

The Engelsberg Seminar 2008

Saturday 14th of June

Strategic Relations between Russia and the West

John Lloyd (moderator)

9.30 a.m.	Rodric Braithwaite	<i>No Cold War</i>
9.55 a.m.	Igor Ivanov	<i>Russia & the West: For a Common Agenda</i>
10.20 a.m.	Thérèse Delpeche	<i>Options in the Strategic Relations Between Russia & the West</i>
10.45 a.m.	<i>COFFEE BREAK</i>	
11.10 a.m.	Dmitri Trenin	<i>Smart Engagement</i>
11.35 a.m.	Rolf Ekéus	<i>Engaging Russia</i>
12.00 a.m.	Panel Discussion	
12.30 p.m.	Rapporteurs followed by closing words by John Lloyd	
13.00 p.m.	<i>LUNCH</i>	
14.00 p.m.	<i>DEPARTURES</i>	

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Former Prime Minister of Russia

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Former Foreign Minister of the Russian
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On Russia

June 12th to 14th 2008
at Avesta Manor, Sweden

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On Russia

European and Russian history have long been intertwined. Over the centuries the Russian Tsars tried to turn the Russian people towards European culture. Peter the Great opened a gateway to the West by creating St Petersburg (on what was then Swedish soil). Catherine the Great was absorbed by the ideas of the Enlightenment.

Yet there also linger long term, perhaps deeper, divergences. The influence of the Enlightenment was fairly superficial in Russia, compared to other European countries. The move to industrialisation was less of a development than a leap – made first during the 19th century, a phase that was interrupted by the First World War, and then later forced through by Stalin.

Could Russia have become part of a similar development that took place in other parts of what we now call the West? On what does the alleged Russian *sonderweg* actually depend – geographical factors, language, religion, or cultural differences? Russia has not been asked to join the European Union, nor have the Russians themselves shown an interest in joining. Some argue that it depends upon geopolitical factors, or that Russia is too large to become a member, bordering

Norway in the west and North Korea in the east, covering eleven time-zones.

After the fall of the Soviet Union at the end of the Cold War, so-called shock therapy was applied in Russia in order to rid its people of the communist joke for good. But did the West have the right response? Did relief at the end of the Cold War blind it to potential risks? One might ask if the legacy of Russian history doomed its post-communist experiments, and also what the long-term influence of the Orthodox Church has been on Russia's relationship to the West at a cultural level.

Today, many observers are alarmed by recent developments. From a Western perspective, things appear to be moving in the wrong direction: away from democracy, free media and the rule of law. Questions abound as to how Russian society may be developing.

In this conference we will address such issues, focusing on the following broad themes: continuity and change in Russian history and the Russian self-image, recent economic developments, the “near-abroad,” and the implications of the resurgence of the strong Russian state.

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Thursday 12th of June

1.00 p.m. *REGISTRATION*

2.15 p.m. **Opening** **Viveca Ax:son Johnson**, *Chairman*
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Kurt Almqvist, *President*
Axel and Margaret Ax:son Johnson Foundation

Continuity and Change in Russian History

John Lloyd (moderator)

2.25 p.m. **Dominic Lieven** *Russia as Empire and Periphery*

2.50 p.m. **Geoffrey Hosking** *Power and the People in Russian History*

3.15 p.m. **Catherine Merridale** *A View from the Kremlin*

3.40 p.m. **Panel Discussion**

4.05 p.m. *COFFEE BREAK*

Russia's Self-Image

Martin Ådahl (moderator)

4.30 p.m. **Andrei Zorin** *Westernisers, Slavophiles & Russian Literature*

4.55 p.m. **Per-Arne Bodin** *The Influence of the Russian Orthodox Tradition*

5.20 p.m. **Panel discussion**

5.50 p.m. *DRINKS and MUSIC*

6.45 p.m. *DINNER and MUSIC*

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Friday 13th of June

How the Present Addresses the Past

Martin Ådahl (moderator)

- 9.00 a.m. Arkady Ostrovsky *Teaching Soviet History*
- 9.25 a.m. Anne Applebaum *The Ideology of Putinism*
- 9.50 a.m. **Panel Discussion**
- 10.15 a.m. *COFFEE BREAK*

The Resurgence of the Russian State

John Lloyd (moderator)

- 10.40 a.m. Vladimir Ryzhkov *Risks of the New Authoritarianism*
- 11.05 a.m. Andrei Melville *Russia in 2020*
- 11.30 a.m. Philip Hanson *The Political Economy of Russian Statism*
- 11.55 a.m. **Panel Discussion**
- 12.30 p.m. *LUNCH*

Economic Developments in Russia

Martin Ådahl (moderator)

- 2.15 p.m. Erik Berglöf *(Re-)Building Democracy and Markets in Russia*
- 2.40 p.m. Konstantin Sonin *Is Russia a Typical Oil Exporter?*
The Political Economics of the Resource Curse
- 3.05 p.m. Yegor Gaidar *Key Risk for the Stable Growth of the Russian Economy*
- 3.30 p.m. **Panel Discussion**
- 3.55 p.m. *COFFEE BREAK*

Russia's Borderlands

John Lloyd (moderator)

- 4.30 p.m. Kadri Liik *On the Baltic States*
- 4.55 p.m. Ekaterina Sokirianskaia *On the Caucasus*
- 5.20 p.m. Fyodor Lukyanov *On Russian Responses*
- 5.45 p.m. **Panel Discussion**
- 6.15 p.m. *DRINKS followed by DINNER and MUSIC*