

The first Ghent Russia colloquium

"EU-Russia Relations: How to get out of the 'midlife' crisis?"

22 September 2017

Venue: Aula, Voldersstraat 9, 9000 Gent

08.30h – 09.00h: Registration

09.00h – 09.05: Welcome by Prof. Guido Van Huylenbroeck, Academic Director Internationalisation

09.05h - 09.15h: Introduction by Prof. Koen Schoors, Director of the UGent Russia Platform

09.15h - 10.45h: Roundtable: *"EU-Russia relations in a time of crisis: how to deal with the strategic challenge?"*

Chair: Marc Maresceau, Jean Monnet Chair ad personam, Ghent University, Faculty of Law and Criminology

Speakers:

- Marc Franco, Senior Associate Fellow at the Egmont Royal Institute for International Relations and former Head of the European Commission's delegation to Russia
- Olga Potemkina, Head of the Department of European Studies, Institute of Europe of the Russian Academy of Sciences
- Georgy Toloraya, Executive Director of Russian National Committee on BRICS research and Professor at the Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO)
- Petteri Vuorimäki, Senior expert on Russia, European External Action Service (EEAS)

10.45h - 11.15h: Coffee break @ Aula building

11.15h - 13.00h: Parallel sessions 1 - venue: Ghent Law School, Voldersstraat 3

Panel 1: Theoretical perspectives on EU-Russia relations (auditorium A)

Chair: Fabienne Bossuyt (Ghent University)

- Tom Casier (University of Kent): *"The different faces of power in EU-Russia relations"*
- Irina Petrova (KULeuven): *"Reception of Russia's Strategic Narrative in the EU Institutions"*
- Anne Wetzel (University of Mannheim): *"An unexpected spill over? EU-Russia relations and implications for neo-functionalism"*



Discussant: Fabienne Bossuyt

Panel 2: Legal perspectives on EU-Russia relations (auditorium B)

Chair: Peter Van Elsuwege (Ghent University)

- Ilya Chernyi (Eurasian Economic Commission): *"Eurasian Economic Union: internal markets and external relations"*
- Kirill Entin (Higher School of Economics): *"Knockin' on heaven's door: the CJEU on the restrictive measures against Russia"*
- Thomas Kruessmann (Tartu University): *"Rule of law co-operation: towards a fresh engagement!"*

Discussant: Peter Van Elsuwege

13.00h - 14.00h: Lunch @ Aula building

14.00h - 15.45h: Parallel sessions 2 - venue: Ghent Law School, Voldersstraat 3

Panel 3: Security and defence (auditorium A)

Chair: Marc Franco (Egmont Royal Institute for International Relations)

- Ivan Kentros Klyszcz (University of Glasgow): *"De-securitising Russia-West relations: the case of the Baltic countries"*
- Louis Petinaud, Colin Gerard (French Institute of Geopolitics): *"The European Union facing Russian media influence: the cases of Brexit and French elections"*
- Joris Van Bladel (Austrian Institute of European Security Studies): *"Russia's defense policy in perspective"*
- Yuval Weber (Harvard University, Higher School of Economics): *"Beyond American Leadership: Competing Values and Practices in EU-Russia relations"*

Discussant: Tony van der Togt (Clingendael Institute)

Panel 4: Energy and environment (auditorium B)

Chair: Thijs Van de Graaf (Ghent University)

- Andras Deak (Institute of World Economics, Hungary): *"Emerging diversity in Russia's energy relations: what role for Europe?"*
- Yaroslava Marusyk (University of Groningen): *"A Clash of Values and Norms? EU-Russia Energy Security Discourse in Institutional Setting"*
- Niels Smeets (KULeuven): *"The green menace : gauging the credibility of Russia's ecological discourse on renewable energy policies"*

Discussant: Thijs Van de Graaf



15.45h - 16.15h: Coffee break @ Aula building, Peristilium

16.15h – 18.00h: Parallel sessions 3 - venue: Ghent Law School, Voldersstraat 3

Panel 5: Education and science (auditorium A)

Chair: Piet Van Poucke (Ghent University)

- Daria Kozlova (ITMO University): *"Science management innovation for the integration with European research ecosystem. The case of ITMO University."*
- Natalia Leskina (Ural Federal University): *"Eurasian Higher Education Area: an alternative to Russian integration in the European Higher Education Area?"*
- Martina Vukasovic (Ghent University): *"Political saliency of the Bologna Process for EU and non-EU countries: Implications for Russia"*

Discussant: Jeroen Huisman (Ghent University)

Panel 6: Shared neighbourhood (auditorium B)

Chair: Tom Casier (University of Kent)

- Fabienne Bossuyt (Ghent University): *"Central and Eastern European perceptions of the Eurasian Economic Union: Between economic opportunities and fear of renewed Russian hegemony"*
- Benedikt Harzl (University of Graz): *"Stepping Up the EU's Engagement in the Conflicts of the Caucasus"*
- Kazushige Kobayashi (Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva): *"Competing Regional Orders in the Shared Neighbourhood: The EU, Russia, and the Norm Contestation in the Post-Soviet Space"*
- Igor Merheim-Eyre (University of Kent): *"Distant hands in foreign lands': The EU's and Russia's visa diplomacy in a contested neighbourhood"*

Discussant: Tom Casier

18.00h – 20.00h: Network reception @ Aula Building, Peristilium

