

CONFERENCE "BEYOND THE DEADLOCK: WHAT FUTURE FOR EU-RUSSIA RELATIONS?"

Time: 15:30-17:30

Place: Conference room "Sala Multimediale" of the Monte dei Paschi di Siena Bank, via Marco Minghetti 30/A

Language: English

Description:

Relations between Russia and the EU, which were dubbed in the past a "strategic partnership", are now facing a deep crisis, as almost all interactions are frozen. Both sides agree that return to the previous pattern is impossible though mutual segregation is also unacceptable. The five principles for EU-Russia relations spelled out by EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Federica Mogherini have been ill-received in Russia. However, this and other recent initiatives highlight the need to discuss new options for the future. The public conference in Rome will offer the opportunity to discuss with prominent experts the outlook of Russia-EU relations and the steps to be taken to revamp them.

15:30-15:40

Welcome addresses:

- **Andrey Bystritskiy**, Chairman of the Foundation for Development and Support of the Valdai Discussion Club
- **Ettore Greco**, Director, International Affairs Institute (IAI) of Rome

15:40-16:30

Panel discussion

Chair:

Ettore Greco, Director, Institute of International Affairs

Speakers:

- **Timofei Bordachev**, Program Director, Foundation for Development and Support of the Valdai Discussion Club; Director, Center for Comprehensive European and International Studies, HSE University
 - **Fyodor Lukyanov**, Academic Director, Foundation for Development and Support of the Valdai Discussion Club; Editor-in-Chief, Russia in Global Affairs
 - **Nona Mikhelidze**, Senior Fellow, Institute of International Affairs (IAI)
 - **Nathalie Tocci**, Deputy Director, Institute of International Affairs (IAI), Special Adviser to EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Federica Mogherini
- Participants: journalists, representatives of Italian institutions, businessmen and academics.

16:30 Q&A session

17.30 End of meeting