

The International Conference

Instrumentalizing the Recent Past in Foreign Policy –

The Legitimization of External Intervention in the Former Soviet Space ¹

-Tentative Agenda-

19 October 2016

- Arrival of participants

20 October 2016

First Day

09:00-09:30	Registration of participants The National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bd. Expozitiei 30A, District 1, Bucharest
09:30-10:00	Welcoming remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Remus Pricopie, Rector of the National University of Political Studies and Public Administration (SNSPA) ○ Iordan Gheorghe Bărbulescu, Dean of the Department for International Relations and European Integration (SNSPA) ○ Vasile Rotaru, Director of the Conference Organizing Committee
10:00-11:00	Keynote Lecture: “Pragmatism or Revisionism? The Sources of Russia’s Foreign Policy in the Former Soviet Space” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Andreas Umland, PhD (Institute for Euro-Atlantic Cooperation, Kiev, Ukraine)
11:00-11:15	Coffee break

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<p>11:15-13:00</p>	<p>Panel I</p> <p>Change and continuity in Russian foreign policy</p> <p>Discussant: Andreas Umland - Institute for Euro-Atlantic Cooperation, Kiev (Ukraine)</p> <p><u>Yulia Nikitina</u> – Moscow State University of International Relations (MGIMO) (Russian Federation)</p> <p>"Russian foreign policy formula for interference and non-interference in domestic affairs"</p> <p><u>Maria Lagutina</u> - Saint Petersburg State University (Russian Federation)</p> <p>"New approaches to the analysis of the "Post-Soviet area" phenomenon"</p> <p><u>Armen Grigoryan</u> - Central European University, Budapest (Hungary)</p> <p>"Russian policy and its ideological grounds, as well as the proxy activities and their influence"</p> <p><u>Liliana Popescu</u> - National University of Political Studies and Public Administration (SNSPA) Bucharest (Romania)</p> <p>"The new ideology promoted by Russia, Orderism, and its Traps"</p>
<p>13.00-14.00</p>	<p>Lunch break</p>
<p>14:00-15:45</p>	<p>Panel II</p> <p>Legitimization strategies in the Ukrainian crisis</p> <p>Discussant: Radu Cucută – National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest (Romania)</p> <p><u>Oleksandr Zadorozhnii</u> - Taras Schevchenko National University of Kyiv (Ukraine)</p> <p>"Invoking the past for the legitimization of Russia's annexation of Crimea 2014 and the threat of the 'new Cold war'"</p> <p><u>Vasile Rotaru</u> – National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest (Romania)</p> <p>"Mimicking the West? Russia's legitimization discourse from Georgia's war to the annexation of Crimea"</p> <p><u>Raluca Răducea</u> - National University of Political Studies and</p>

	<p>Public Administration, Bucharest (Romania)</p> <p>“Russia’s Foreign Policy from a Human Rights Perspective – towards a better understanding actions and policies”</p> <p><u>Gvantsa Davitashvili</u> – Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University and Georgian Technical University (Georgia)</p> <p>“The EU - Russian Power Competition in its Common Neighbourhood: The Case of Georgia”</p> <p><u>Miruna Troncotă</u> –National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest (Romania)</p> <p>“More Geopolitics than Human rights? Disputed Claims of Humanitarian Intervention in the conflict in Ukraine”</p>
15:45-16:00	Coffee break
16:00-18:15	<p>Panel III</p> <p>The impact of the Ukrainian crisis on the ‘near abroad’</p> <p>Discussant: Liliana Popescu, National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest (Romania)</p> <p><u>Vasif Huseynov</u> - University of Goettingen (Germany)</p> <p>“Soft power geopolitics: How Does Diminishing Utility of Military Power Affect the West – Russia Geopolitical Confrontation in the Former Soviet Union”</p> <p><u>David Matsaberidze</u> – Ivane Javakishvili Tbilisi State University (Georgia)</p> <p>“Georgia’s Pro-Western and/or Pro-Russian Foreign Policy Narratives: Balancing or Inbetweenness?”</p> <p><u>Giorgi Khidesheli</u> - Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University (Georgia) and <u>Nino Gozalishvili</u> - Transparency International Georgia</p> <p>- “Soft Power” Practice Introduction in International Relations in Order to Procure and Maintain Political and Economic Influence on Target State Case: Counterbalance of EU and Russian ‘soft powers’ in Georgia”</p> <p><u>Andrey Devyatkov</u> –Centre of Post-Soviet studies, Institute of Economy (Russian Academy of Sciences), Moscow (Russian Federation)</p>

	<p>“Constructing the Moldovan state from abroad: role of historical arguments”</p> <p><u>Fabio Indeo</u> –University of Camerino (Italy)</p> <p>“Security in post-soviet Central Asia: Russia’s return as regional security provider?”</p>
18:15-19:15	Dinner

