RESILIENCE IN THE EU AND RUSSIA
Seminar

20 October 2017

10.00-11.30 Session 1. Resilience: Theoretical Aspects

Chair: Prof. Elena Korosteleva, the University of Kent

Speakers:

Prof. David Chandler, University of Westminster
"Resilience: A War against Imagination?"

Dr. Nikolay Gudalov / Dr. Dmitry Tulupov, Saint-Petersburg State University
"The Semiotics of Resilience: Between a Rigorous Academic Concept and a Floating Signifier"

Dr. Elena Pavlova, Saint-Petersburg State University
"The resilience of the Russian regime: biopolitics on the official agenda"

Prof. Julian Reid, University of Lapland
"We, the Resilient": Colonizing Indigeneity in the Era of Trump

12.00-13.30 Session 2. Resilience: the EU's Practice and Its Consequences for Russia

Chair: Dr. Tatiana Borisova, Higher School of Economics

Speakers:

Prof. Jonathan Joseph, the University of Sheffield (by Skype)
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Prof. Elena Korosteleva, the University of Kent
"How sustainable is EU governance through resilience?"

Dr. Rafał Mańko, University of Amsterdam & University of Wrocław
TBC

Dr. Tatiana Romanova, Saint-Petersburg State University
"EU-Russian Relations: What Resilience?"

Prof. Alexander Sergunin, Saint-Petersburg State University
"Resilience or Sustainability in the EU-Russia Relations"

14.45-16.45 Roundtable Discussion What Impact does Resilience have on EU's External Engagements and EU-Russian Relations?

Chair: Dr. Tatiana Romanova, Saint-Petersburg State University

Participants:

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Prof. Elena Korosteleva, the University of Kent
Dr. Rafał Mańko, University of Amsterdam & University of Wrocław
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Prof. Julian Reid, University of Lapland
Prof. Alexander Sergunin, Saint-Petersburg State University
Dr. Evgeny Treschenkov, Saint-Petersburg State University
Dr. Dmitry Tulupov, Saint-Petersburg State University

Guiding questions for the discussion:

Block 1: Theory of resilience vs. EU's practice of resilience

- What is 'resilience' for the EU and its different member-states? How different is it from the scholarly concepts of resilience?
- What are similarities and differences between resilience and sustainability, resilience and normative power, resilience and resistence …
- What are the levels and spheres of the inclusion of 'resilience' into the EU's strategic agenda?
- What are the spheres in which the EU's category of 'resilience' is strongest and most vulnerable discursively?
- To what extent is the EU's resilience neoliberal and postliberal?

Block 2.

- To what extent Russia / non-Western countries can participate in the development of resilience thinking in various international organisations (UN bodies, OECD…)?
- Are they included, excluded or self-excluded? Should they be included?

Block 3.

- To what degree have EU-Russia relations influenced the inclusion of 'resilience' into the EU's strategic agenda?
- What EU spheres are open for Russian participation (inclusion) in the discussion on resilience in the EU?
- What are possible resources and governance techniques for resilience thinking and practice in EU-Russian relations?
- What areas of EU-Russia cooperation could be the trial ground for introducing resilience concept?
- What are the benefits and problems of introducing resilience concept in EU-Russian relations?