

International Conference

«Toward a New Model of Russian Federalism»

June 28-29, 2012

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June 28, Thursday

10:30-10:45

Opening Session

Olga Zdravomyslova, Andrei Ryabov, the Gorbachev Foundation

10:45-12:45

Session 1: Federalism in a Comparative Perspective

Presentations:

The Many Advantages of Federalism: Flexibility, Growth and Democracy

Kathryn Stoner-Weiss, Stanford University

Comparing German and Russian Federalism - Challenges to reform Center-Region relations in a globalized world

Stefan Meister, German Council on Foreign Relations

Center for Central and Eastern Europe of the Robert Bosch Stiftung

Federalism and the Authoritarian Regime: Russia and Malaysia in a Comparative Perspective.

Andrei Zakharov, journal «Неприкосновенный запас», Moscow

A State Divided: Some Considerations on Federalism and the Political

Philipp Casula, University of Basel

12. 25 -12.45

Discussion

12:45-13:00

Coffee-break

13:00-15:00

Session 2: Federalism as a Form of Organizing Russia's Political Space: Are There Any Alternatives?

Presentations:

The Federal and the Imperial Projects in Russia: Resources, Sources of Stability and the "Price Paid".

Mikhail Filippov, the New York State University

Russian Federalism in Crisis

Cameron Ross, School of Humanities, University of Dundee

What is the Future that Awaits Russian Federalism?

Rostislav Turovsky, the Moscow State University named after Lomonosov, Moscow

The Development of the Russian Space in the context of the Problems of Federalism.

Leonid Vardomsky, the Institute of Economics, the Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow

14.40 -15.00

Discussion

15:00-15:45

Lunch

15:45-17:00

Session 3: The Policy of the Federal Center and Socio-Political Processes in the RF Regions

Presentations:

On Political Processes within the RF Regions

Nikolai Petrov, the Moscow Carnegie Center

Federalism, Authoritarianism and the Regional Policy: the “Iron Triangle” of Territorial Administration in Russia.

Andrei Starodubtsev, High School of Economics, St. Petersburg

Institutionalization of the Political Process: the Regions and Towns as Islets of Politicization.

Andrei Makarychev, the Volga-Vyatka Civil Service Academy, Nizhniy Novgorod

Local Self-Administration within the System of Socio-Political Relations in the RF Regions.

Elena Morozova, the Krasnodar State University

Historical Narrative and the Problem of Russian Federalism.

Ivan Kurilla, the Volgograd State University

17:00-17:15

Coffee-break

17:15-18:45

Session 3 (Continued): Socio-Political Processes in the RF Regions: their Content and Direction

Presentations:

The Environmental Policy by the State in the Limelight of Federative Relations.

Alexander Yusupovskiy, the National Strategy Council, Moscow

Opposition within the RF Regions: Relationship between the Federal and the Local Agendas.

Oleg Podvintsev, the Perm Branch for Political Institutions and Processes Studies, the Ural Section of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Perm
Socio-Political Processes in Karelia. “External Management” as a Result of Controversy between Local Political and Business Groups.
Alexander Ilyin, the Petrozavodsk State University

Political Processes and Citizen Advocacy: Regional Specificity (at the Example of the Ivanovo Region).
Olga Shnyrova, the Ivanovo State University

Socio-Political Aspects of Social Well-Being of Denizens in Townlets in the Ivanovo Region
Natalia Gafizova, the Ivanovo State University

18.45
Buffet Reception

June 29, Friday

10:30-12:00
Session 4: **Models of Russian Federalism**

Presentations:

Decolonization without Separatism: Demand for Federalism.
Mikhail Rozhansky, Independent Social Studies Center, Irkutsk

Russian Federalism – a Regional View. What is the Model of Federalism that Karelia Needs?
Mikhail Besborodov, the Petrozavodsk State University

Federalism in the Limelight of Strategic Challenges and the Situation-Determined Goals of Russian Politics in the 2000-s: a View from the Fat East.
Anatoly Savchenko, the Institute of History, Archeology and Ethnography of the Peoples of the Far East, the Russian Academy of Sciences, Vladivostok

On the Problems and Prospects of the Constitutional Model of Russian Federalism
Stanislav Stanskikh, the Center of Constitutional History, Moscow

11.30 – 12.00
Discussion

12:00-12:15
Coffee-break

12:15-13:45
Session 5: **“Different Russias”? The Problem of Consolidation of Russia’s Political Space**

Presentations:

Integration of the North Caucasus Region into the Common RF Space: a View from the Republic of Adygeya

Zuriet Zhade, the Adygeya State University

Ethno-Political Processes in the South of Russia: Tendencies and Problems of Interaction with the Federal Center

Rafik Usmanov, the Astrakhan State University

The Failure of Federalism and Major Consequences of North Caucasus's Unitarianism

Grigory Shvedov, internet agency «Caucasian Knot»

Ethno-Political Processes in the Constitutional Law Development in the Republic of Bashkortostan

Azat Badranov, the Institute of the State and Law, the RF Academy of Sciences, Moscow

Civic and Political Engagement in Tyumen in December 2011 – March 2012

Andrei Semenov, the Tyumen State University

The St. Petersburg Project: the Model of Regional Governance in the Conditions of Russian Federalism

Alexandra Daugavet, Institute of Sociology, St. Petersburg

Election of Governors by Direct Vote: on the Threshold of a New Federalization?

Vladimir Avdonin, the Ryazan State University

13:45 – 14.45

Discussion, Summing up the Results of the Conference