

**INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH SEMINAR ON
“EU – Russia: challenges and opportunities
for mutually beneficial strategic communication”**

Date: April 25, 2019

Time: 10.00 – 13.30

Venue: Lomonosov Moscow State University, Faculty of Philosophy, Room A-518

Language – English

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Moderator: Dr. Anna A.KOSTIKOVA, Deputy Dean on International Relations at the Faculty of Philosophy, the Chair of the Department of Philosophy of Language and Communication at Lomonosov MSU;

Moderator: DSc Evgeny N. PASHENTSEV, Leading researcher at the Diplomatic Academy at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, Professor at the Faculty of Philosophy of Lomonosov Moscow State University, Director of the International Centre for Social and Political Studies and Consulting, Coordinator of the European – Russian Communication Management Expert Network (EU-RU-CM Network).

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Keynote speakers

Giuliano BIFOLCHI (Italy), the Co-Founder of the Association of Studies, Research and Internationalization in Eurasia and Africa (ASRIE), analyst in security, conflicts and international relations.

Paper's topic: *Ukrainian strategic communication in Italy and its implication for EU-Russia relations*

Natalia BURLINOVA (Russia), the Founder and the president of the Moscow-based NGO "Creative diplomacy" (PICREADI).

Paper's topic: *The Role of Public Diplomacy in Russia-EU Communication: Phobias and Hopes*

Marija DJORIĆ (Serbia), Associate Professor, Institute for Political Studies, Belgrade.

Paper's topic: *Serbia between Russia and EU: challenges and opportunities*

Alexander KONKOV (Russia), PhD in Political Science, Associate Professor at the Policy Analysis Department of the School of Public Administration in the Moscow State University,

Paper's topic: *Digital Agenda to Overcome the Credibility Gap between Russia and EU*

Evgeniya MAKHMUTOVA (Russia), Assistant Professor at the Political Science Department, Financial University under the Government of the Russian Federation

Paper's topic: *Russia-EU cooperation in Central Asia: in search of common interests in the framework of Soft Power.*

Evgeny PASHENTSEV (Russia). Professor at the Faculty of Philosophy of Lomonosov Moscow State University, Director of the International Centre for Social and Political Studies and Consulting, Coordinator of the European – Russian Communication Management Expert Network (EU-RU-CM Network),

Paper's topic: *From Artificial Narrow Intelligence to Artificial General Intelligence: The New Paradigm for Strategic Communication of Russia and EU under Technological Revolution*

Greg SIMONS (Sweden), assistant professor at Uppsala University

Paper's topic: *Are Good Relations Between EU and Russia Realistic and Possible*

Pierre-Emmanuel THOMANN (France)

President/founder of an international association (EUROCONTINENT)

Paper's topic : *Strategic communication narratives, utopian and realist geopolitical visions related to the European project in crisis: the impact on EU-Russia relations*

Marius VACARELU (Romania), National School of Political Science and Public Administration, Bucharest.

Paper's topic: EU parliamentary elections: a starting point for ...?

Anna VELIKAYA (Russia).

Paper's topic: *SWOT analysis of Russian nation-branding in the European Union*

Erik VLAEMINCK (Belgium), a PhD student at the University of Edinburgh.

Paper's topic: *Let's talk (culture): A Trans-European Perspective on Cultural Diplomacy toward Russia*

PRESENTATION OF A NEW BOOK

At the seminar will be held the presentation of the collective monograph: *Russia's Public Diplomacy: Evolution and Practice*. Palgrave Macmillan. 2019. Velikaya, Anna, Simons, Greg (Eds.). <https://www.palgrave.com/gp/book/9783030128739#aboutAuthors>

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