



University Consortium 2nd Annual Conference

Kennan Institute, Washington DC
5 October - 6 October 2017



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Analyzing and Managing Change in the International Order: Russian, American and European Perspectives

This conference brings together scholars, policy analysts and practitioners from Russia, Europe and the US to address key problems in Russia-West relations in a fast-changing international environment. Combining the benefits of academic rigor, historical perspective and practical experience, panelists will diagnose the changes underway, weigh present and future risks, and identify ways forward. We seek concrete ideas to help manage risks, strengthen rules and foster communities of practice— for the benefit of current foreign-policy elites and officials, as well as the next generation, across the Euro-Atlantic area.

This distinctive conference, has two audiences and two missions. First, to allow policy-practitioners, think-tank specialists, and academic as well as graduate students from leading universities in our regions to apply their conceptual thinking, historical knowledge and practical training to come up with fruitful approaches to tackling key problems that confront the three UC regions. Two, to offer the UC group of advanced graduate students an opportunity to think imaginatively about current international problems in a policy-relevant setting.

Thursday, 5 October 2017

8:45 – Registration Opens

9:15-11:30 – University Consortium-Kennan Institute Special Session:
“Dealing with the problems of external interference in key domestic political processes”
(Separate agenda provided)

12:00-13:15 – Dialogue: Senator Sam Nunn and Lord Desmond Browne

Lunch

14:15 – Opening Conference Remarks: Anatoly Antonov, Ambassador of the Russian Federation to the United States

14:30-16:00 – Panel 1: Relationships, Institutions and Alignments under Pressure:
Adaptation or Transformation?

United States of America (US): Robert Legvold; Samuel Charap
Russian Federation (RF): Fedor Voitovsky, Alexandr Gabuev
European Union (EU): Lukasz Kulesa
Chair: Alex Pravda

Coffee

16:20-17:50 – Panel 2: The Increasing Entanglement of Foreign and Domestic Politics:
Greater Complexity or Fundamental Shift?

US: Timothy Colton
RF: Viktoria Zhuravleva

EU: Stefan Meister
Chair: Dmitry Suslov

18:15-19:00 – Keynote Address: Oleg Stepanov, Head of Russian Ministry of Foreign
Affairs Department of Foreign Policy Planning

19:00-21:00 – Reception and Dinner

Friday, 6 October 2017

9:30-11:00 – University Consortium Webinar
Chair: Andrey Sushentsov

11:30-13:00 – Keynote Dialogue
Dr Henry Kissinger & Dr Thomas Graham in Dialogue, followed by Q&A

Lunch

14:15-15:45 – Panel 3: The Growth in the Use of Military and Economic Leverage:
Minimizing Hazard and Managing Fall Out

US: Jeffrey Edmonds
RF: Andrey Sushentsov; Andrey Baklitsky
EU: Hanna Smith; Roy Allison
Chair: Timothy Colton

Coffee

16:15-17:45 – Panel 4: *Chto Delat'?* Strengthening Institutions, Codes of Behavior, Rules and
Regulations to Manage Russia-US/ Russia-EU Relations

US: Thomas Graham; Julia Gurganus; Matthew Rojansky
RF: Andrey Kortunov
EU: Adam Thomson
Chair: Roderic Lyne

17:45-18:15 – UC Principals in Conversation: Steering the UC from Divergent
Understandings towards Mutual Diagnoses, Helpful Prescriptions and Constructive Impact
Moderator: Rodric Braithwaite
Thomas Graham, Alex Pravda, Julie Newton, Andrey Kortunov, Roy Allison, Tim Colton,
Dmitry Suslov, Andrey Sushentsov, Adam Thomson

18:30-20:30 – Champagne Reception & Buffet



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