Putin’s Russian in the Wake of the Cold War

Humanities Research Centre ANU
Centre on China in the World Building #188

Day 1: Wednesday 24th August 2016

8.30 - 9am Registration

9am - 9.25 Welcome & official launch by ANU Chancellor Professor the Honourable Gareth Evans

9.25 – 10.30 Plenary 1 Chair: Dr Dorothy Horsfield

 Professor Richard Sakwa, Professor of Russian and European Politics, University of Kent, Associate Fellow Chatham House,
Russia between the Historic West and Greater Asia: Alternative Paths and Competing Modernities

10.30 -11 Morning Tea

11 – 12.30 Panel 1 History, Memory and Myth Chair - Professor Paul Pickering (TBC)

 Professor Mark Edele, Australian Research Council Future Fellow, University of Western Australia, Putin and the Codifying of the Second World War

 Dr Filip Slaveski, Deakin University, Ukraine and Civil War, 1945-2015

 Professor Stephen Wheatcroft, Honorary Historical and Philosophical Studies, University of Melbourne, Towards an Economic and Social History of the Putin Period in comparison with the Soviet Period and the early Post-Soviet Age of Crisis

12.30 – 1.15 Lunch

1.15 – 2.45 Panel 2 Russia and the Former USSR: the many shades of post-imperialism Chair- Professor Leslie Holmes

 Mr Kieran Pender, Arts/Law(Hons) Australian National University, World Bank Group Fellow, 2015/2016, ‘Russian Pawn’ or the next Kosovo? Perspectives from Abkhazia

 Dr Kirill Nourzhanov, Senior Lecturer, Centre for Arab and Islamic Studies, Australian National University, Moscow’s (In)Disposable Ally: Tajikistan in Contemporary Russian Foreign Policy Thinking
Paulina Pijacka, Australian National University, Russia’s Reaction to the Second Kyrgyz Revolution and its Aftermath

2.45 – 3 Afternoon Tea

3 – 4.30 Panel 3 Corruption, the Environment, and Culture
Chair: Professor Mark Edele (TBC)

Professor Emeritus Leslie Holmes, University of Melbourne, Fellow of Academy of Social Sciences in Australia, Trust, Inequality and Corruption In Putin’s Russia

Ellie Martus, PhD candidate, University of NSW, Putin and the Environment

Associate Professor Stephen Fortescue, University of NSW, Personalism and institutionalization in contemporary Russian policy making: issues of evidence and research methods.

5.30 Reception University House


9 – 10.30 Plenary 2 Chair: Professor Will Christie

Professor Will Christie, Director Humanities Research Centre, Official Introduction.

Dr Andrey Kortunov, Director General of the Russian International Affairs Council
President of the New Eurasia Foundation in Moscow and member of the Educational Board of the Open Society Institute, Moscow,

10.30 – 11 Morning Tea

11 – 12.30 Panel 4 The “Turn to the East” in Russian Foreign Policy Chair: Professor Richard Rigby (TBC)

Rebecca Fabrizi, Senior Strategic Research Fellow, Centre on China in the World, Australian National University, Synergy and Divergence in the Geo-strategic Ambitions Of Russia and China

Dr Alexander Korolev, Research Fellow, Centre on Asia and Globalisation, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore, “On the Verge of Alliance”: Russia-China Strategic Partnership in the context of Russia’s reorientation to Asia

Dr Yelena Zabortseva, Department of Government and International Relations,
University of Sydney, *Russia-Kazakhstan contemporary trade and investment relations: what is the impact of the Ukrainian factor on bilateral trends?*

12.30 – 1.30    **LUNCH**

1.30 – 3    **Panel 5**   The Post-Soviet Period    Chair (TBC)

**Emeritus Professor Graeme Gill**, University of Sydney, Australian Research Council
Professorial Fellow and member of the Council of Experts, President of the International Council for Central and East European Studies, *How Secure is the Putin Regime?*

**Distinguished Professor Ian McAllister**, School of Politics and International Relations, Australian National University, *Nostalgia for the Demise of the USSR in Belarus, Russia and Ukraine*

**Dr Dorothy Horsfield**, Australian National University, *Cold War Liberal Pluralism and its Legacy. George Kennan and Henry Kissinger Revisited.*

3.15 – 4.30    Optional Bus Tour of Canberra (TBC)

5.30 - 7    Q&A Public Event with Dr Andrey Kortunov and Professor Richard Sakwa mediated By an ABC journalist (TBC)

**Day 3**   **Panel 6**   Russian Foreign Policy in the Middle East    Chair: Adjunct Professor Bob Bowker (TBC)

9 – 10.30    **Associate Professor Jochen Prantl**, Director, Asia-Pacific College of Diplomacy, Australian National University, *The Russia Choice: Challenges of Engagement*

**Dr Matt Killingsworth**, International Relations, University of Tasmania, *Putin, Syria and International Society*

**Ian Parmeter**, Research Scholar, Centre for Arab and Islamic Studies, Australian National University, *The Middle East in Putin’s Foreign Policy and Domestic Security Priorities*

10.30 – 11    **Morning Tea**

11 – 12.30    **Panel 7**    Summary Panel Plus Open Forum, Professor Richard Sakwa, Dr Andrey Kortunov, Professor Graeme Gill, Associate Professor Roderic Pitty

**Chair Stephen Wheatcroft**.  (TBC)