

# RUSSIA Strategies for the Society

October 9th/10th 2018 **Czernin Palace** Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic Prague, Czechia

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#### Tuesday, October 9th 2018

Key Note Speech "EU Policy towards Russia: 4:45 pm

Principles and Priorities" Guy Verhofstadt, MEP

President of the ALDE Group in the European Parliament

and former Prime Minister of Belgium

5:30 pm Opening

N.N.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs **Zhanna Nemtsova** 

Founder, Boris Nemtsov Foundation for Freedom

**Detmar Doering** 

Head of Central Europe and the Baltic States, Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom

6:00 pm Freedom Speech, followed by Q&A

Archimandrit Dr. Cyril Govorun Priest of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church; Research Fellow, Yale University, USA

7:00 pm Insights into the Boris Nemtsov Summer School

of Journalism and Cultural Studies

**Denis Denisov** Anna Tenditnaya Roman Moshensky

7:30 pm Reception

### Wednesday, October 10th 2018

10:00 am Explanation of the format

10:30 am Joint Session: Is there a New Chance for Russia?

Sergey Aleksashenko

Former Deputy Minister of Finance of the Russian Federation; Deputy Chairman, Central Bank of Russia

Flavia Kleiner

Co-President, Operation Libero, Zurich

Sociologist, Higher School of Economics, Moscow

Moderator: Julius von Freytag-Loringhoven Head of Russia & Central Asia,

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12:00 pm Lunch

1:00 pm Open Space Session - Formulating strategies!

**Working Groups:** 

1. Which Role could Civil Society Institutions Play

in Future Russia?

Moderator: Stefan Melle

Managing Director, German-Russian Exchange Programme

2. New Limits of Russian Energy Expansion

Moderator: Vladimir Milov

Former Deputy Minister of Energy of Russia;

Economist & Énergy Expert 3. The Kremlin's New Language Moderator: Maria Snegovaya

Adjunct Fellow, Center for European Policy Analysis/Free Russia Foundation

2:15 pm **Coffee Break** 

2:30 pm Open Space Session II - Formulating strategies!

1. New Education for Global-Minded Russians:

**Destination and Opportunities** Moderator: Marek Příhoda

Co-Director, Boris Nemtsov Academic Center of

Russian Studies

2. New Answers to Populism and Nationalism

Moderator: Anton Shekhovtsov

Author; Research Associate, Institute for

Euro-Atlantic Cooperation, Kyiv

3. Visions for the Russian Opposition and

its Prepositions

Moderator: Fedor Krasheninnikov Columnist & Political Analyst

3:45 pm Coffee Break

4:00 pm Open Space Session III - Formulating strategies!

1. European Integration of Russian Society:

A New Attempt?

Moderator: Konstantin Eggert

Journalist

2. War as a New Reality - Russia and its Neighbours

Moderator: N.N.

3. New Support from International Law?

Hopes and Myths

Moderator: Irina Biryukova

Lawyer, Foundation "Public Verdict"

5:15 pm **Coffee Break** 

Joint Session - Summing Up! 5:30 pm

Vladimir Kara-Murza

Board of Trustees, Boris Nemtsov Foundation for Freedom

6:30 pm **Closing Remarks** 

Zhanna Nemtsova

Moderator: Tatyana Felgengauer

Journalist & Editor-in-Chief, Ekho Moskvy

The event will be translated simultaneously into Russian/English.

## RUSSIA Strategies for the Society

In March 2018, Vladimir Putin was re-elected as President of the Russian Federation for another six-year term. In recent years, he has exerted considerable pressure on civil society actors and oppositional groups within the country. Simultaneously, tensions with "the West" have risen – mainly due to Russia's interference in Ukraine and Syria as well as its massive disinformation campaign and its efforts to undermine Western democratic institutions. Following this experience, the international community might be concerned about Russia's future developments under Putin's leadership.

Against this background, this year's Boris Nemtsov Forum aims to leave the floor to leading civil society actors and politicians in order to discuss and develop collective strategies for a liberal future. We are pleased to invite you to this year's Boris Nemtsov Forum under the title "Russia: Strategies for the Society".

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## Information and contact

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