



The Institute of European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies at Carleton University, in cooperation with the Embassy of the Russian Federation in Canada present

Graduate Student Conference on Russia

“Russia in the 21st Century: Historical Legacies, Present Challenges and Future Outlook”

November 2, 2012

Governor’s Board Room, Mezzanine Level, River Building
Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario

President Medvedev declared 2012 the Year of Russian History. In celebration of this event, the Institute of European, Russian and Eurasian Studies, in cooperation with the Embassy of the Russian Federation in Canada, is organizing a Graduate Student Conference on Russia. The conference has a specific focus on the role of Russia in the world from a historical perspective, as well as the current political climate and shifting contours of Russian identity. Russia’s interactions with its neighbours, including the European Union, are also addressed.

This conference is made possible through the Magna Fund for Russian Studies at Carleton University



9:30-9:50 Breakfast and coffee

9:50-10:00 Welcome and Introduction

Panel 1: Domestic Policy and the International Community

10:00-10:20 Mark Walker, Carleton University

The Russian space industry at 55: Its composition, engagement, and opportunities

10:20-10:40 Maria Habanikova, University of Ottawa

Energy Insecurity in Central Europe (and the EU): The Achilles' heel of Slovakia-Russia relations

10:40-11:00 Conrad Koczorowski, University of Toronto

Manufacturing the Mechanisms of Leverage: The Russian Defense Industry & Actor Specific Foreign Policy Analysis

11:00-11:45 Discussant and discussion

11:45-1:00 Free Lunch in Board Room for all participants

Panel 2: Social and Cultural Issues

1:00-1:20 Maria Arseniuk, University of Ottawa

The Missionary Position: The rise of Christian fundamentalism in Russia after the fall of the Soviet Union

1:20-1:40 Halena Sapeha, McMaster University

State Policies and Group-Formation

1:40-2:00 Denis Giroux, University of Ottawa

Dreams of Symphonia: The Confusing State of Affairs between Orthodoxy and Islam in Putin's Russia, 2000-2008

2:00-2:45 Discussant and discussion

2:45-3:15 Coffee Break

Panel 3: Politics and Economics

3:15-3:35 William Wilson, Carleton University

Executive Authority in Transition or Fixation? A Comparison of Political Culture in Russia and Canada

3:35-3:55 Garth Erhardt, Carleton University

Russia's Accession to the World Trade Organization - A Trade Policy Odyssey Comes to an End

3:55-4:15 Mikhail Zhrebstov, Carleton University

Russia's Virtual Economy: why can't it compete in the 21st Century

4:00-4:45 Discussant

Reception at Russian Embassy, transportation provided