



**GHENT
UNIVERSITY**



**RUSSIA
PLATFORM**

Welcome!

Добро

пожаловать!



MISSION

Coordinate, facilitate and stimulate cooperation with Russia and knowledge about Russia in the field of education, research and service to society:

1. Promote exchange of students, researchers and professors.
2. Establish new research collaborations and broaden existing research collaborations.
3. Establish CERISE as the academic knowledge centre of the Russia Platform.

In order to reach these objectives, the Russia Platform has set a number of specific milestones:

- Milestone 1: more outgoing and incoming exchange students
- Milestone 2: increase the number of Joint PhD's
- Milestone 3: interdisciplinary research projects on Russia-related topics in collaboration with Russian partners

- Milestone 4: cooperation with other Russia Studies centres (e.g. joint seminar/conference or joint research projects)
- Milestone 5: double/joint degree master programmes with Russian partners
- Milestone 6: learning network inside UGent about cooperation with Russia
- Milestone 7: practical cooperation with local external partners (e.g. trainings, information sessions, missions, hosting delegations, debates, advice...)



Opening debate 19/10: “Russia’s future: destiny and choice”

- Moderator Jan Balliauw + Russia experts from UGent, KU Leuven, Kent, Uppsala and Tartu
- 350 people attended (50 % UGent, 50 % external)
- Distribution of flyer with activities and USB stick



Date	Activity
<p>Tuesday 16 November 2016 19.30 – 21h</p>	<p>Cerise lecture: “Landschapsarcheologisch onderzoek van de nomadenvolkeren in het Altaj-gebergte” Professor Jean Bourgeois, Universiteit Gent</p>
<p>Thursday 1 December 2016 19.30 – 21h</p>	<p>Cerise lecture: “The search for new EU-Russia relations in the aftermath of the Ukrainian crisis ” Prof. Roman Petrov, National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy</p>
<p>Friday 2 December 2016 9.00-17.00h</p>	<p>Workshop “The Eurasian Economic Union: a significant legal actor?” Prof. Peter Van Elsuwege</p>
<p>Wednesday 15 March 2017 19.30 – 21h</p>	<p>Cerise lecture: “Een regionaal-fysische benadering van Rusland” Prof. Philippe De Maeyer, Universiteit Gent</p>
<p>Wednesday 19 April 2017 19.30 – 21h</p>	<p>Cerise lecture: “Nagorno-Karabakh: A “Frozen” Conflict in the Shadow of Russia and the EU” Dr. Narine Ghazaryan, University of Nottingham</p>

Other activities

- Webinar Integrum 07/12/2016: **webinar on the use of Integrum**, the world's largest Russian archive of electronic documents (purchased for 2 years by Russia Platform)
- February 2017: first event **Russians@UGent**
- March 2017: hosting of Russian rectors at the **international rectors conference** (200 years UGent)
- September 2017: first **UGent – Russia colloquium**
- October 2017: **mission to Moscow and St-Petersburg** with the Chamber of Commerce, the Port of Ghent and the Province of East-Flanders. A UGent mission to Novosibirsk is planned at well.

Recruitment + increase of mobility

- 18-19/02/2017: International Higher Education Fair in Moscow/SPB
- Global Education scholarships
- 8 UGent students obtained grant for summer school 2016 in SPB (SPbPU)
- At the start of the Russia Platform 1 year ago: 13 bilateral agreements with Russia
- New bilateral agreements with ITMO University, Ural Federal University, Higher School of Economics, Pavlov first Medical University, MEPhI - in the pipeline: Novosibirsk State University

PR

- Regular meetings with diplomatic/eco representatives such as Trade Representation, Embassy, Chambers of Commerce, ..
- Regular delegations from Russian (potential) partners

Communication

- Website www.ugent.be/russia: events, news, partners, projects
- Facebookgroup: mainly events
- Regular mailings
- Looking into newsletter (4x/year)
- Flyer
- PR: logo, USB stick Russia Platform



What can we do for you?

- Provide a platform and incentive for community Russians@UGent (events, social media, support for incoming Russian students and staff), check also <https://stad.gent/ghent-international/expats-ghent>
- Long term plan: set up of an alumni network

What can you do for us?

- Take the lead for Russians@UGent
- Help promote our activities and share your ideas with us
- Alumni can help us, e.g. with recruitment of new students

Prof. Koen Schoors
Prof. Peter Van Elsuwege
Mrs. Delfien Cloet
Russia Platform

E russia@ugent.be
T +32 9 264 89 74
T +32 9 264 70 22

www.ugent.be/russia

 <https://www.facebook.com/russiaplatformugent>

