

Gorbachev Foundation, 24 March 2016

The End of the Cold War and the World Today

International Conference

Programme

11.00 – 12.30. Session 1. The End of the Cold War: Contemporary Views

What are the most common interpretations of the events and consequences of the end of the Cold War in politics and public opinion in Russia and in the West?

What was the evolution of these interpretations over the past quarter of a century and what caused these changes?

What are the main lessons of ending the Cold War and what is their significance for contemporary politics?

Presentations:

A new world disorder? The end of the Cold War as seen by politicians and experts. Vasily Zharkov, PhD in History, Head of the Political Science Department at the Moscow School of Social and Economic Sciences.

1989 and the struggle to create Post-Cold War Europe. Mary Elise Sarotte, Dean's Professor of History and Professor of International Relations, University of Southern California, and Research Associate, Center for European Studies, Harvard University

Discussion

12.30 – 12.45 Coffee Break

12.45 – 14.15. Session 2. The World after the Cold War

How did the relations between Russia and the West evolve during the 1990s?

Why has the theme of war and peace once again become central in the 2010s?

Have we seen the start of a new Cold War?

Presentations:

Post-Soviet resentment and political responsibility. Sergey Utkin,
PhD in Political Science, Head of Department of Strategic Assessment,
Centre for Situation Analysis, Russian Academy of Sciences

German-Russian relations: from Ostpolitik to sanctions. Sabine Fischer,
Dr. phil., Head, Eastern Europe and Eurasia Research Division at
Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP), Germany

Discussion

14.15 – 14.45 Coffee Break

**14.45 – 16.30. Session 3. Round table discussion: Challenges for
21st-Century Political Leaders – New Thinking in a New Environment?**

Topics for discussion:

*In what ways does the world today differ from what it was at the end of the
Cold War?*

*What is special about the new challenges to the world order that emerged in
the 21st century?*

What a modern-day version of New Thinking for the world could look like?

16.30 – 17.00. Closing remarks

*Moderators: **Olga Zdravomyslova**, the Gorbachev Foundation's Executive
Director, and **Andrey Ryabov**, Editor-in-Chief of World Economy and
International Relations.*