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Evaluating the Potential for Cooperation: the EU and the Eurasian Economic Union

16-17 September, 2019

MGIMO, room 216

September 16th, 2019 (Monday)

09.30-18.15 (including coffee breaks and lunch)

Open discussion, video recording

Time limit: 10-12 min per presentation

09.30-10.00 - Registration

Panel 1. Social dimension, education and migration: what importance for the EU-Russia and EU-EAEU relations?

10.00-11.45

Moderator: Dr Magdalena Dembinska

Dr Oleg Barabanov, Deputy Director, European Studies Institute, Jean Monnet Chair on Russia-EU Relations (2015-2018), Professor, Integration processes department, MGIMO, Programme Director at the Valdai International Discussion Club. *“Russia-EU cooperation in education sphere”*

Dr Maria Apanovich, Deputy Director, Master’s Training Office, Associate Professor, Department of Demography and Migration Policy, MGIMO. *“Legal aspects of educational migration to Russia from EU and Eurasian countries”*

Dr Anna Tsibulina, Associate Professor, Integration processes department, MGIMO. *“Labour migration in the Eurasian Economic Union: any similarities with the EU?”*

Dr Igor Okunev, Director at the Center for Spatial Analysis in International Relations, MGIMO. *“External and internal “Others” in creating identity narratives in Russian borderlands”*

Discussant: Zsuzsa Csergő, Queen’s University, Canada *“Kin-states as actors of conflict and cooperation: Lessons from Central and Eastern Europe”*

Coffee break 11.45-12.00

Panel 2. Norms and rules in the interactions between the EU and Russia, the EU and the EAEU

12.00-13.00

Moderator: Yulia Nikitina

Dr Andrey Sushentsov, Director, Institute of International Studies, MGIMO, Programme Director at the Valdai International Discussion Club. *Welcoming remarks*

Dr Viacheslav Morozov, Professor of EU-Russia Studies, University of Tartu (Estonia) *“Stabilization, Resilience and the Perpetuation of Conflict: the EU and Russia as Normative Actors”*

Dr Marina Strezhneva, Professor, Integration processes department, MGIMO. *“The State of EU-Russia Relations and the Fate of the Rule-Based Global Order: on the Organisational Notion of 'Resilience' -- and Beyond...”*

Panel 3. Insights from practitioners

13.00 -14.00

Moderator: Yulia Nikitina

Dr Kirill Entin, Counsellor, Research and Analysis Department, EAEU Court. *“The influence of EU law on the EAEU legal order”* (via Skype)

Dmitry Fatykhov, Public Affairs and Communications Office of the President of the Russian Federation. *“Media landscape development in EAEU countries”*

14.00-15.00 – Lunch (canteen)

Panel 4. Prospects and limits of cooperation

15.00-16.30

Moderator: Dr Kristina Kallas

Dr Olga Potemkina, Head of the Department of European integration studies, Institute of Europe under the Russian Academy of Science. *“EU-EAEU: cooperation or competition?”*

Dr Tatiana Isachenko, Professor of International Economic Relations, Deputy Dean, School of International Business and Business Administration, MGIMO. *“Prospects for cooperation between EAEU and EU”*.

Joan DeBardeleben, Carleton University *“EU-EEU Cooperation and the ‘Common Neighbourhood’”*,

Dr Irina Bolgova, Associate Professor, Department of applied analysis of international processes. *“EU-EAEU dialogue: prospects and limits”*

Dr Vladislav Vorotnikov, Senior Research Fellow, Center for European Studies, MGIMO. *“EU-EAEU cooperation: pragmatism versus values”*

16.30-16.45 Coffee break

Panel 4. Common Neighborhood in the relations between the EU and the EAEU

16.45-18.15

Moderator: Dr Juliet Johnson

Dr Ekaterina Arapova, Director, Center for Sanctions Policy Expertise, MGIMO.
“Potential Integration Effects of EAEU-Serbia Free Trade Area: Any concerns for the EU?”

Dr Norayr Dunamalyan, Russian-Armenian (Slavonic) university *“Armenia’s integration policy between “complementarity” and “conditionality””*

Dr Fabienne Bossuyt, Ghent University (Belgium) *“The EU and Russia in Central Asia: opportunities for cooperation”*

Dr Luca Anceschi, Senior Lecturer in Central Asian Studies, University of Glasgow (UK) *“Kazakhstan-EU relations in the era of EEU integration”*

Dr Andrey Kazantsev, Director, Center for the Study of Central Asia and Afghanistan, MGIMO *“Security threats and challenges in Central Asia: common or different for Russia and the EU?”*

September 17th, 2019 (Tuesday)

10.00-15.00 (including coffee breaks and lunch)

Closed meeting with practitioners (Chatham House rules)

10.00-11.45

Brief presentation of policy recommendations from September 16th.

General discussion

11.45-12.00 coffee break

Round table on the conflicts and possible strategies of conflict management in the Common Neighborhood (Chatham House rules)

12.00 – 14.00

Dr Oxana Shevel, Associate Professor of Political Science, Tufts University “*The Politics of Dual Citizenship in Post-Soviet States: Securing Political Goals Through Citizenship Rules*”

Anna Arutunyan, Senior Analyst, Russia, International Crisis Group. Presentation of the ICG report “*Rebels without a Cause: Russia’s Proxies in Eastern Ukraine*”

14.00 Lunch (stand-up reception)