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Leading Russia to the Future

Chair

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

Welcome Address

Gian Luca Bagnara, *Councillor, Agro-food Policy, Province of Forlì-Cesena*

Patrick Leech, *City Councillor of Forlì for Culture and International Relations*

Félix San Vicente Santiago, *President, Forlì Campus, University of Bologna*

Paolo Zurla, *Dean of the School of Political Science “Roberto Ruffilli”, University of Bologna, Forlì Campus*

Speakers

The Approaches of Putin and Medvedev towards Modernization and Russian Society’s Reaction

Elena Shestopal, *Moscow State University*

Problems and Perspectives of the next Russian Presidential Elections

Oxana Gaman-Golutvina, *Russian Political Science Association, Moscow*

Russian and EU Relations: A Common Neighborhood?

Paolo Calzini, *Johns Hopkins University, Bologna Center*

Russia’s Modernization, What Role does the Church Play?

Nicolai N. Petro, *University of Rhode Island, Kingston*

Education and Universities: Collaboration in the Humanities

Marcello Garzaniti, *President, AIS; University of Firenze*

Discussants

Denis Alekseev, *International Foundation for the Unity of Orthodox Christian Nations, Moscow*

Irina Esipova, *Adviser to the Minister of Energy of Russia, Moscow*

Olga Kalinkina, *The Interregional Non-Governmental Organisation for Promotion of Cultural Cooperation with EU Countries, Moscow*

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2nd Session: Friday, October 21st, 15:00-19:00
Politics and Economics under Stress

Chair

Marcello Garzaniti, *President, AIS; University of Firenze*

Speakers

Actual Problems of Improving Security for the Purposes of

Russia’s Economic Modernization

Sergey Sudakov, *MGIMO-University, Moscow*

Facing Today’s Economic Challenges: Is There Room for Sustainable Development in Russia?

Gian Paolo Caselli, *University of Modena*

The Crisis of the Euro in Relations between Europe and Russia

Hartmut Lehmann, *University of Bologna, Forlì Campus*

Russia’s Modernization: an Opportunity for Combining Western and Eastern Foreign Policy Vectors?

Tomislava Penkova, *ISPI, Milano*

Importing Modernization from Outside? The Place of Europe

Serena Giusti, *ISPI, Milano*

Discussants

Domenico Mario Nuti, *University of Rome “La Sapienza”*

Dmitri Golovanov, *Department of Legal Support Ministry of Regional Development of the Russian Federation, Moscow*

Elena Shestopal, *Moscow State University*

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3rd Session: Saturday, October 22nd, 9:30-13:00
The New Challenges of Culture and Politics in a Globalized World

Chair

Stefano Bianchini, *University of Bologna, Forlì Campus*

Speakers

Influence of Globalization on Social Human Rights in Russia

Darya Boklan, *Russian Academy for Foreign Trade, Moscow*

Russia and the West in a Globalizing Perspective

Robert Craig Nation, *US Army War College, Carlisle*

Modernization, Democracy and Russian-Ukraine Relations

Vladimir Paniotto, *National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy*

EU and Russia vs. Shifting Middle Eastern Geopolitics

Albert Bininashvili, *Columbia University, New York*

The Afghanistan Question and the Western-Russian Reset in Relations

Dick Krickus, *University of Mary Washington*

Discussants

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