

Europe Meets Russia: A Forum for Young Leaders

Berlin 11th -16th April 2010

Aims

- Discuss the development of European-Russian relations over the past 60 years and probable salient issues over the coming decade
- Emphasize strategies employed by Russia and Europe towards each other considering the role of soft power (cultural diplomacy)
- Focus upon the increasing integration of the European Union and the implications of this process for European-Russian relations
- Examine the European-Russian cooperation in the fields of sustainability, renewable energy and climate change

I strongly believe the full unity of our continent can never be achieved until Russia, as the largest European state, becomes an integral part of the European process. [...] Today, building a sovereign democratic state, we share the values and principles of the vast majority of Europeans. [...] A stable, prosperous and united Europe is in our interest. [...] The development of multifaceted ties with the EU is Russia's principled choice."

Vladimir Putin, Prime Minister of Russia

Forum Agenda

- One week of lectures, seminars, and workshops lead by heads and representatives of local political and commercial bodies, academia, and civil society
- The Agenda also includes cultural events, i.e. sightseeing of political and cultural highlights of Berlin and social activities in the evening

The Institute for Cultural Diplomacy is delighted to have had the possibility of welcoming the following speakers on previous EMR-Forums:

- **Dmitri Molchanov**, Third Secretary of the Russian Embassy in Berlin
- **Dr. Marzenna Guz-Vetter**, Representative of the European Commission in Berlin
- **Martin Hope**, Director of Benelux and EU office at British Council; Former Director British Council Moscow
- **Heino von Meyer**, Director of the OECD Berlin Center
- **Serghey Zhuravlev**, Vice-Director of the Russian House
- **Mr. Nikitin**, Head of the Russian Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Germany
- **Enno Harks**, Political Advisor to the CEO of Deutsche British Petroleum

Students and professionals with an active interest in
European-Russian relations can apply

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