

The West and Russia Towards a New Strategic Engagement?

November 29th – 30th, 2007

Cercle de l'Union Interalliée
33 rue du Faubourg St-Honoré, 75008 Paris

AGENDA

Thursday 29 November

16.15 – 16.45 **REGISTRATION & COFFEE**

16.45 – 17.00 **OPENING:** Lord Weidenfeld, *Weidenfeld Institute* and Ambassador James F. Collins, *Carnegie Endowment for International Peace*

17.00 – 19.00 **SESSION I: RUSSIA'S INTERNAL DYNAMICS IN 2008 AND BEYOND**

- *Putin's legacy: a closer look at the Russian State, political cycle and the views of Russian society.*
- *How durable is Russia's status as a "BRIC"? What are Russia's economic prospects in the near (2008), medium (2009-2014) and longer (2015-2030) terms?*
- *How does Russia define its power and role in the world, with what implications for Europe and America?*

Chair: Lord Guthrie, *N.M. Rothschild & Sons Limited* and *Weidenfeld Institute*

Speakers

Rory MacFarquhar, *Goldman Sachs International*

Bobo Lo, *Chatham House*

Lilia Shevtsova, *Carnegie Moscow Centre*

Respondent: **Eckart von Klaeden MdB**, *Bundestag of the Federal Republic of Germany*

19.30 for 20.00 **RECEPTION AND DINNER**

A CONVERSATION WITH FORMER RUSSIAN PM MIKHAIL KASYANOV

Hosted by Foreign Policy Edition Française / Eurasian Intelligence

Welcoming remarks by **Francois Roche**, *Foreign Policy Edition Française*

Keynote speech by **Mikhail Kasyanov**, *former Russian Prime Minister*

Followed by debate moderated by **Philip Stephens**, *Financial Times*

Friday 30 November

08.00 – 08.45 **MORNING RECEPTION**

Keynote speech by **Senator William W. Bradley**, *Allen & Company*

09.00 – 10.45 **SESSION II: BETWEEN COOPERATION AND COLLISION – CAN CURRENT FOREIGN POLICY AGENDAS BE RECONCILED?**

- *NATO enlargement, arms control, nuclear non-proliferation and missile defense: a new defense-offence security calculus?*
- *Economic and energy interests vs. values: can US, European and Russian priorities be reconciled?*
- *EU Neighborhood vs. Russia's Near Abroad: destined to be a zero-sum game?*
- *Iran, DPRK: enough of a shared threat to produce a common position?*

Chair: **Francois Roche**, *Foreign Policy Edition Française*

Speakers

Robert Kagan, *Carnegie Endowment for International Peace*

Alexander Rahr, *German Council on Foreign Relations*

Jacques-André Troesch, *Commission for Energy Regulation, France*

Respondent: **Liam Fox MP**, *UK Shadow Defense Minister*

10.45 – 11.00 **COFFEE**

11.00 – 12.45 **SESSION III: TOWARDS NEW TERMS OF ENGAGEMENT**

- *Europe: one or many? The potential for a European G3, G4 or G6, and the position of the EU's East.*
- *European and US interests and priorities vis-à-vis Russia: can there be a cohesive EU/US approach?*
- *If Russia has "left the West", what are the options and what should be done? Confrontation, limited partnership, selective engagement or "cool peace"?*

Chair: **Sir Rodric Braithwaite**, *Moscow School of Political Studies*

Speakers

Simon Fraser, *European Commission*

Ivan Krastev, *Centre for Liberal Strategies*

Dmitri Trenin, *Carnegie Moscow Centre*

Envoi by **Mark Medish**, *Carnegie Endowment for International Peace* and **Lord Simon**, *Unilever and Weidenfeld Institute*

13.00 **CLOSING LUNCH** HOSTED BY THE UK AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE

Welcome by Ambassador **Sir Peter Westmacott**

Keynote speech by **Hubert Védrine**, *former French Foreign Minister*