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09:30-11:15	<p>Panel IV</p> <p>Impact of the Ukrainian crisis on the Balkans</p> <p>Discussant: Miruna Troncotă – National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest (Romania)</p> <p><u>Tanja Tamminen</u> - Institute for East and Southeast European Studies, Regensburg (Germany)</p> <p>“Territorial Conflicts in the EU’s Eastern Neighborhood, the Balkan Legacy and New Openings for Dialogue”</p> <p><u>Brankica Todorovic</u> - School of Economics, Uzice (Serbia)</p> <p>“Impact of the system reform on economic development and foreign policy of the republic of Serbia”</p> <p><u>Maria Măgurean</u> – University of Bucharest (Romania)</p> <p>“(De-)constructing the Serbian Russophilia in the context of the Ukrainian crisis”</p> <p><u>Boris Vukicevic and Marko Savic</u> - University of Montenegro</p> <p>“Lessons (not) learned: Russia’s relations with Serbia and Montenegro after the split of the State Union”</p>		
11:15-11:30	Coffee Break		

<p>11:30-13:15</p>	<p>Panel V</p> <p>In Search for New Concepts for defining the emerging Security Challenges in Eastern Europe.</p> <p><u>Discussant: George Angheloiu</u> - National University of Political Science and Public Administration, Bucharest (Romania)</p> <p><u>Teodor Moga</u>, A.I. Cuza University, Iași (Romania)</p> <p>“The Role of Bounded Rationality in Explaining the European Neighbourhood Policy. The case of post-Soviet Eastern Europe”</p> <p><u>Adrian Pop</u> - National University of Political Science and Public Administration, Bucharest (Romania)</p> <p>“Self-determination and security interdependence in the western Balkans, south Caucasus and ‘new eastern Europe’</p> <p><u>Valentin Naumescu</u> - Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca (Romania)</p> <p>“The “New Eastern Europe”: Between the structural crisis of the European Union and the growing tensions with Russia”</p> <p><u>Konstanze Jüngling</u> - Institute for East and Southeast European Studies, Regensburg (Germany)</p> <p>“We Cannot Allow That They Appear on the Territory of Russia” – The Transnationalization of Violence in the North Caucasus and the Russian Intervention in Syria</p> <p><u>Ivanna Machitidze</u> –International Black Sea University, Tbilisi (Georgia)</p> <p>“Special Status for Donbas: the Reflexive Control Theory in Action”</p>
<p>13:15-14:15</p>	<p>Lunch break</p>
<p>14:15-16:30</p>	<p>Panel VI</p> <p>Side effects of the Ukrainian crisis in South East Europe</p> <p>Discussant: Tanja Tamminem - Institute for East and Southeast European Studies, Regensburg (Germany)</p> <p><u>Plamen Dimitrov</u> - Bulgarian Geopolitical Society, Sofia (Bulgaria)</p> <p>“Is Crimea the post-Soviet Macedonia? The polarization of the Bulgarian politics and society over the Russian-Ukrainian conflict”</p>

	<p><u>Nadiia Bureiko</u>, University of St. Gallen, (Switzerland), Foreign Policy Council 'Ukrainian Prism' (Ukraine) “From contact to conflict zone: Ukrainian realities in public perceptions”</p> <p><u>Danu Marin</u> - Information and Documentation Centre on NATO in Moldova “Friend or foe mechanism. Rethinking Russia’s foreign policy: trading hard for soft power”</p> <p><u>Elvina Jusufaj</u> - University “Aleksander Moisiu”, Durres (Albania) “The role of Eastern Europe in the crisis of the international order”</p>
16:30-17:45	<p>Panel VII</p> <p>Testing the hypothesis of the “New Cold War”</p> <p>Discussant: Yiulia Nikitina, Moscow State University of International Relations (MGIMO) (Russian Federation)</p> <p><u>Ariel Gonzalez</u> - Koç University, Istanbul (Turkey) “After Crimea: Black Sea’s ‘Regional Cold War’ and the quest for regional stability”</p> <p><u>Ionela Ciolan</u> – National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest (Romania) “The role of the "new Cold War" concept in constructing the image of Russia's great power actorness”</p> <p><u>Ofer Fridman</u> - King’s College, London, (UK) “Old Wine in a New Bottle: The Cold-War Origins of the Concept of Gibridnaya Voyna”</p> <p><u>Saran Vladislav</u> - Institute of Legal and Political Research, Academy of Sciences of Moldova “Russia’s propaganda in the Ukrainian crisis: the instigator of „new Cold War” ?”</p>
17:45-18:00	Coffee break
18:00-20:00	<p>Round table</p> <p>Moldova between hopes and setbacks. What is the road ahead?</p>

	(speakers to be confirmed)
20:00-21:00	Gala Dinner

22 October 2016

Departure of participants