

Expert Workshop

EU, Russia and the common neighbourhood

26 March 2010, 13.00 - 16.00

Institut für Europäische Politik,
Bundesallee 23, 10717 Berlin

The expert workshop will bring together scholars and representatives from the policy-making community in order to discuss an issue of the EU-Russia relations, which may be regarded as both a source of problems and an opportunity: the common neighbourhood.

We will ask what foreign policy approaches the EU and Russia follow towards the common neighbourhood. How does Russia perceive European policy initiatives in its 'near abroad' and what do these perceptions mean for the EU? And finally, in how far does Russia intervene with the transformative power of the EU? In other words, does Russia (actively) pursue strategies to limit the diffusion of European ideas?

PROGRAMME

12.30 - 13.00	<i>Snack</i>
13.00 - 13.15	Welcome Prof. Dr. Mathias Jopp , Director, Institut für Europäische Politik
	Introduction Mariella Falkenhain , Research Associate, Institut für Europäische Politik Dr. Katrin Böttger , Research Associate, Institut für Europäische Politik
13.15 - 13.30	Statement: A 'Russian Neighbourhood Policy' towards the common neighbourhood? Dr. Andras Racz , SPES Fellow, Institut für Europäische Politik; Researcher, Strategic Defense Studies Center, Zrinyi Miklos National Defense University, Budapest, Hungary
13.30 - 13.45	Statement: Moscow's perception of the Eastern Partnership: Squeezing out Russia from the post-Soviet Space Dr. Stanislav Secrieru , SPES Fellow, Institut für Europäische Politik; Researcher, Centre for East European and Asian Studies, Bucharest, Romania
13.45 - 14.00	Statement: Russia's Impact on the Transformative Power of the EU: Spoiling, Shaping or Supporting the Diffusion of European Ideas Esther Ademmer , PhD candidate, Kolleg-Forschergruppe "The Transformative Power of Europe", Freie Universität Berlin
14.00 - 14.15	Coffee Break
14.15 - 16.00	<i>Discussion</i>

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