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

Guillaume Sauvè, 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
Valery Solovey, MGIMO
Liberals or Technocrats? Liberal Ideas and Values in the Mindset of the Russian Elite

Moderators/discussants
Marianne Laruelle, George Washington University
Andrey Melville, Higher School of Economics

Friday, 27 October
9.00 – 11.00 am / Session 2,
Liberals Undercurrents in Soviet Times
Benjamin Nathans, University of Pennsylvania
Human Rights Defenders within Soviet Politics
Vladislav Zubok, LSE
Intelligence 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

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

Marianne 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 Tehran and New Delhi

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