Dimensions and Challenges of Russian Liberalism
International Workshop
October 26th – 28th, 2017 | University of Turin

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Program

Thursday - October 26th, 2017
3.30 pm – 4.00 pm – Welcome address
4.00 pm – 6.30 pm - Session 1. Pre-revolutionary Liberalism and the Challenges of Modernity
Speakers
Igor Khristoforov | Princeton University
Liberal Bureaucrats and the Ability to Reform
Aleksei Kara-Murza | Institute of Philosophy, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow
Olga Zhukova | National Research University Higher School of Economics, Moscow
The Political Philosophy of Russian Liberalism
Ekaterina Pravilova | Princeton University
Liberals and Property Rights
Alexander Semyonov | Higher School of Economics, Saint Petersburg
Dilemmas of Liberalism in the Russian Imperial Context

Moderators/discussants
Peter Holquist | University of Pennsylvania; Alberto Masoero | University of Genoa

Friday - October 27th, 2017
9.30 am – 11.45 am - Session 2. Liberal Undercurrents in Soviet Times
Speakers
Benjamin Nathans | University of Pennsylvania
Human Rights Defenders within Soviet Politics
Vladislav Zubok | London School of Economics
Intelligentsia as a liberal concept, 1950s – 1980s
Svetlana Savranskaia | National Security Archives (TBC)
Gorbachev’s New Political Thinking: A Substitute for Liberalism
Viktor Sheinis | Institute of World Economy and International Relations
Paradoxes and consequences of liberal reforms in Russia

Moderators/discussants: Andrea Graziosi | ANVUR, University of Naples; Steve Hanson | College of William & Mary;

11.45 am - 12.00 am - Coffee break

12.00 am – 1.15 pm Session 3. The 1990s: “Time of Troubles”
Speakers
Alexander V. Obolonsky | Higher School of Economics
Liberal Values, Ethics, and the Soviet Administrative Heritage
Guillaume Sauvé | EURUS - Carleton University
Drawing Lessons from Collapse: Russian Liberals on the Failure of Perestroika

Moderators/discussants: Alexey Barabashev | Higher School of Economics; Mark Kramer | Davis Center, Harvard University

Lunch – 1.15 – 2.30 pm

2.30 pm - 5.00 pm - Panel 4. Liberalism under Pressure: 2000-2010s
Speakers
Evgeny Yassin | Liberal Mission – Higher School of Economics (TBC)
Liberalism or Dirigisme in Russian Economics?
Igor Klyamkin | Liberal Mission
Why the Liberal Alternative did not Sustain in Russia?
Sergey Medvedev | Higher School of Economics
How Liberalism Survives in Russian Culture
Kirill Rogov | Liberal Mission
Public Attitudes after the Presidential Elections in Russia, 2018
Valeryi Solovey | MGIMO
Liberals or Technocrats? Liberal Ideas and Values in the Mindset of the Russian Elite

Moderators / discussants: Marlene Laruelle (George Washington University), Andrey Melville (Higher School of Economics)

Saturday - October 28th, 2017

10.00 am – 12.00 am Concluding Round Table. Russian Liberals and the World Order

Gianmaria Ajani | Dean, University of Turin
Giuliano Amato | Judge of the Italian Constitutional Court and Former Prime Minister of Italy
Andrea Graziosi | ANVUR, University of Naples Federico II
Nina Khrushcheva | Graduate Program in International Affairs, The New School
Marlene Laruelle | George Washington University
Andrey Melville | Higher School of Economics
Valery Smirnov | The Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration (TBC)

Chair: Roberto Toscano | Former Italian Ambassador in Teheran and New Delhi