

Dimensions and Challenges of Russian Liberalism

October 26-28, 2017 University of Turin

Thursday, 26 October

3.30 – 4.00 pm / Welcome Address

Gianmaria Ajani, Dean, University of Turin

4.00 – 6.30 pm / **Session 1. Pre-revolutionary
Liberalism and the Challenges of Modernity**

Igor Khristoforov, Princeton University

Liberal Bureaucrats and the Ability to Reform

Aleksei Kara-Murza, Institute of Philosophy,
Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow

Olga Zhukova, National Research University Higher
School of Economics, Moscow

The Political Philosophy of Russian Liberalism

Ekaterina Pravilova, Princeton University

Liberals and Property Rights

Alexander Semyonov, Higher School of Economics,
Saint Petersburg

Dilemmas of Liberalism in the Russian Imperial Context

Moderators/discussants

Peter Holquist, University of Pennsylvania

Alberto Masoero, University of Genoa

Friday, 27 October

9.00 – 11.0 am / **Session 2.**

Liberal Undercurrents in Soviet Times

Benjamin Nathans, University of Pennsylvania

Human Rights Defenders within Soviet Politics

Vladislav Zubok, LSE

Intelligentsia as a Liberal Concept, 1950s-1980s

Svetlana Savranskaia, National Security Archives (TBC)

Gorbachev's New Political Thinking: A Substitute for Liberalism

Viktor Sheinis, Institute of World Economy
and International Relations

Paradoxes and Consequences of Liberal Reforms in Russia

Moderators/discussants

Andrea Graziosi, ANVUR, University of Naples

Steve Hanson, College of William & Mary

11.45 – 12.00 am / Coffee break

12.00 am – 1.15 pm / **Session 3.**

The 1990s: "Time of Troubles"

Alexander V. Obolonsky, Higher School of Economics

Liberal Values, Ethics, and the Soviet Administrative Heritage

International Partners

Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies (IERES), George Washington
University; University of Turin; Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies

Guillaume Sauvé, EURUS - Carleton University
*Drawing Lessons from Collapse: Russian Liberals
on the Failure of Perestroika*

Moderators/discussants

Alexey Barabashev, Higher School of Economics

Mark Kramer, Davis Center, Harvard University

1.30 – 2.30 pm / Lunch

2.30 – 5.00 pm / **Panel 4.**

Liberalism under Pressure: 2000-2010s

Evgeny Yassin, Liberal Mission-Higher School of Economics (TBC)

Liberalism or Dirigisme in Russian Economics?

Igor Klyamkin, Liberal Mission

Why the Liberal Alternative did not Sustain in Russia?

Sergey Medvedev, Higher School of Economics

How Liberalism Survives in Russian Culture

Kirill Rogov, Liberal Mission

Public Attitudes after the Presidential Elections in Russia, 2018

Valeryi Solovey, MGIMO

*Liberals or Technocrats? Liberal Ideas and Values
in the Mindset of the Russian Elite*

Moderators/discussants

Marlene Laruelle, George Washington University

Andrey Melville, Higher School of Economics

Saturday, 28 October

10.00 am **Concluding Round Table.**

Russian Liberals and the World Order

Gianmaria Ajani, Dean, University of Turin

Giuliano Amato, Judge of the Italian Constitutional Court
and Former Prime Minister of Italy

Andrea Graziosi, ANVUR, University of Naples Federico II

Nina Khrushcheva, Graduate Program in International Affairs,
The New School

Marlene Laruelle, George Washington University

Andrey Melville, Higher School of Economics

Valery Smirnov, The Russian Presidential Academy
of National Economy and Public Administration (TBC)

Chair: **Roberto Toscano**

Former Italian Ambassador in Teheran and New Delhi

Harvard University; Cold War Studies Program, Harvard University; London School
of Economics; Wendy and Emery Reves Center for International Studies, College of
William and Mary; National Research University Higher School of Economics, Moscow