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# THE EUROPEAN UNION AND RUSSIA IN THE POST-SOVIET AREA:

## SHARED NEIGHBORHOOD OR BATTLEFIELD OF INFLUENCE?

### INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

*October 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010*

Hotel della Città et de la Ville ~ Garzanti Hall  
117, C.so della Repubblica ~ Forlì



*Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ 14.30 - 19.00*  
*Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> ~ 9.30 - 13.00*  
*~ 15.00 - 18.30*

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## *Shared Neighborhood or Battlefield of Influence?*

Session 1 ~ Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ 14.30 - 19.00

### Security Issues and Overlapping Interests in the Post-Soviet Area

#### Welcome address

Patrick Leech (*City Councillor of Forlì for Culture and International Relations*)  
Angelo Satanassi (*President of Garzanti Foundation, Forlì*)  
Marcello Garzaniti (*President of Associazione Italiana degli Slavisti, University of Florence*)

#### Chair

Ilya Roytman (*President of Interregional Non-Governmental Organisation for the Promotion of Cultural Cooperation with EU Countries, Moscow*)

#### Speakers

##### The Post-Soviet Space: Cooperation or Conflict?

Paolo Calzini (*Johns Hopkins University, Bologna Centre*)

##### Russia and its Common Neighborhoods

Oxana Gaman-Golutvina (*MGIMO-University / Russian Ministry for Foreign Affairs / Vice-President of Russian Political Science Association, Moscow*)

##### EU Policy and the Common Neighborhood

Albert Bininashvili (*Columbia University, New York*)

##### The New U.S. Administration and its Perspectives

Robert Craig Nation (*Strategy and Director of European Studies at U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania*)

#### Discussants

Mark Urnov (*Higher School of Economics, Moscow*)  
Justas Vincas Paleckis (*European Parliament, Brussels*)

#### Panel discussion

Session 2 ~ Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> ~ 9.30 - 13.00

### Key Challenges in Politics and Economics

#### Chair

Stefano Garzonio (*University of Pisa*)

#### Speakers

##### Political and Economic Competition: Liberal vs. Authoritarian Capitalism?

Konstantin Beschetnov (*Russian State Duma Deputee, Moscow*)

##### The European Social Model: Is There a Third Way?

D. Mario Nuti (*Faculty of Economics, University of Rome "La Sapienza"*)

##### Russian and Ukrainian Political and Economic Ties after Yanukovich's Election

Oleg Matveichev (*State University Higher School of Economics, Moscow*)

##### Reconsidering Russian Economic Development in Light of the Current Economic Crisis

Gian Paolo Caselli (*University of Modena*)

#### Discussants:

Daria Boklan (*Russian Academy for Foreign Trade, Moscow*)  
Olga Yesaulova (*Russian Academy of State Service at the Russian President, Moscow*)

#### Panel discussion

Round Table ~ Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> ~ 15.00 - 18.30

### Ideological Issues

#### New Forms of Ideological Competition?

The Role of Values: the EU and Russian Visions of Democracy, Freedom, State Identities and Human Rights, specifically in the Western CIS and the Caucasus

#### Chair

Stefano Bianchini (*University of Bologna*)

#### Speakers

Ilya Roytman (*President of Interregional Non-Governmental Organisation for the Promotion of Cultural Cooperation with EU Countries, Moscow*)  
Mykola Ryabchuk (*Centrum for Rysslandsstudier, Uppsala University*)  
Mikhail Odessky (*Russian State Humanitarian University, Moscow*)  
Nicolai N. Petro (*University of Rhode Island, Kingston*)  
Anatoli Mikhailov (*Rector of the European Humanities University, Vilnius*)

#### Panel discussion

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