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Concepts and Post-Communist Identities: The Power of Perspective

Workshop at the Department of comparative political studies, RANEPA
(Address: St Petersburg, Zelenkov pereulok 7A, room 309)

18-19 October 2017

Organised by the BISA Working Group 'Interpretivism in International Relations'

Convenors: Felix Berenskoetter (SOAS), Iain Ferguson (Higher School of Economics, St. Petersburg),
Evgeny Roshchin (RANEPA, St. Petersburg)

Programme

Wednesday 18 October

10.20-10.40

Introduction:

E. Roshchin, I. Ferguson, F. Berenskoetter

10.40-12.00

Session 1: *Perspectives on Russia's role in the world*

Alexander Sergunin (St Petersburg State University, Russia), Russia as a status-seeker: in search of a new foreign policy (*participation canceled*)

Precious Chatterje-Doodly (The University of Manchester, UK), Russia's 'rising power' identity: institutions and narratives

Katarzyna Kaczmarek (Aberystwyth University, UK), The world from Russia's perspective. The production of International Relations knowledge in Russia

Chair:
E.Roshchin

Discussant:
F. Berenskoetter

12.00-13.30

Lunch

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13.30-14.50

Session 2: Changing perspectives on world order

Chair:
I.Ferguson

Seçkin Köstem (Bilkent University, Turkey), Imagining Eurasia: Post-Soviet economic integration and the changing perceptions of Russia's national economic interest

Discussant:
Dr Sergei Akopov (HSE)

Nicola Nymalm (UI, Sweden) and Johannes Plagemann (GIGA, Germany), Comparative exceptionalism: universality and particularity in foreign policy discourses

14.50-15.05

Break

15.05-17.05

Session 3: Identity politics from new angles

Chair:
F.Berenskoetter

Leandra Bias (University of Oxford, UK), Russia's post-communist feminist movement

Discussant:
Dr Maria Nozhenko (RANEPA)

Urban Jakša (University of York, UK), Post-Soviet de facto states between reincorporation and overdependence: Physical and ontological security of Abkhazia

Ofer Fridman (King's College, UK) Reinventing the Wheel: "Hybrid War" and Identity Politics in the Relations between Russia and the West

18.00

Dinner

Thursday 19 October

10.00-12.00 Session 4: Questioning key concepts

Chair:
I.Ferguson

Anatoly Reshetnikov (CEU, Hungary), Great powerlessness:
Russia's great power discourse and the origins of its current
ambivalence

Discussant:
E. Roshchin

Camille Merlen (University of Kent, UK), Russian Sovereignism:
Tensions and Continuities

Stefanie Ortmann (University of Sussex, UK), Beyond 'state
identity': identity and the myth of the state in international relations

12.00-12.20

Wrapping-up

END OF WORKSHOP