

Dimensions and Challenges of Russian Liberalism

International Workshop
October 26th – 28th, 2017 | University of Turin

The history of Russian liberals has been marked by defeats, most recently at the 2016 Duma elections when not a single candidate associated with liberal parties has been elected. The very definition of a Russian liberalism is problematic and has been debated, both historically and analytically. Nevertheless, Russian liberals were and are a significant historical and political movement that deserves attention. Values and practices traditionally associated with modern liberalism such as individual freedom, property rights, or the rule of law often emerged ambiguously in the Russian historical experience through different forms and combinations. Liberal projects were shaped by circumstances, evolved in response to challenges and developed within changing institutional and international settings. Economic and political liberalism often appeared disjointed or in opposition to each other. Even during the late Soviet Union, after the physical destruction of the pre-revolutionary liberal intelligentsia, a discourse of human rights emerged under the surface of the official ideology. As in other political and historical realities Russian liberalism presents a hybrid, multi-faceted character. It is evident that no single Russian, or for that matter Western, “liberalism” exists. To assume -more or less implicitly- that there is a single liberal or “Western” intellectual paradigm limits our understanding of the political and historical dynamic. Therefore, empirical and intellectual contextualization of what liberalism meant at different times is crucial. Understanding of the Russian liberal experience requires a dialog between past and present, historians and political scientists.

The international workshop *Dimensions and Challenges of Russian Liberalism* is organized by Reset DOC in partnership with University of Turin, Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies (IERES) of George Washington University and William and Mary College.

List of confirmed speakers: Gianmaria Ajani, Giuliano Amato, Alexey Barabashev, Giancarlo Bosetti, Gennadii E. Burbulis, Andrea Graziosi, Steve Hanson, Peter Holquist, Aleksei Kara-Murza, Nina Khrushcheva, Igor Klyamkin, Mark Kramer, Igor Kristoforov, Marlene Laruelle, Alberto Masoero, Sergey Medvedev, Andrei Melville, Benjamin Nathans, Alexander V. Obolonsky, Rudolf Pikhoya, Ekaterina Pravilova, Kirill Rogov, Guillaume Sauvé, Svetlana Savranskaia, Alexander Semyonov, Sergey Shakhrai, Viktor Sheinis, Valeryi Solovey, Roberto Toscano, Evgeny Yassin, Olga Zhukova, Vladislav Zubok.

The list of speakers may be subject to change. Participants will receive the final program

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Application for Students and Young Scholars

Reset DOC in partnership with University of Turin, Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies (IERES) of George Washington University and William and Mary College welcome students and young scholars to participate to the Reset DOC International Workshop on Dimensions and Challenges of Russian Liberalism that will take place in Turin (University of Turin - via Verdi 8) from the 26th to the 28th of October 2017.

Please see below all applications details:

ENROLLMENT

- **NO GRANT REQUEST** (Deadline October 16th, 2017)
REGISTRATION IS COMPULSORY: To apply [please click here](#)
- **WITH GRANT REQUEST** (Deadline September 10th, 2017)
The conveners will provide small grants (from 250 to 500 euro, depending on the place of residence) to ease the participation of MA students, PhD students, post-doctoral fellows and junior faculty. Interested people are pleased to send their application **by September 10th, 2017**.
REGISTRATION IS COMPULSORY: To apply [please click here](#)
Applicants are notified on the result of the evaluation committee by the **19th of September 2017**.
Granted participants are required to attend all the program 26-27-28 October.
The grant will be delivered on **Saturday the 28th of October**, in cash.

CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE:

Registered applicants who attend the whole *Conference* will receive a Certificate of Attendance.

TUTORSHIP: Chiara Galbersanini will support students' participation. Please write to chiara.galbersanini@resetdoc.org for any question you may have.

USEFUL INFORMATION FOR AN ENJOYABLE STAY IN TURIN

The conference is held at the University of Turin - **via Verdi 8** - from the 26th to the 28th of October 2017.

TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION: Participants are responsible for their own travel and accommodation expenses. Participants must arrange their accommodation personally.

SOME HOTEL RECOMMENDATIONS:

Hotel Dock

<http://www.hoteldockmilano.it/>

Hotel Due Mondi

<http://www.hotelduemondi.it/ita/hotel.html>

Hotel Astoria

<http://astoria-turin.hotels-in-turin.com/en/>

Hotel Urbani

<http://hotelurbani.it/>

Hotel Nizza

<http://www.hotelnizza.to.it/en/index.php>

Hotel Monteverchio

<http://www.hotelmonteverchio.com/>

Casa Sophie

<https://www.bed-and-breakfast.it/en/piedmont/casa-sophie-torino/33867>

La Terrazza alla Ghiacciaia

<https://www.bed-and-breakfast.it/en/piedmont/la-terrazza-alla-ghiacciaia-torino/34286>

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