiona Hill Center on the United States and Europe, Brookings Institution

Vladimir Kara-Murza Boris Nemtsov Foundation for Freedom

Marie Mendras School of International Affairs, Sciences Po University, Paris

Amb. Wolfgang Ischinger Munich Security Conference

Moderation:

Edward Lucas Center for European Policy Analysis, London

17:00 CET

Closing remarks:

Ralf Fücks Center for Liberal Modernity, Berlin

19:00 – 20:30 CET

Public Evening Event: Cold Peace? The Next Stage of EU-Russia-Relations

Inputs:

Vladimir Kara-Murza Boris Nemtsov Foundation for Freedom

Johann Wadephul Deputy Chairman of the CDU/CSU Parliamentary Group for Foreign Affairs,
Defence Policy and Council of Europe, Bundestag

Franziska Brantner Spokesperson European Policy, Green Party Group, Bundestag

Pavlo Klimkin former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, Ukrainian Institute of the Future,
Kyiv

Marieluise Beck Center for Liberal Modernity, Berlin

Opening & Moderation:

Ralf Fücks Center for Liberal Modernity, Berlin